February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



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In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14–16

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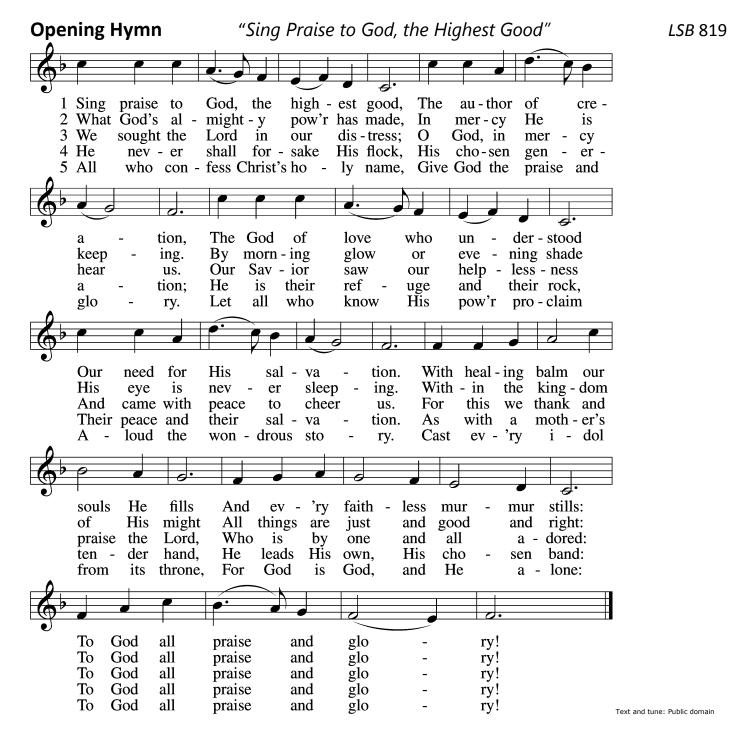
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Our mission is sharing the saving love of Jesus



Divine Service Setting 2



Confession and Absolution (stand)

- In the name of the Father and of the
 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \(\dagger \) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

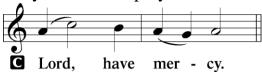
Kyrie LSB 168



- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.





[**P**] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.





Salutation and Collect of the Day



- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And al so with you.
- **P** Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.
- O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (sit)

Isaiah 58:3-9a

"Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?" Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am."

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 2:1–16

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (stand)



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

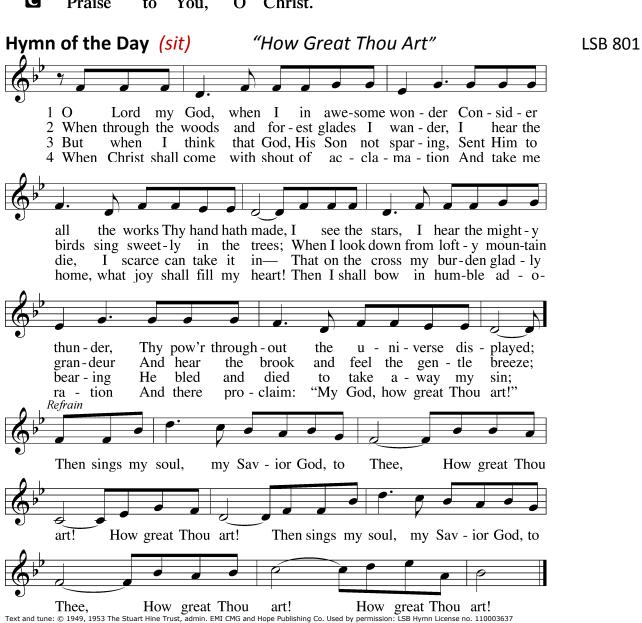


Holy Gospel Matthew 5:13–20

¹³[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do

people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."





Nicene Creed (stand)

I believe in one God,the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer of the Church

LSB 175

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You delight to loose the bonds of wickedness and undo the straps of the heavy yoke, that freed from sin's bondage, we may gladly receive Your blessings. Preserve us from the lie that You are a cruel oppressor, and give us thankful hearts to rejoice that You are the Giver of all good gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- Merciful God, preserve Your Church by Your life-giving Word. Open the lips of pastors to declare Your just decrees and store them up in the hearts of Your people, that we may delight in Your promises and abound in good works. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P O Lord, give wisdom and courage to parents as they teach their children Your ways. Make our homes havens of peace in a quarrelsome, self-seeking world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You declare that a young man may keep his way pure by guarding it according to Your Word. Protect children and youth against the siren calls of the devil, the world and their own sinful nature. Grant delight in Your testimonies as much as in all riches. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, according to Your wisdom You establish rulers of this age for a time. Remember our president, our governor; and all those You have placed in authority, that they might fulfill their duties with wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Holy Father, cause healing to spring up speedily for the sake of Your Son. Have mercy upon those who suffer afflictions of sin in mind and body *especially Marshall, Romelle and Melissa*. Where You permit trial to remain, preserve Your people in faith until the day when Your light breaks forth like the dawn. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O God, in Christ Your righteousness goes before us and Your glory is our rearguard. Answer our pleas for mercy this day in the gift of Christ's body and blood, and prepare all those who commune to receive Him worthily and joyfully. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Holy Spirit, that delivered from the spirit of this world, we may hold fast in faith to what You freely give us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Offering





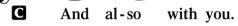
Service of the Sacrament



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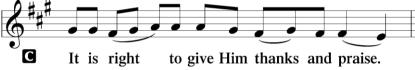
P The Lord be with you.





P Lift up your hearts.

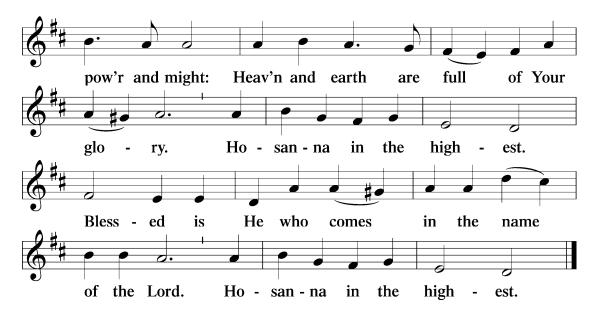
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P O Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

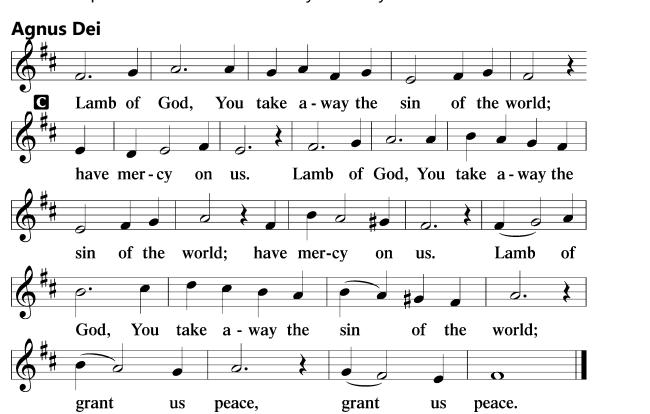
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ⅓ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 180



LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Distribution (sit)

The pastor distributes them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

Distribution Hymns



O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is pover anding!

His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!

Exultation!

Tell the story!

Great is He, the King of Glory!

What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place

Beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

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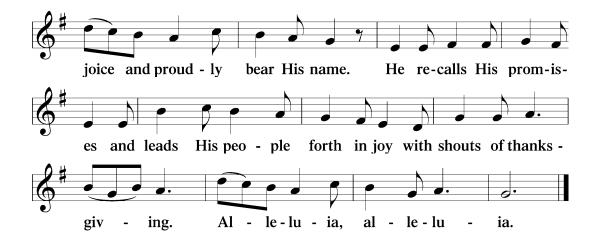
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 in peace.
- C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle (stand)





Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 183

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

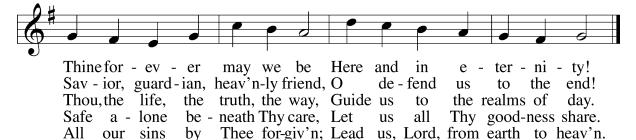


Closing Hymn (remain Standing) "Thine Forever, God of Love"

LSB 687



- 1 Thine for ev er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a bove;
- 2 Thine for ev er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
- 3 Thine for ev er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth ly strife.
- 4 Thine for ev er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;
- 5 Thine for ev er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup plied,



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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, we pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- Healing and strengthened faith in Christ for those who are ill: Marshall Clark (grandson of Jim & Sharon), Romelle Humphrey, Melissa Pierpoint, and all those in need.
- Dur missionary: Licensed Deacon Tulio Meza. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless Tulio with wisdom and all he needs as he works with the Comayaguela congregation to care for each other and bring the good news about Jesus to their area.
- Others in foreign missions: Kenya: Shara Osiro, Julie McManus, Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump & Family; Germany: Rick & Marla Steenbock & Family; Taiwan & the Philippines: Sean Harlow; Nicaragua: the people, pastors and deaconesses of the Lutheran Church—Nicaragua Synod; Mozambique: Rev. Carlos & Lidia Winterle and Concordia Christian Church in Mozambique.

THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: 2/5: Mike Boden; 2/6: Nancy Stutheit; 2/8: Marlene Dietrich

Baptisms: 2/9: Grant Petry, Grayson Petry

Anniversaries: none this week

SUN – 2/5	MON – 2/6	TUE – 2/7	WED – 2/8	THU – 2/9	FRI – 2/10	SAT –	SUN – 2/12
						2/11	
9:00 AM	8:00 -	8:00 -	8:00 - 11:00	8:00 -			9:00 AM
Worship with	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	AM Preschool	11:00 AM			Worship
Holy	Preschool	Preschool		Preschool			
Communion			6:00 - 7:30 PM		6:00 - 8:30		10:00 AM Adult
10:00 AM			Confirmation		PM Game		& Children's
Adult &				7:00 PM	Night		Sunday School
Children's		6:30 PM		LWML/	1.1.8.1.		
Sunday School		Board of		Ladies			
		Elders		Gathering			

THE GOSPEL AT WORK

Christ's Servants Today:	Our Thankful Response to Christ's Love:				
PianistVicki Ackerman	Worship attendance46				
Acolyte	Sunday School attendance22				

Lessons for next Sunday: Deut. 3:15-20; 1 Cor. 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Adult Bible Study: "Conflict Resolution vs. Reconciliation The ministry of reconciliation is given to the local church and every believer. Each of the studies in this series focuses on a different aspect of the believer's life.



Sunday School 2022-2023:

"Staying on the Right Path"

- The Theme verse is **Psalm 25:4**: "Show me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths." (NIV)
- The Theme Hymns: "Lead Me, Guide Me" LSB #721, "Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" LSB #707



Members, please help us promote enrollment in our preschool. If you know anyone with preschool age children, please give them one of our enrollment brochures (on the table in the narthex), or give their name to one of the members of Board of Education to contact. Thanks for your help!! Board of Education: Susan Johnston, Raedeahna Gerdes, Emily Crotty, Angie Becker, Merri Johnson.

Can you host a small "Welcome Pastor and family" gathering in your home? Small group gatherings are being scheduled. Please check out the signup sheet and information on the table outside the church office about hosting a gathering to help Pastor Brent and his family get to know us.

Worship Readers Needed! We are searching for individuals to participate in worship by reading the first and second readings. **Everyone** is welcome! There is a signup sheet on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Updated Trinity Member Phone listings are printed periodically to reflect any recent member changes that have been received by the church. The latest copies are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Announcements February 5, 2023 Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Lenten Meals: Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if your Board, family or friend group would like to prepare and serve a simple meal prior to worship on a Lenten midweek evening. The meal can be of your choice and something you'd like to prepare. (To help everyone with planning, when your group sings the sheet, also put a brief description of the meal you are going to provide; such as "sloppy joes", or "chili") For questions, please call Erin Fisk (701-240-9727)

Worship Time Change: Over past weeks, members of Trinity have voted their preference on either keeping worship time at 10:00AM, or changing back to 9:00AM. Ballots have been tallied and the result was very close. 34 Votes were cast to change back to 9:00AM, with 32 votes to remain at 10:00AM. In accordance with the majority votes, the Board of Elders has announced that worship time will change back to 9:00AM as of today, February 5. Please share this information with any Trinity Family members you feel might not have heard of the change. Thank you for everyone's participation in the balloting, and as we move forward together. Any questions, please contact one of the Elders.

Change in Home Bible Study! NO Bible study and supper at Brad and Merri Johnson's home on Feb. 9. INSTEAD, plan on Thursday, Feb. 16. Bible study at 6:00 p.m., followed by a light supper. Remember, this is a short study 1/2 hr that is different each time. There will be a simple supper and social time after the study. Please RSVP to Brad at 402-414-1292 by Wed., Feb. 15. Everyone is welcome, but we need to know how many to plan for. Hope to see you on Feb. 16. Brad and Merri Johnson

Preschool Book Orders and Donation! A new catalog and order forms are on the table in the narthex to order books for your family or to donate to the Preschool. Please indicate with the order form/ payment whether you would like to keep or donate. Please put order forms and money in the Preschool mailbox, or slide under the Preschool Director's Office door. Have your order for this catalog in by February 27th.



Game Night at Trinity in February! Game Night is back on the schedule for Friday evenings. Please plan to attend this fun event.