

Sunday, January 21, 2024 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Our mission, as God's people, is to **gather** in worship, **grow** in faith, and **go** in service in the name of our Risen Lord. **Our vision** – Sharing God's love, hope and healing.

Prelude: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. by Chuck Marohnic

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

- P God, our rock and refuge,
- C we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

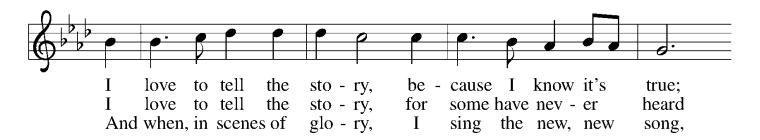
Amen.

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C Amen.











I love to tell the sto-ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto-ry of Je-sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

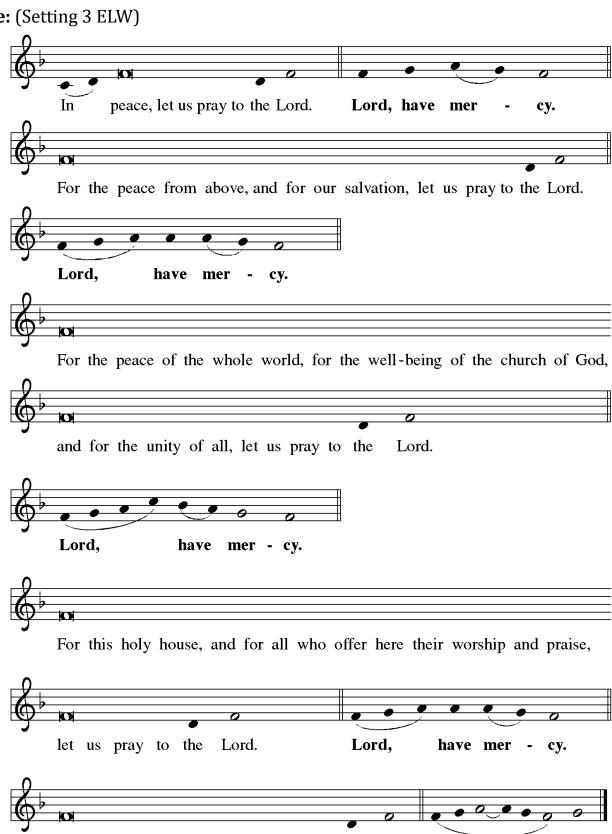
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

*Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Kyrie**: (Setting 3 ELW)



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

men.

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

*Canticle of Praise: (Setting 3 ELW)



^{*}Please stand as you are able.

*The Prayer of the Day:

P Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Kids Word for Advent: Pr. Jerry O'Neal

Our first reading is from Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L Word of God. Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:5-12: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

¹²Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

Our second reading is from 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation: (Setting 3 ELW)





*Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

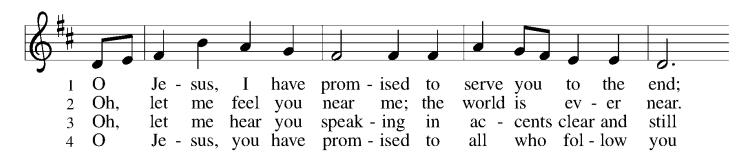
- P The holy gospel according to Mark beginning with the 1st chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Pr. Jerry O'Neal









Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

*Apostles' Creed:

P&C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers: (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "God of grace," and your response is, "**receive our prayer**."

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain, especially those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God of love and light, we give thanks for our many faithful volunteers of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, especially to our Ushers; John, Larry, Dick, Roger, Gary, Andy and Jim, who serve on a regular basis each month. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*Sharing the Peace:

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

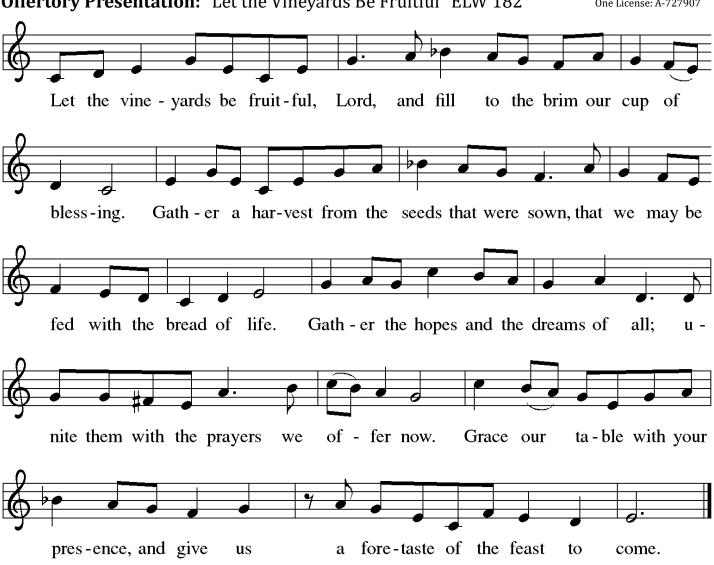
Offering:

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- 2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
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Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

Offertory Music: "Praise to God, Immortal Praise" arr. by Larry Shackley



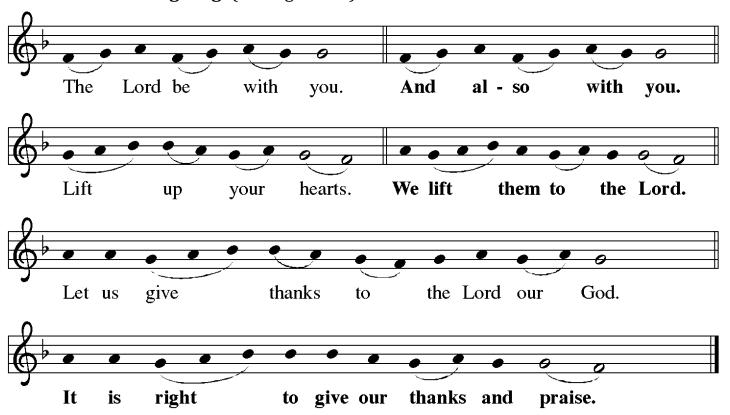
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*Offering Prayer:

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

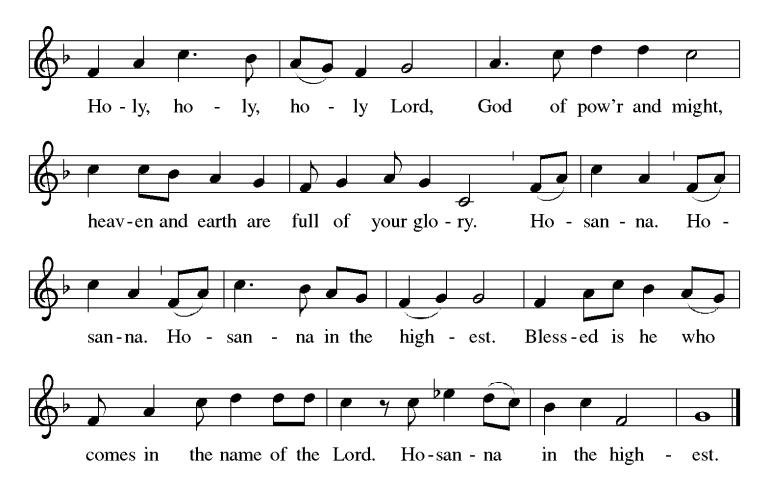
C Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving: (Setting 3 ELW)



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)

P La noche en que fue entregado, nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias; lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo: Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa, dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo: Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

- P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.
- C Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

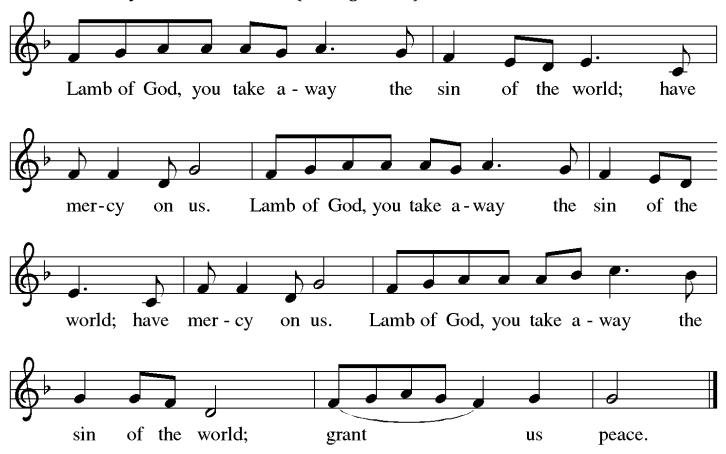
*Lord's Prayer:

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)
- All 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.

*Invitation to Communion:

P At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (Setting 3 ELW)



Distribution:

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we kneel at the altar. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Communicants come to the altar down the center aisle, fill in the communion rail from left to right and return by the side aisles.

*Post Communion Blessing:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen.

*Post Communion Prayer:

L Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C Amen

*Sending Call and Response:

- L God's work!
- C Our hands!
- L God's love!
- C Our hearts!
- L God's story!
- C Our voices!

*Benediction:

- P "Barocha" Michael Card
- C Amen.



Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

*Dismissal:

- L Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
- C Thanks be to God.

Congregation Meeting

Announcements for January 21, 2024

This week's Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Carol O'Neal

Christa DelSorbo

Karen Wenger

Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother

David and Jensy Engle, Susie Peterson's parents

Liz Collins

Helen Merz

Angie Kidd and her son, Evan

Janis Foster, Shirley Foster's daughter-in-law

Jenni Sanderfer's aunt, Sandy Morrison

Matthew Santoni

David Calvin

Roberta Debolt

Chuck Cook

Stephanie and Rich Thompson

Maria and her family in Ukraine

Dan Havnes

John Paul Metzcar

Mary Broughton

For all who are sick and suffering

Serving in Worship Today:

Acolyte: Logan Norris

Usher: Andy Brelage and Gary Santoni

Greeter: Dawn-Marie Oberly

Lay Worship Leader, Lector, and Communion Assistant: Amy Norris

Altar Guild: Amy Norris and Diane Scholer

Birthdays and Anniversaries for January 21-27, 2024:

Birthdays:

January 25 - Johnnie Kearns

January 26 - Nancy Thompson

January 27 - Barbara Mattucci and Richard Petts

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries on record.

Calendar of Events for the Week of January 21:

Sunday, January 21 - Bible Study/Sunday School (9am) and Worship (10am) followed by congregation meeting **Monday, January 22 -** Bible Study (10am), and Choir Practice (4pm),

Tuesday, January 23 - Walking Group meets (9am), Staff Meeting (9:30am), and Binding Ties Group (10am)

Wednesday, January 24 - Better Together Wellness (6pm) and Riverside/Normal City Neighborhood Association meeting (7pm)

Thursday, January 25 - Girl Scout Meeting-Kelli Smith (6:30pm)

Friday, January 26 - Better Together Wellness (8:30am & 10am) and Healthy Community Alliance Meeting (12pm)

Saturday, January 27 - Stephen Ministry Training (9am) and Step Aerobics (9:30am)

Flowers at the Altar:

The bouquet of flowers at the altar are given by Doug and Diane Scholer in memory of Elaine Henrickson's birthday.

(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

Annual Meeting and Pitch-In Meal Sunday, January 28, 2024

Congregation Annual Meeting will be called on Sunday, January 28, 2024 following worship in fellowship hall.

During this meeting we will elect 2024 Council Members, approve the 2024 proposed budget, vote on two proposed by-laws, possibly vote on the building project and answer any questions regarding the annual reports from the various ministries of Holy Trinity. More information on the next page.

We will also have a pitch-in meal, please bring a dish to share!

Stephen Minister Training Update:

Our Stephen Minister trainees learned about "The Art of Listening" this past week—an essential part of Stephen Ministry. They learned how to use a variety of active listening skills to help hurting people share what they're going through and move toward healing. Please continue to pray for our trainees as they grow in their ability to provide caring ministry on behalf of our congregation.

Ministry of Outreach—

We will have a regular meeting Saturday, January 20, at 8:15 AM, before the Open Hands packing and distribution. All are welcome.

Attention Thrivent Members:

Thrivent Members! Be sure to designate your 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars to your favorite non-profit organization by March 1, 2024. You can go online to Thrivent.com, log in, Membership Overview and go from there. You can also call 1-800-THRIVENT. If you have any questions, please call Jan Segedy or Michelle Walker, 765 212-2307.

Quilt Squares Are Cut!

Quilt squares are cut and ready for your pick-up in the lounge. We need people to make simple quilt tops of 48 squares (6x8). Write to Nancy Carlson at ncarlson@bsu.edu with questions. Thanks!

Thank You:

Dear Holy Trinity,

First of all I want to thank Pastor Jerry for anointing me the morning before my surgery. I felt God's presence and assurance in a mighty way. Next, I want to thank the Pray Chain members for praying for me on the morning of my surgery. Even more crucial where the prayers when I came down with aspirational Pneumonia thirty-six hours after surgery. I was very sick and needed all those prayers. Finally, I want to thank all of the members of our church who prayed for me during this difficult time. I am doing very well and following my PT's instruction to the "T".

Pressing On, Karen Wenger

Congregation Council Election Sunday, January 28, 2024

In accordance with Holy Trinity's Constitution, the Congregation Annual Meeting will be called on Sunday, January 28, 2024 following worship in-person with the purpose of electing 2024 Council Members, approval of the 2024 proposed budget, vote on two proposed by-laws, and possibly vote on the building project and answer any questions regarding the annual reports from the various ministries of Holy Trinity.

C12.02.01 of the Constitution state that notice of candidates must be given by the nominating committee at least two weeks prior to the meeting. C12.02.02 states that the congregation may nominate additional candidates providing that the nominees have agreed to stand for election and the names of such nominees are submitted to the Secretary of the congregation no later than 5 days in advance of the election.

The nominating committee submits the following names for the election:

Member-At-Large [to elect 2]:

Linda Reynolds: My name is Linda Douthitt Reynolds. My husband, Bruce, and I have been married 32 years. We have two children together, a daughter, Kathleen and a son, Breck. When I married Bruce, I was also blessed with three awesome stepchildren, Bruce Jr., Rob, and Amanda. Together we have 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren with one more on the way. Both of us come from large families, so we very much enjoy our family times together.

I worked at Borg Warner for 19 years in various office positions. After a period at home rearing children, I returned to work at North View Elementary School. I started as an Instructional Aide, then worked in the library for 7 years and spent my last 11 years as the school secretary before retiring. Before becoming members at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, I attended Lutheran Church of the Cross. I was a Sunday school teacher, and I helped with summer Bible school when my children were young. In the next years I was involved with the Kids Hope Program as a mentor, a prayer partner and spent 5 years as the director. I served a term as the Worship Deacon and helped with other projects when I was available.

I am looking forward to becoming more involved here at Holy Trinity and getting to know all of you better.

Bill Hoodlebrink: My name is Bill Hoodlebrink. I was born in Woodville, Ohio. I attended Solomon Lutheran School. I've been married to the love of my life, Bonnie for 66 years. We have 4 grown children. We started attending Holy Trinity in early 2022 and officially joined Holy Trinity in January 2023. Holy Trinity has become my church home, which I really love and getting to know everyone is something I really enjoy.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee: Dawn-Marie Oberly, Roger Hollands, Gwen Carey, Paula Gregory and Chuck Cook for their work and for our nominees' willingness to serve!

Proposed By-Law Changes

Below are the two proposed by-law changes that the congregation will vote on at the Annual Meeting:

- C11.02.01 Should an officer be elected after serving no more than one year as an officer or member of the council, their term shall be three years, provided that the officer terms be staggered as mentioned in C11.02 above.
- C12.02.04 Should a council member be elected after serving no more than one year as an officer or member of the council, their term shall be three years.

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