



*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.*

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 5, 2023**

Prelude: "This Little Light of Mine" arr. by Mark Hayes

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness:**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One, source of our renewal,

C **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn: "Here I Am to Worship" arr. by Tim Hughes**
(Lyrics are below. See the insert for the music.)

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Verse 1:

Light of the world, You stepped down in-
to darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

Refrain:

Here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that

You're my God

You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2:

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came

To the earth You created

All for love's sake became poor *(Refrain)*

And I'll never know

How much it cost

To see my sin

Upon that cross *(Sing twice)*

(Refrain - sing twice)

***Greeting:**

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

C **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day:**

All Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Kids Word: Pastor Jerry O'Neal

*Please stand as you are able.

Our first reading is from Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs 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 them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112:1-9 - (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God’s commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

*Please stand as you are able.

Our second reading is from 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, 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 human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation:** "Sanctuary" arr. by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs

English:

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

Spanish:

Señor, prepárame para ser un santuario

Puro y santo, probado y verdadero

Con Acción de Gracias, seré una vida

Santuario para ti

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, 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 in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

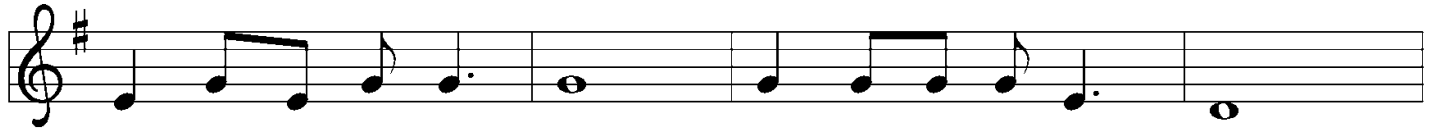
Sermon: Pastor Jerry O'Neal

***Hymn of the Day: "This Little Light of Mine" ELW 677**

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1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
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Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

***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.

*Please stand as you are able.

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

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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Healing God, we pray for all who are struggling with physical illness or mental health issues. Give wisdom and compassion for their caregivers. Bring healing to all who suffer, especially those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

***Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please stand as you are able.

Offering:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Play or Apple Store, or
2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

Offering Music: "On Our Way Home" arr. by David Lanz

*Offertory Hymn: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW 674

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- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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*Offering Prayer:

L Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

***Words of Institution**

(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.

***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 Come and taste the joy of God!

Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (setting 6)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody consists of four lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have". The second line continues: "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The third line continues: "world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -". The fourth line concludes with: "way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The music features several triplet markings (indicated by a bracket with the number '3') over the notes "a - way" and "mer - cy" in the first and second lines, and "a - way" in the third line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

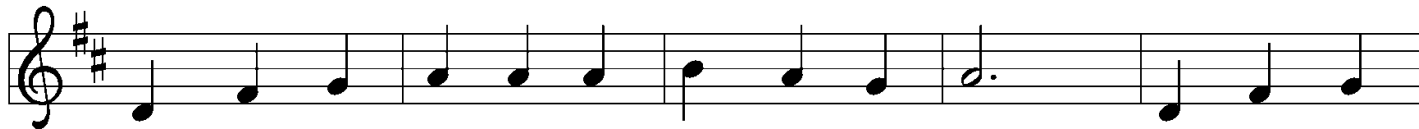
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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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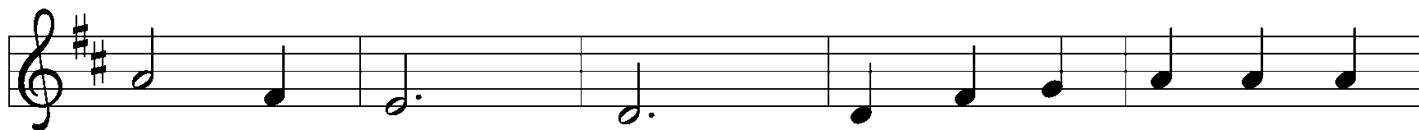
This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation 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.

Communion Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ELW 815

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1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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

***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 Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

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.

***Sending Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW 671**

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Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the



2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,



play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.



mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain



Shine on me, shine on me:

Shine on me, shine on me:

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950
Music: Graham Kendrick
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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
9 9 10 10 3 3 and refrain

***Dismissal:**

L Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements for February 5, 2023

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

Chuck Cook

Amy O'Neal

Stephanie and Rich Thompson

Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother

Gwen Carey

Maria and her family in Ukraine

Arlene Murphy, Mike Metzcar's sister

Dan Haynes

For all who are sick and suffering

Roberta Debolt

Sue Metzcar

John Paul Metzcar

Liam, 2 year-old great grandson of Nancy Brown

Mary Broughton

For all who are suffering with Covid

For the people of Ukraine

Serving in Worship Today:

Acolyte:

Usher: John Huff and Larry Ahlersmeyer

Greeter: Kathy McCauliff

Lay Worship Leader, Communion Assistant and Lector: Jeff Bird

Altar Guild: Diane Calvin

Birthdays and Anniversaries for February 5 - 11, 2023:

Birthdays:

February 9 - Tony Costello

February 10 - James Hutson

February 10 - Brenda Kearns

Anniversaries:

February 11 - Larry and Betsy Ahlersmeyer

Calendar of Events for the Week of February 5:

Sunday, February 5 - Bible Study and Sunday School (9am), Worship (10am), and Project Stepping Stone Open House following worship at 1237 W. Kilgore Ave

Monday, February 6 - Bible Study (10am) and Choir Practice (4pm)

Tuesday, February 7 - Walking Group meets (9am), Binding Ties Group Meets (10am) and Afghan Sewing Circle Meets (10am)

Saturday, February 11 - Walk A Mile In My Shoes at the Muncie Fieldhouse (9am) and Step Aerobics (9:30am)

Flowers at the Altar:

(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.)

*Please stand as you are able.

Project Stepping Stone Open House:

You're invited! Project Stepping Stone is having an Open House to show off the newly remodeled 1237 Kilgore. Now's your chance to see the house before a family moves in (and without having to help with cleaning or painting)! PSS Board members and volunteers will be on hand to show you around and discuss how PSS helps Muncie families.

The Open House is Sunday, February 5, 2023 from 11:30am to 2:00pm at 1237 W. Kilgore Ave. Muncie, IN 47305. There is street parking only.

Leadership Retreat February 24 - 25 at Oakwood Conference Center:

Council members, staff, and ministry chairs (and all spouses) are invited to the leadership retreat at Oakwood Conference Center in Selma on Friday Feb. 24th at 5pm until Saturday Feb. 25th at 3pm. This is an overnight stay.

Please let the church office know if you can attend. **We need to know how many are coming by February 10.**

From Outreach - Super Bowl Soup Contest on Sunday, February 12:

After a two-year absence due to the pandemic, we are pleased to announce resumption of the Super Bowl Soup Contest on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12. We invite you to vote for your preferred team, either the Kansas City Chiefs or the Philadelphia Eagles, by bringing canned goods to either of the two bins. Soup is the focus, but we welcome canned meats and tuna also. Your donations to help those who come to our Open Hands Feeding Ministry each month are appreciated. Thank you.

Step Aerobics Without the Step:

Instructor Amy Crider will lead a low-impact exercise session at 9:30 am on Saturday February 4 in Room 105. There will be easy-to-follow routines done without the usual step-up and step-down part. Take things as fast or slow as you'd like in this free 50-minute class.

Holy Trinity's Art Gallery:

The guest artist for February is Stephen Sanford, father of Jennifer Sanderfer, Holy Trinity's Office Manager. Steve created the Luther Rose that hangs in Jenni's office window. Come and check out his other pieces of art work starting today!

Thank you to Lylanne Musselman from Lutheran Church of the Cross for sharing her artwork with us in January.

19th Annual Walk A Mile In My Shoes Saturday, February 11 -9:00am at the Muncie Fieldhouse:

Coffee, Hot Chocolate, donuts and fruit await you at the fieldhouse. You can register for a free t-shirt. The mile walk begins at the fieldhouse and extends to the Muncie Mission. Last year breakfast sandwiches were available from Chick-Fil-A in a large tent beside the mission. Buses will take you back to the fieldhouse or you can walk back and have a two mile walk. Contact Linda Hamilton for more details.

You can register online at [Walk A Mile In My Shoes 2023 | Details \(ggiv.com\)](https://www.ggiv.com/Walk-A-Mile-In-My-Shoes-2023) and join Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Muncie, Indiana's team!

Please Join Us For Community-Wide Children's Ministry, "Growing In God's Seasons":

This community-wide children's ministry is for kids Pre-school through Grade 5. All kids are welcome to come to Holy Trinity on February 26th from 4pm to 6pm! Come and learn about Lent through activities and crafts. A fun time will be had by all!

Mark Your Calendars! Quilting Day Saturday, March 11 from 9am - 12 Noon:

Please join us on Saturday, March 11 from 9am to 12 Noon as we work on the mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome to join us! For more information, contact Nancy Carlson.

*Please stand as you are able.