

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity Greenville, Pennsylvania

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 5, 2023 Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship. For children who are present in worship, there are coloring and activity pages with crayons available in the narthex. They are located by the coat rack on the bottom shelf of the pamphlet rack. Please return the unused pages, clipboard, and crayons after the service. If children need a break, there is a TV set up in Roth Library so parents can watch the worship live-stream. Toys are hidden in the cabinets under the bookcases closest to the door.

**Invitation to Communion:** Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

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Gluten-free wafers are available; let the pastor know when you come forward to receive.

#### **Liturgy of Holy Communion**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.

The assembly's responses are in **bold type**.

**Significance of the Day:** Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

# Gathering

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

The assembly stands as the ministers enter.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the

fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



#### **Apostolic 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.

#### Hymn of Praise



#### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.** 

The assembly is seated.

### Word

First Reading Isaiah 58:1-12

#### A reading from Isaiah:

1 Shout 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.

2 Yet 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.

4 Look, 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.

5 Is 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?

to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

7 Is 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?

8 Then 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.

9b If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, 10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. 11 The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. 12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 112:1-10

Psalm will be sung responsively by verse. Refrain follows verse 10.



- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD and have great delight in | God's commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty | in the land; the generation of the upright | will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be | in their house, and their righteousness will | last forever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness | for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.
- 6 For they will nev- | er be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.
- 8 Their heart is established and | will not shrink, until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever; they will hold up their | head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away; the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. (R)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but

with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

6 Yet 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. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, 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" –

10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For 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. 12 Now 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. 13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord

so as to instruct him?"

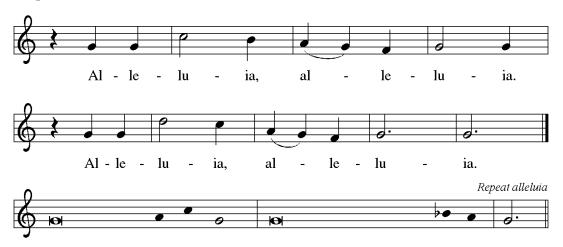
But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

#### Gospel Acclamation



Alleluia.

Jesus says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In 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. 18 For 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. 19 Therefore, 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. 20 For I tell you, unless

your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

The Sermon Pastor Brenda Martin

As the organ sounds the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



### Hymn of the Day

### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling





#### Apostles' Creed

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 of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, responding, Merciful God, receive our prayer.

#### 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. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, staff members, musicians, worship leaders, council and committee members, volunteers. 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, especially California. 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.

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.** 

Are there others for whom we should pray?

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

Amen.

#### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying, "Peace be with you. And also with you."

The assembly is seated.

Meal

Offering "It is Well With My Soul" arr. Robert Leaf

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

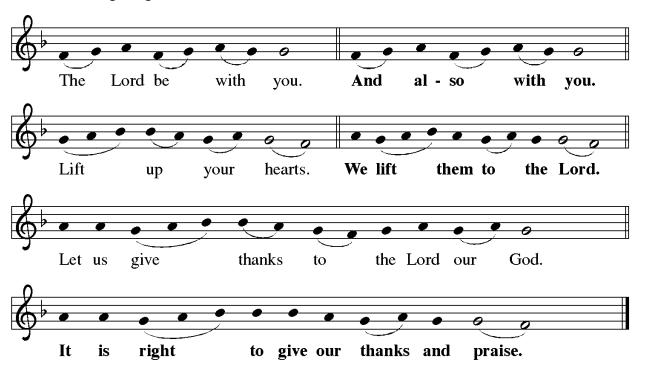
God of abundance,

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives.

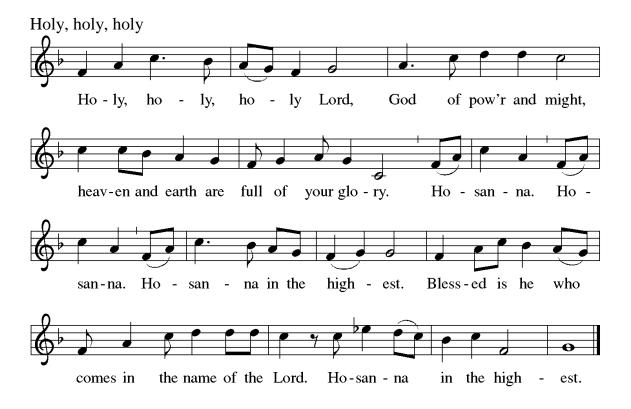
Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

### Great Thanksgiving



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:



# Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

We give thanks through Jesus Christ,
your beloved Son,
whom you sent
in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us
and to proclaim to us your will.
He is your Word,

Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight.

inseparable from you.

He is your Word,
sent from heaven
to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature
and our lot and
was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit
and of the virgin Mary.

Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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.

## 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.



Remembering, therefore,

his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.



#### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

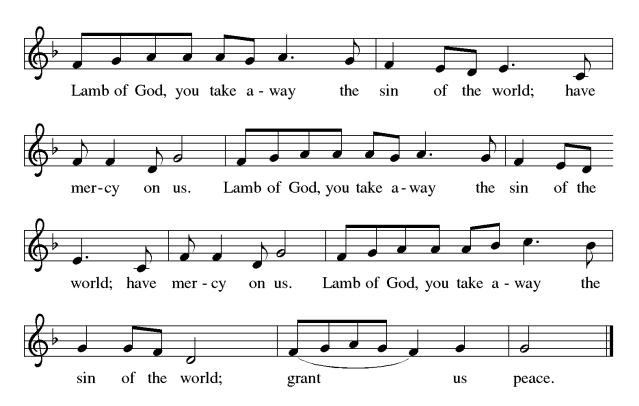
#### Breaking of Bread

They will come from East and West, and from North and South, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

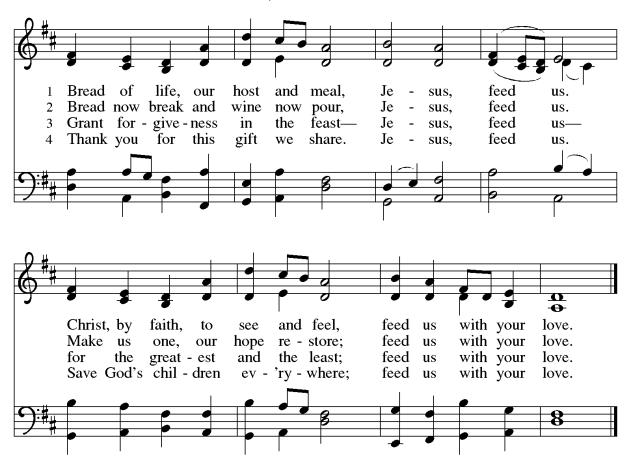
#### Lamb of God

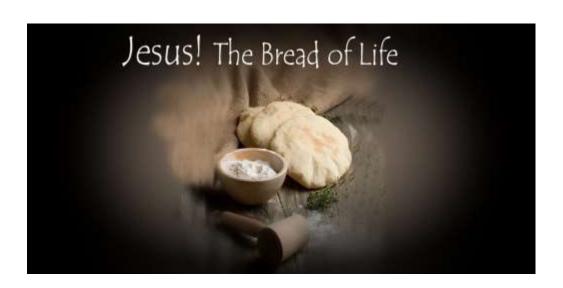


The Communion of the Faithful

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Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal





#### By Your Hand You Feed Your People



The assembly stands.

### Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.** 

#### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Let us pray together, Our Prayer for These Times

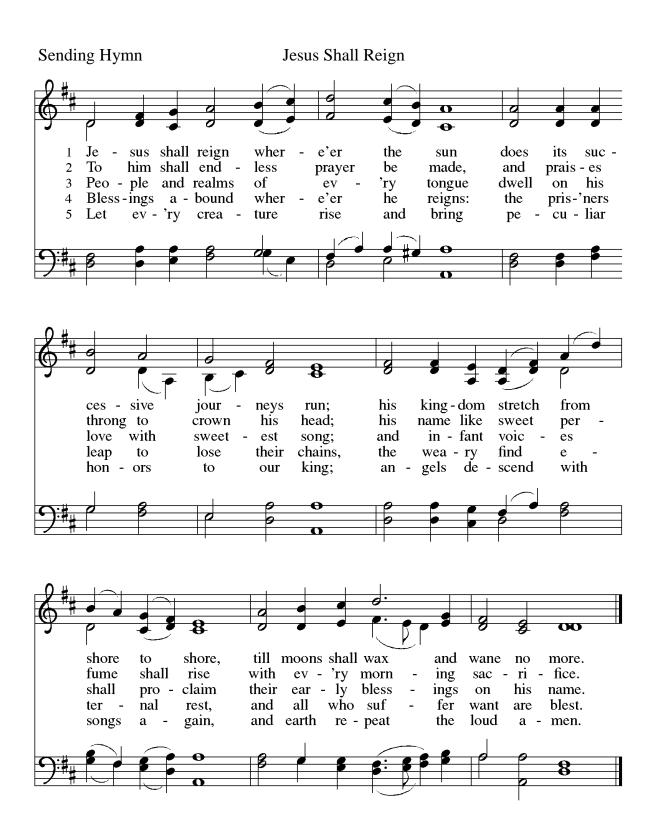
O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Sending

#### Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** *Sung* 





Dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Postlude

#### **Serving Saturday**

Presiding Minister . . . . . Pastor Brenda Martin

Pianist/Organist . . . . . Andy Joos

**Liturgical Deacon** . . . . . Linda Armstrong

#### **Serving Today**

**Presiding Minister . . . . . . . .** Pastor Brenda Martin

Pianist ...... Billie Hollenbaugh

Liturgical Deacon . . . . . Marj Stubert

**Communion Assistant . . . . .** Alyssa Martin

**Lector** ...... Mike Bradley

Acolyte . . . . . Sydney Balas

**Live Streaming Technician...** Tyler Martin-Call

**Altar Guild . . . . . . . . . . The Martin Family** 

**Head Usher . . . . . . . . . . Debbie Faber** 

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#### **Pastors in residence:**

The Rev. Martin Roth, pastor emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Brian Riddle, campus pastor, Thiel College
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

#### **Altar and Columbarium Flowers**

The flowers on the altar have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Herbert and Janet Gebert by their family.

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Brian Reames by Mary Reames.

#### **Fastnacht**

Mark your calendars! We will be having a Fastnacht luncheon this year on **February 21st at noon** in Brath Hall. Please join us for soup, bread and fresh, homemade doughnuts! Please call church office at 724-588-8870 if you are planning to attend.

## This Week at Holy Trinity

### Sunday February 5, 2023

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. SCS/Confirmation Classes

10:45 a.m. Book of Ruth Women's Study Group

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

#### Monday February 6, 2023

6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

7:00 p.m. Property

#### Tuesday February 7, 2023

5:15 p.m. Worship and Music

6:30 p.m. CCSS

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

#### Wednesday February 8, 2023

5:15 p.m. Girl Scouts

#### **Thursday February 9, 2023**

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

### Saturday February 11, 2023

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Sunday February 12, 2023

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. NO SCS/Confirmation Classes

11:00 a.m. Souper Bowl of Caring

1:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Award Ceremony

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

# Monday February 13, 2023

6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

# Tuesday February 14, 2023

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

# Wednesday February 15, 2023

5:15 p.m. Girl Scouts

6:30 p.m. GSO Board Meeting

# Thursday February 16, 2023

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. NO Happy Hour (zoom)

#### Saturday February 18, 2023

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

# **Please Pray For**

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

### **Health and Healing:**

Ken Buikema (cousin of Denise Hall)

Gloria Spargo

Bah Marrin (bash and of Ell Marrin)

Billia Halland

Bob Murrin (husband of Jill Murrin) Billie Hollenbaugh

Joyce Martin (aunt of Olivia Martin-Call)

Gay McKenzie (friend of Marie Riley)

John Myers (husband of Pastor Brenda)

Kevin Hand (friend of Johnmichael Weaver)

Cosmo Pomponio (uncle of Mary Reames)

Alan Harris (friend of the Heils, Learys,

Mervin Newton Omans and Mary Reames)

Richard Sena (son of Sara Newton)

Donnie Littelle (friend of Rich & Denise

Connie Hoch (friend of Rusty and Linda Hall)

Saverino) Rae Johnson

Betty K. Junk Phil Kennedy (friend of John Logan)

Patty Fattman (sister of Betty K. Junk) Marie Eaves

Lyn Higgins (nephew of Bonnie Long)

Dave Hollenbaugh

Linda Oman Henry Heil

Joyce Holland (friend of the Weaver family) Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)

Sandy Kimmel (cousin of Janet Kunczt)

Donnie K. (friend of Wayne & Darla Swift)

Lynn West (friend of Betty K. Junk)

Nancy Ullstrom

Lori McCann

Jim Shaffer

Charlotte Fenton (friend of Betty K. Junk)

Joyce Martin (mother of Pastor Brenda)

Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)

Jim Barnett

Dave Leary

Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)

Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst)

Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

James Logan (brother of John Logan)

Carol Mamrak (friend of Barbara Swartz)

#### **In Military Service**

- Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)
- Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)
- Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)
- CAPT. Ryan Leary, USN, Planning Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)
- Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)
- Holy Trinity member, Garrett Daniello, Army National Guard, (son of Todd and Tammy Daniello, grandson of Georgia Perkins, grandnephew of Bonnie and Carl Long)
- Holy Trinity member, SrA Stephanie Kovack, Air Force Reserve, 910th Youngstown Air Reserve Station

