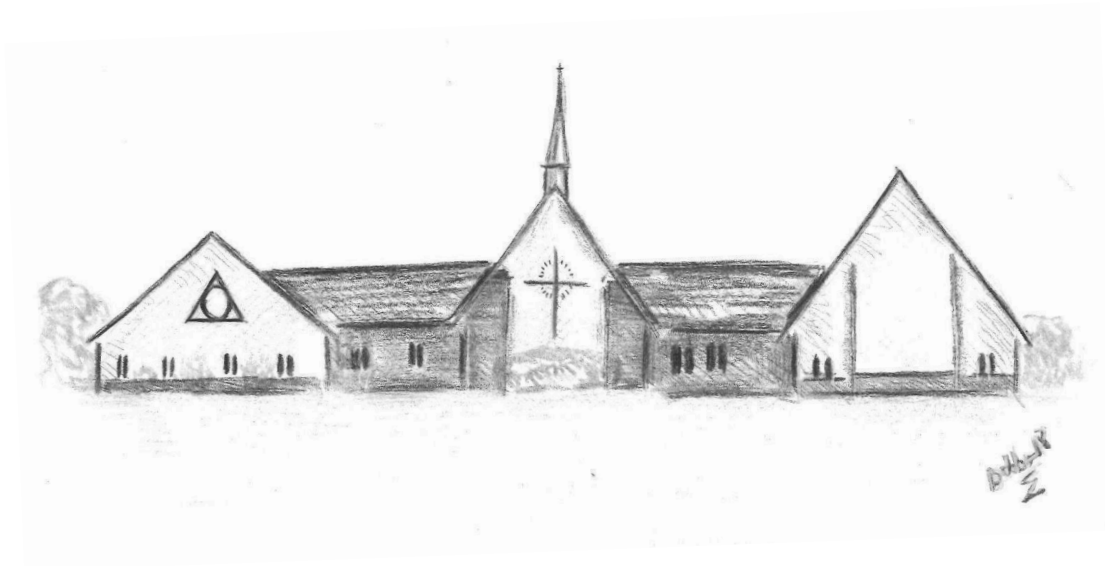


# **Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

## **February 8, 2026**



### **OUR MISSION:**

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,  
to baptize and to teach the faith,  
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ  
and become responsible members of His church.***

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## **INTRODUCTION TO 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.*

## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to all who are visiting today. Please complete a purple visitor's card which can be found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you, and place in the offering plate. May your hopes be restored, spirits lifted and your enthusiasm renewed when you visit here.

## **ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Josh & Christine's wedding anniversary by Jim & JoAnn Sorom.

### **Families**

At Trinity, we love having children worship with us. And we know children need to fidget and squirm! We invite parents and grandparents to all that the Kid's Corner has to offer, located just off the sanctuary in the narthex. There is a wide selection of books on the tall stand, and plenty of crayons and coloring books in the basket. "Borrow Bags" are filled with items for fidgety children to use during worship. Return them to the stand following worship.

P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

## WELCOME SONG

### ACS 976

#### Come and See

What are you look - ing for? Come,

see, come and see. What are you

look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39

Music: COME AND SEE, Robert A. Hobby

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## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Mighty God, lover of justice,  
C **you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

P The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in ✙ Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

C **Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

## W&P 41

### Give Thanks

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of 11 measures of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first line of music, and a box labeled 'Last time' above the final measure of the second line of music.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,  
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.  
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,  
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And  
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith  
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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## 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

- P Let us pray.
- C **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.**
- P Please be seated.

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **First Reading: 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.*

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 want God on their side.

(Reading Continues on Next Page)

<sup>3</sup> “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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> 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?

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9a</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## Psalm 112:1-9

- L   <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
and have great delight in God's commandments!
- C   <sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- L   <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.
- C   <sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- L   <sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- C   <sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- L   <sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- C   <sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- L   <sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.
- P   Please rise.



# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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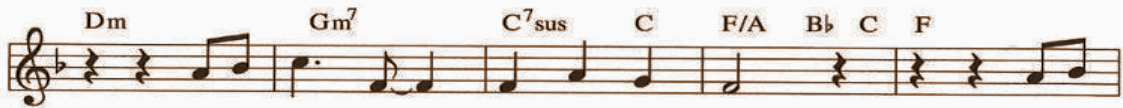
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le -



lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20**

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

*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.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> “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.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

**P** Please be seated.

## **SERMON**

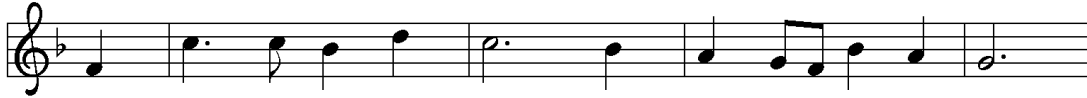
**The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor**

**P** Please rise.

# SERMON HYMN

ELW 651

## Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear  
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds  
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,  
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,  
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,  
the love, the word, the tide.  
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,  
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
with faith's bright songful voice!  
Announce the gospel to the world  
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936

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# **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.**

P Please sit or kneel.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

L Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

L Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

L Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

L Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Diane & Joan.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Ron, John, Sharon, Tom, Susan, Kathy, Rick, Steve, Frank, Bob, Ray, Peggy, Marita, Tilly, Heather, Margie, Judy & Gwen.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength.

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**L** Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**L** Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C Amen.**

# SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.  
P The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

*While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.*

## Peace

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -

5 Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 70. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score consists of two staves. The first staff contains measures 1 through 8, and the second staff contains measures 5 through 9. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: B-flat, E-flat, F7, B-flat, E-flat, F, B-flat, B-flat7 on the first staff; and B-flat, E-flat, F7, B-flat, Gm, Gm/E-flat, F, 1.B-flat, 2.E-flat B-flat on the second staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a repeat sign at the end of the second staff.

- P Please be seated.

# OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

# OFFERING

*God has blessed us in so many ways. We offer our gifts as a demonstration of our gratitude. And we pray God will use these resources to help us address the needs of our neighbors.*

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P    Please rise.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P    God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C    **Amen.**



# GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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;  
who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
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:

## SANCTUS

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in 6/8 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 65. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The score consists of three staves of music, each with lyrics and chord symbols.

Staff 1: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

Staff 2: full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

Staff 3: i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

Chord symbols: G, Am, F, Dm<sup>7</sup>, G, C, G, Am, Em, F, Am, G, C, G, Am, F, Em, F, G, C.

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

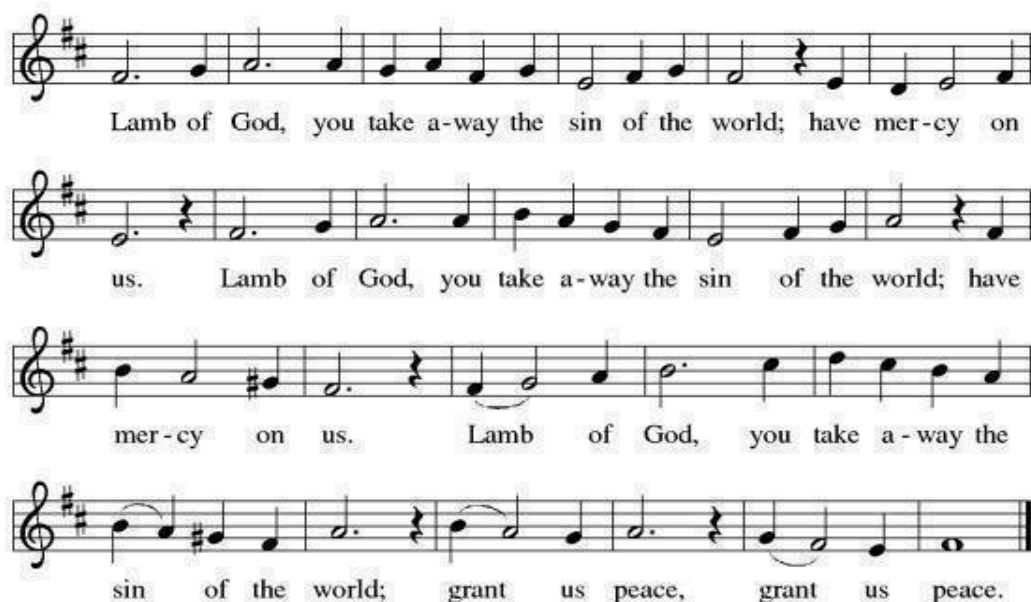
## LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

# LAMB OF GOD



## COMMUNION

**P** The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**C** **Amen.**

*To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.*

*A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.*

*If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.*

**P** Please rise.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.  
In the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

## ELW 546

### To Be Your Presence

1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the

ev - er near,  
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - joice,

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

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**This Week at Trinity**

**Tuesday February 10:** Join us for sandwich making at noon in Room 106.

**Thursday February 12:** The TAG Games Group meets at 1 PM for fun board and card games.

**Friday February 13:** Trinity will be hosting a "Parent's Night Out" in conjunction with the TCNSK staff.

**Looking Ahead**

**Sunday February 15:** Lenten Pledge for Random Acts of Kindness

**Tuesday February 17:** Pancake Supper 5-7 pm

**Wednesday February 18:** Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm



<b>Serving Today 2/8</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Michael Martorelli</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sally Jeffries</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Francesca Burnett &amp; Peter Schell</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Lynn Chialastri &amp; Karl Schafer</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Ann Dungan &amp; Anne Meibohm</b>
<b>Building Opener</b>	<b>Karl Schafer</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Linda Stone</b>
<b>Counting Team</b>	<b>Rick &amp; Chris Cole</b>
<b>Serving Sunday 2/15</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Becky Shadle</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Nancy Klein</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Francesca Burnett &amp; Lynn Chialastri</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Jeff Shadle &amp; Wilmer Cressman</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Becky Shadle &amp; Clean Up Needed</b>
<b>Building Opener</b>	<b>Jeff Shadle</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Brenda Aslin</b>
<b>Counting Team</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Rick Cole</b>





# **Shrove Tuesday Community Pancake Supper**

## **February 17**

**5–7 pm**

**\$5 per Person    \$20 per Family**

**Gluten Free Options Available**

### **Tickets Available for Purchase:**

- **Sundays at the 10 am Worship Service**
- **Sundays from 1–3 pm at the Food Drive**
- **Online using the QR Code**
- **Call the Church Office**
- **During TCNSK Dismissal on February 11.**



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