



Welcome to
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2025



The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew (1308-1311)
Duccio di Buoninsegna (1255-1319)

Duccio's grand altarpiece for Siena's cathedral includes numerous small scenes with gold backdrop. Although they seem very Byzantine at first glance, being painted in egg tempera with gold leaf, Duccio has begun to depict faces and bodies in a more naturalistic way, even going so far as to allow the halos of these saints to blend into the background with just a hint of texture.

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDED IN 1751

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Eddinger*
MINISTER OF MUSIC
EMERITA



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY as we worship God through word and sacrament in this landmark building, home to our congregation since 1791. Our liturgy is rooted in tradition; all are welcome to participate as they feel comfortable.

TRINITY IS A VIBRANT CONGREGATION with members from around Berks County and beyond. If you are interested in learning more about membership, speak with a member of our staff.



DURING WORSHIP, we pray, sing, listen, chant, read, and move our bodies. Please silence your cell phone so as not to disturb this rich experience for yourself or others.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR WORSHIP is receiving the Eucharist, the true Body and Blood of Christ. All who trust that Jesus is present in this holy meal are invited to receive Him with us today. Detailed instructions for communion can be found on page 19 of the bulletin.



CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship! A changing table can be found in the all-gender restroom on the first floor. Our Meditation Room has space for nursing or a sensory break. Restrooms can be found on the first floor and are accessible by elevator. Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway next to the baptismal font.



WE WELCOME ALL LGBTQ+ people as full participants in our common life. We're proud to proclaim this publicly in our city and wider church as a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

OUR WORSHIP IS AN ACT OF OFFERING. By being here, we present ourselves and our time to God.

WE ALSO PRESENT our tithes and monetary offerings to God. During the offertory procession, they are brought forward along with the bread and wine used for the Eucharist.

WE NO LONGER pass an offering plate in the pew. However, an offering plate for cash or checks is available in the narthex. You can also share your offering electronically using this QR code.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

Congregational words are in bold print.

*Stand in body or
spirit and face the
processional cross.*

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

*Silence is kept for
reflection.*

PRELUDE

Sarabande from *French Suite no. 4* (BWV 815)

J.S. Bach

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts
are open, all desires known, and from
whom no secrets are hid: cleanse
the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we

may perfectly love you and worthily
magnify your holy name, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess
that we have turned from you
and given ourselves
into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry
and humbly repent.
In your compassion
forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things we have done
and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you,
and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin, and
made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved. In the
name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are
forgiven. Almighty God strengthen
you with power through the Holy
Spirit, that Christ may live in your
hearts through faith.

Amen.

*Continue to face the
processional cross,
turning when
it passes you.*

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

ELW 696

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

Text: Cecil Frances
Alexander, 1818-1895

Music: GALILEE,
William H. Jude,
1851-1922

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

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

*We praise God using
this ancient prayer
from Setting Three in
Evangelical Lutheran
Worship.*

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Continues on
the next page...*

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

*This prayer relates
to the readings
appointed for the day
and asks for God's
help in applying them
to our lives.*

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
Most holy God, the earth is filled with
your glory, and before you angels and
saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision
to see your power at work in the world,

and by your grace make us heralds
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the
Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and
the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs
were in attendance above him; each had six
wings: with two they covered their faces, and
with two they covered their feet, and with
two they flew. And one called to another
and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the
voices of those who called, and the house
filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me!

I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and
I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my
eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding
a live coal that had been taken from the altar
with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my
mouth with it and said: “Now that this has
touched your lips, your guilt has departed
and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the
voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send,
and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am
I; send me!”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*The choir introduces
the refrain.*



*The congregation
repeats the refrain
and sings the refrain
where indicated with
the symbol **R**.*



*The choir and
congregation sing
alternating verses.*

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things. **R****

When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.

**The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar. **R****

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right | hand shall save me.

**You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works | of your hands. **R****

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he

appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

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.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that

their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Hans E. Becklin

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



Text: Stopford A.
Brooke, 1832-1916. alt.

Music: SALZBURG,
Jakob Hintze,
1622-1702; arr.
Johann Sebastian Bach,
1685-1750, adapt.



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"



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.

*After a brief silence
each petition
concludes:*

*After the final
petition:*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS

IN IMMEDIATE NEED

- ♦ Peg Coleman

TRINITY HOUSEHOLDS

- ♦ David & Sue Shellong
- ♦ John & Maggie Shelly
- ♦ Travis, Klaudia, Veronika & Gabriela Shick
- ♦ Noreen Showalter
- ♦ Steven, Heidi, Aubrey, and Craig Silverman

ONGOING NEEDS

- ♦ the Sawyer family
- ♦ David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh)
- ♦ Harry Feinauer
- ♦ Linda Motley
- ♦ Walter Schur
- ♦ Christine Wells (friend of Jan Opalinski)
- ♦ Darryl Jeffries
- ♦ Nancy Souders-Negri and Fred Negri
- ♦ Rachel Gambone
- ♦ Barbara Lykens

PEACE

*Please greet one
another and then
be seated.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The offering, bread,
and wine are
brought forward
and the altar is set.*

OFFERTORY

O Lord of Light, Who Made the Stars

Daniel Schwandt

The Trinity Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Come, Beloved of the Maker

ELW 306

Text: Susan Palo
Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: JILL, David
Cherwien, b. 1957

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Palo Cherwien, admin.
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Music © 2002
Augsburg Fortress.

See the Morn - ing - star now beck - on to those
bound to doubt and night; "Fol - low me," Christ calls in
wel - come, "come from dark - ness in - to light."

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:

our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presider greets the assembly and invites all to give thanks.

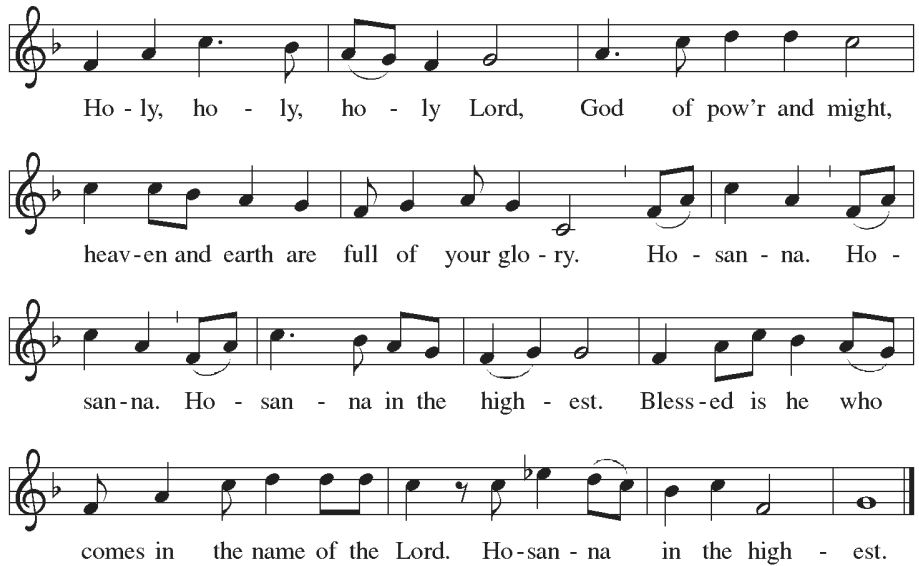


PROPER PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

During the Words of Institution, the bread and wine are elevated for the congregation to revere and adore Christ's presence in our midst.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal...
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son...
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate...
sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise...
in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

*Silence is kept as the
bread is broken.*

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

LAMB OF GOD

*Detailed instructions
for communion can
be found on page 19.*

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

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*This hymn can be
found in the red
hymnal.*

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, at this table you have
refreshed us with holy gifts of food and
drink. Strengthen us for service, and
send us out to embody your good news

of liberation and healing for the
sake of the world. In the name of
Christ we pray,

Amen.

*As a sign of God's
blessing, you may
make the sign
of the cross.*

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

ELW 580

*Face the processional
cross, turning as it
passes you.*



- 1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

Text: Fred Pratt Green,
1903-2000

Music: REPTON,
C. Hubert H. Parry,
1848-1918



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,

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that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

*You may remain
in the sanctuary
for prayer and
contemplation during
the postlude. If you
depart, please do so
quietly.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness

Kevin Hildebrand

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS



All who trust that Jesus Christ is present in this holy meal are invited to receive communion.

Please follow the direction of the usher; if your pew is located on one of the side aisles, walk to the rear of the sanctuary. Two lines will form in the center aisle. The left line will commune at the left side of the altar rail; the right line will commune on the right side.



When you reach the front of the sanctuary, there are serving trays located on the tables. Please choose either an empty glass to receive wine, or, if you prefer, a prefilled glass in the center ring containing grape juice. After taking your cup, proceed to the rail. Fill in around the rail from the center to the ends. You may stand or kneel as is your preference.

The pastor will give you a piece of bread; eat it when you receive it. If you prefer a gluten free alternative, please inform the pastor.



Then, an assistant will come to offer wine from a pouring chalice. Please extend your glass to be filled with wine or indicate that you have grape juice. After drinking the wine or juice, you are welcome to remain in place for a moment of meditation.

After you finish your time of reflection, please return to your pew, depositing your empty glass in the trays located on the tables at the head of the side aisles.

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PRESIDING MINISTER

Pr. Hans E. Becklin

ASSISTING MINISTER

Hannah Long

CANTOR

Dr. Cameron Lee Wentz

LECTOR

Amy Stewart-Himes

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Vickie Unruh

ACOLYTE

Abbie Smith

GREETERS

David & Sue Shellong

USHERS

Jennifer Mazur, Donna Osborne,
Amy Reinsel

MEDIA TEAM

Amy Bornhofen, Anna Litvinov,
Jacinda Motley, Jennifer Smith

ALTAR GUILD

Anita Dolak, David Himes &
Amy Stewart-Himes, Avery Mazur, Donna Osborne,

Amy Reinsel, Raye Watson

WORSHIP PLANNERS

Tom & Louise Souders

Today's alter flowers are sponsored by
Barbara D. Gangewere and family
in loving memory of
her husband and their father, Dana

Today's flowers at the baptismal font
are sponsored by
John Kirby and Larry Kummerer
in honor of their 41st anniversary

Attendance Sunday, February 2: 115
Attendance, Wednesday, January 29: 15

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 AM

SUNDAY FORUM - All Saints Room
SUNDAY TIME- Meet in Chapel

10:00 AM

WORSHIP - Nave

11:15 AM

MIXED ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL - Bard House
COFFEE & CONVERSATION - Hintz Room

2:00 PM

COMMON GROUND WORSHIP AND MEAL

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

1:00 PM

PROGRAM STAFF MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30 AM

STAFF MEETING

2:00 PM

WOMEN OF TLC BIBLE STUDY - The Highlands

6:00 PM

COMMUNITY ESL DINNER - All Saints Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:05 PM

MID-WEEK CHAPEL WORSHIP

6:30 PM

TRINITY RINGERS - Bell Room

7:30 PM

TRINITY CHOIR - Hintz Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 AM

SUNDAY FORUM - All Saints Room
SUNDAY TIME- Meet in Chapel

10:00 AM

WORSHIP - Nave

11:15 AM

MIXED ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL - Bard House
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COMMON GROUND WORSHIP AND MEAL

STEEPLE NOTES

Steeple Notes is our bi-monthly news publication which includes news about our church community, updates on ministries and outreach programs, and articles that foster spiritual growth and connection.

Print editions are usually available in the Narthex. You may also read our digital edition by scanning this QR code.



SPECIAL COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH PR. HANS TODAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

This Morning, Pastor Hans will be preaching about discipleship. Consider what it means to be a disciple of Jesus as we hear St. Luke's telling of how the first disciples were called, leaving their nets and their boats for a life following Jesus.

After worship, all are invited to join Pastor Hans in the Hintz Room for a different sort of Coffee and Conversation—one where we can share our thoughts and impressions about current political events which have had an impact on the church and services offered by our denomination, ask questions, and spend time together as the people of God.