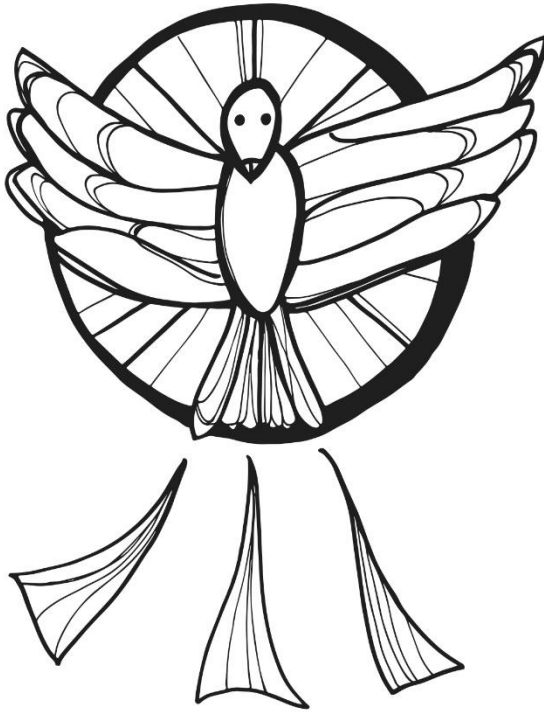


***Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
of South Newstead
January 11, 2026
Baptism of Our Lord***



In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

**PRELUDE – WELCOME –
ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: 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.

ALL: Amen.

L: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us
completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**ALL: 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.**

L: 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.

ALL: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: Shall We Gather at the River

Blue Book: 690

GREETING:

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

ALL: And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



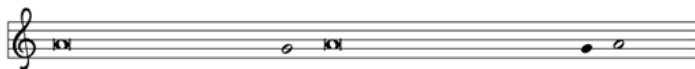
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

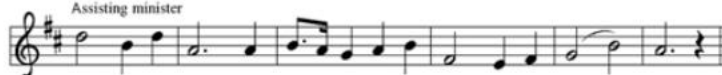
Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

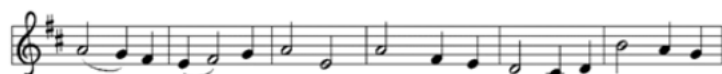
Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Let us pray, O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

L: ¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

PSALM 29

L: ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to
the Lord glory and strength.

**ALL: ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

L: ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God
of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**ALL: ⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

L: ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**ALL: ⁶ the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L: ⁷ The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**ALL: ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: ⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and

strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”

ALL: ¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

L:¹¹ O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

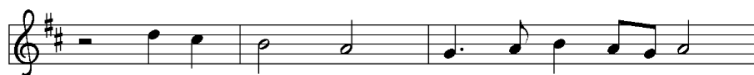
L: ³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

GOSPEL: 3:13-17

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: ¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

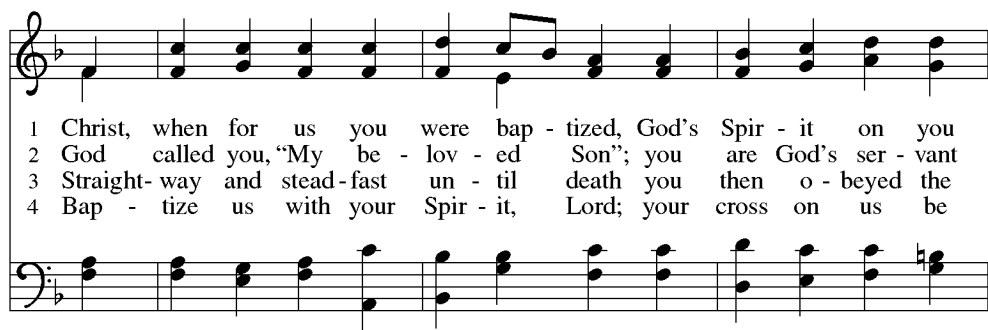
CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

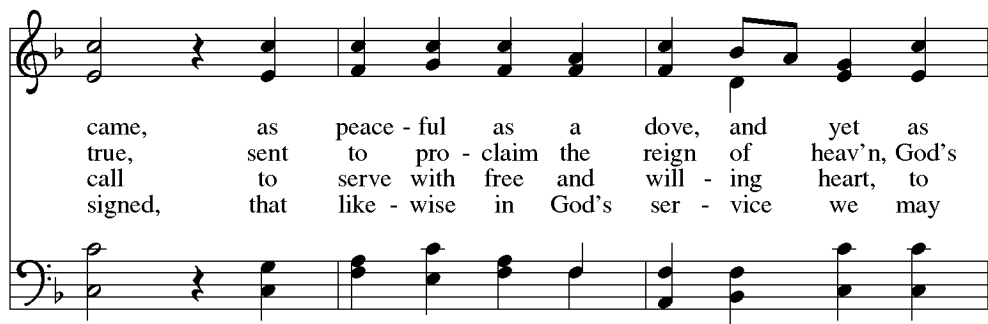
HYMN OF THE DAY:

Please stand as you are able

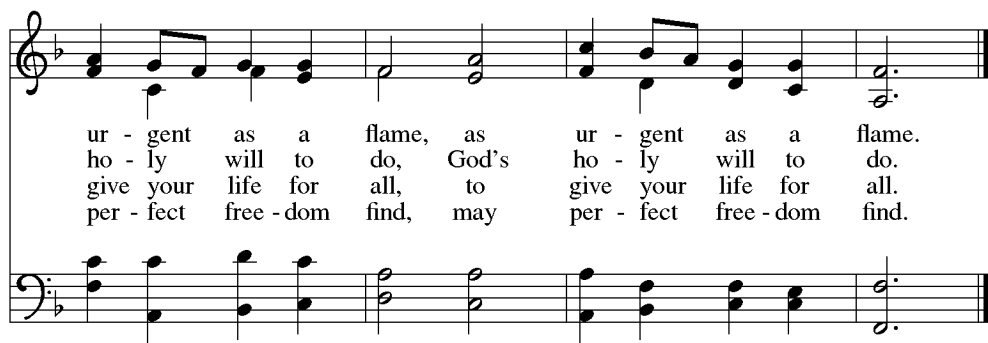
Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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APOSTLES CREED

L: L: We are God's people. Joining together, let us confess our faith:

ALL: 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 power of 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

L: 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.

Each prayer ends with these words:

L: Merciful God,

ALL: 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. **ALL: Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

*You are invited to greet your neighbors
with a sign of Christ's peace.*

Please be seated

OFFERING



SCAN ME

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to

trinitysouthnewstead.org/give. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

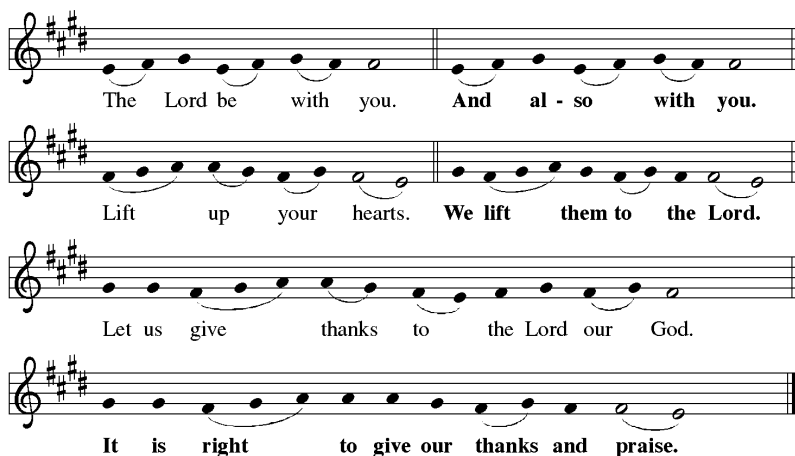
L: Let us pray together, God of majesty,

ALL: no eye has seen, no ear has heard

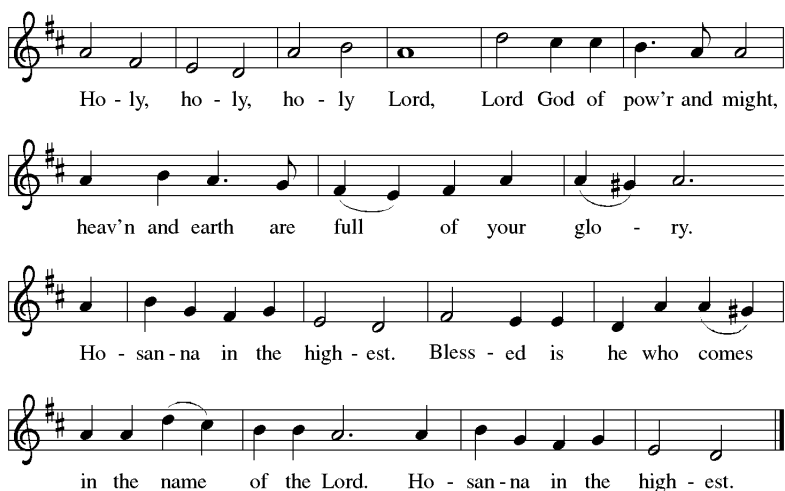
what you have prepared for those who love you,

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. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



L: 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:



L: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

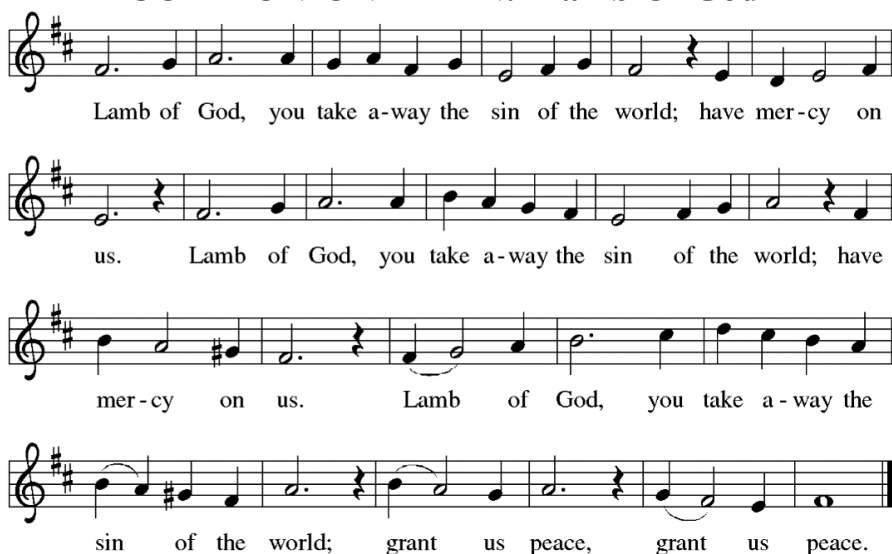
L: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

Please be seated

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb Of God



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning – Green Book: 84

To be sung during the distribution of communion

COMMUNION HYMN – by request, if needed

Please stand as you are able

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray together, Radiant God,

ALL: 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. Amen.**

BLESSING

L: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✠ bless you now and forever. **ALL: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise – Green Book: 90

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

About Today's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Hold in Prayer:

To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list in the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call system, please call Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.

We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:

Donna Kumpf

Terry Brummett

Julie Shine

Catherine Schoenthal

Jane Firestone

We pray for patience, strength and support for the families and friends of:

Jim Lobur

Diane Vogt

Skyler Rice

Tim Carlo

Wendy Jasper

David Kennedy

Wendy Jasper

Harold Hutchinson

Weekly:

Choir is off in January

Sunday Worship at 9:30

Sunday School at 10:45

Bible Study: See list below

Food Pantry:

First Monday of the Month: setup @ 8am

First Tuesday of the month: distribution @ 8:30am

Council: January 13, 2026 at 7:00pm

Office Info: Pastor Rick: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

Tracy: Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote. Call, text or email any time.

Upcoming

TODAY (ok, tomorrow at the latest!): Deadline for reports for annual meeting

Today after worship – join us for Christmas Un-Decorating! We need to put away the festive décor.

January 12th: Mutual Ministry Committee meeting at 6:30pm

January 25th: Annual meeting with potluck following worship

February 1st: Women's Group @ noon

February 17th: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, location TBD

February 18th: Ash Wednesday Worship at 5:30pm
(note the new time this year)

Annual Reports

Annual reports are due today. If you don't have it in just yet, please email it to the church office tomorrow. Thank you!

Bible Study

Trinity is part of the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study. Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches:

January 15th – Trinity Wolcottsville – 6369
Wolcottsville Rd. Akron

January 22nd – Zion Lutheran – 4447 Central Ave,
Gasport 14037

January 29th – St John's – 10213 Roosevelt Hwy,
Lyndonville 14098

Women's Group

Join us on **February 1st** for our next women's group meeting. If you haven't been yet, come see how fun it is!

WI-FI: To access our community wifi, go to 'Trinity Guest' on your device,
and then when prompted, enter the password: BeABeacon

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