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(Worship On Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Resumes 1/8/2025) Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Bible Study: 9:40 a.m. (September-May) Sunday School: 9:40 a.m. (September-April)

Joy Feinauer Organist **GUESTS:** The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

Each of these statements would then be concluded with the following:

The following questions are helpful in preparing for attendance at the Lord's Supper.

- Have I been baptized in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful human being with no hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my precious Savior?
- Do I believe that He is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood (Real Presence)?
- Am I in fellowship with this congregation (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)?
- Do I intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a Godly life?

#### **Confession and Absolution**

#### 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

 Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth. *Refrain*

#### ref Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

 Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain*

- Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
   Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*
- Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,
   Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

 △ 5 All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, Evermore your voices raising

To the\_eternal Three in One. *Refrain* Text (sts. 1, ref, 2-4): James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.; (st. 5): Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, Salisbury, alt. Text: Public domain

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

**C** Amen.

- $\mathbf{P}$  If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

#### Introit Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10 The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. **Kyrie** LSB 152 In peace let us pray to the Lord. P Lord, have mer - cy. C

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.

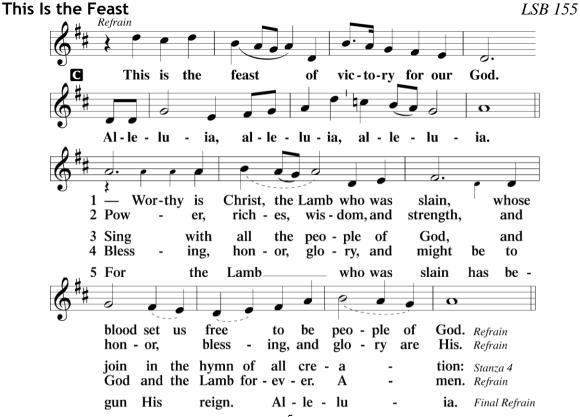


For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.







# Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# **Old Testament Reading**

*Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15* 

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>"Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .

<sup>11</sup>"When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup>you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. <sup>13</sup>Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the

LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup>For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

# **C** Thanks be to God.

# Epistle

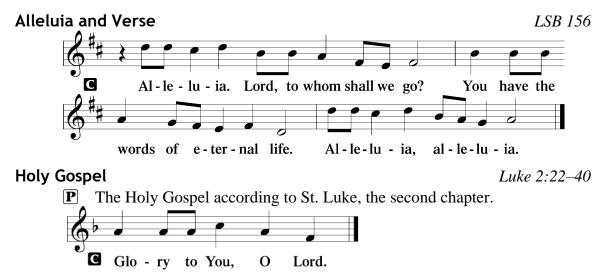
# Colossians 3:12–17

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

P C

Thanks be to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.



<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,

according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

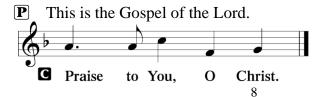
<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,

and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.



#### 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

- Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice; He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies; Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies. Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!
- 2 Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee. Cheer my wearied spirit,
  O pure and holy Child; Through Thy grace and merit,
  Blest Jesus, Lord most mild, Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!

3 Now through His Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.

Death was reigning o'er us Through sin and vanity Till He opened for us

A bright eternity. May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!

4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground? Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite, Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light. Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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#### Sermon

# Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead.

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life.

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayer of the Church

Gathered as God's people and as heirs of an eternal inheritance, let us P pray for the whole Church and for all who bear the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Light and our Salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,



# **C** hear our prayer.

P As we remember St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, we pray for the Church, asking that through her the joyous news of salvation be proclaimed as the Holy Spirit directs. Give us faith to acknowledge and rejoice in the fellowship that we share in Christ with people here and in every place, that we may see in each sister and brother in Christ a reflection of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,



#### **C** hear our prayer.

P Lord of all, watch over our nation and grant Your divine favor to all who bear office in our land, especially [(USA) the president and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this [state/commonwealth], and to all those who make, administer, and judge

our laws.] Help them to serve all those in their care according to Your holy will, that we may live in peace and safety.

Save us from pestilence and plague, for unseasonable weather, and the dangers that are ever-present in our lives. Grant us Your blessing as one calendar year closes and another begins. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

P

Give a special measure of blessing to those with special needs. Especially we remember the sick, the shut-in, those dealing with depression, those who sorrow, and others known to us who at this time are in need of prayer. Help us to be people who bless, encourage, and strengthen all those in our circles of relationship and beyond. Lord, in Your mercy,

## **C** hear our prayer.

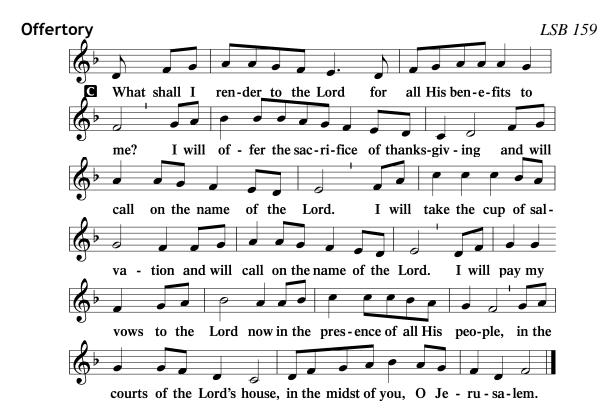
 P Sovereign Lord, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors, [especially...]. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven. Bless the communion we share on earth as we await the Supper of the Lamb in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

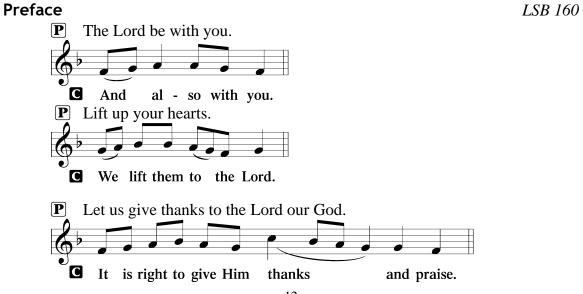
- All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.
- **C** Amen.

# Offering

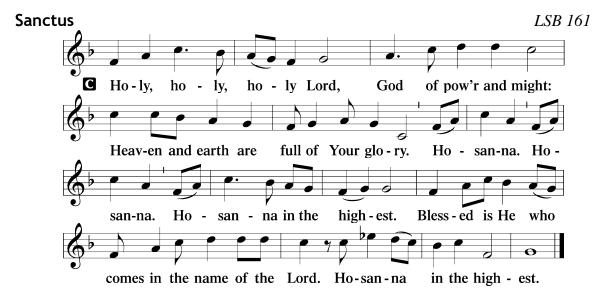
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# Service of the Sacrament



 It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



# Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### LSB 161

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

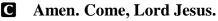
**C** Amen.

# The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

■ As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.



P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

#### Lord's Prayer

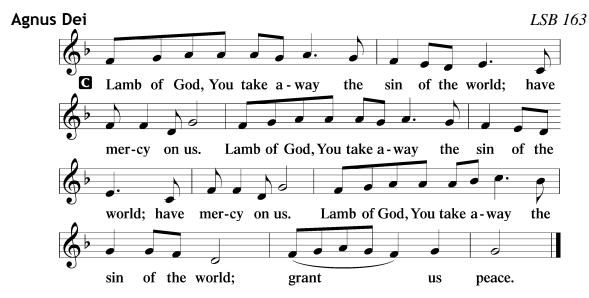
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.





# Distribution

# 389 Let All Together Praise Our God

- Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne; Today He opens heav'n again To give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
- 2 He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne, Is born an infant small, And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall, Lies in a humble stall.
- Within an earthborn form He hides His all-creating light;
   To serve us all He humbly cloaks The splendor of His might, The splendor of His might.

4 He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us His realm, His glory, and His name, His glory, and His name.

5 He is a servant, I a lord: How great a mystery! How strong the tender Christ Child's love! No truer friend than He, No truer friend than He.

6 He is the key and He the door To blessèd paradise;
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise, To God our praises rise.

 △7 Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore
 And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore; We praise You evermore.

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#### 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation;
 It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest, For comfort, and for pardon.  Although You did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling, And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling, And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty Till dawns the judgment morning,

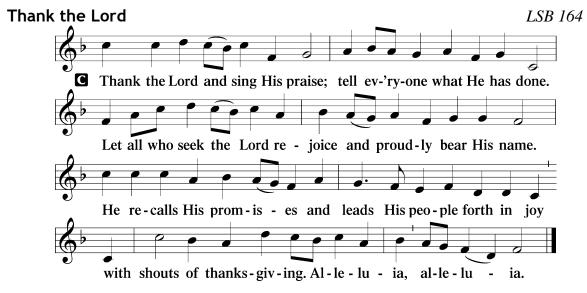
3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined To any habitation;
But You are present even now Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand Or subtle craft and cunning.

We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving. This Word remains forever true; All things are possible with You, For You are Lord Almighty.

5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces: Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.

- 7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me When living and when dying.
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# **Post-Communion Collect**

#### **P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benediction

LSB 166

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



# 937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

- Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
   These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, This child so long foretold.
- 2 This is the Savior of the world, The Gentiles' promised light, God's glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.
- △ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come, To You we lift our voice; To Father, Son, and Spirit blest

Be honor, love, and praise.

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NOVEMBER TOTALS -(Totals for December will be listed in the January 12 <sup>th</sup> bulletin.)				
General Fund	\$51,371.96	WEEKLY ATTENDENCE		
Missions	\$580.00	1st Service	92	
BFF	\$7598.53	2nd Service	66	
Church Maintenance	\$230.00	Christmas Eve	219	
Tuition Assistance	\$25.00	Christmas Candlelight	63	
Totals	\$59,805.49	Christmas Day	100	
Memorials included in the	e above totals: \$60.00	Total	540	

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK				
Tuesday <i>New Year's Eve</i>	12/31	4:30 pm	Worship w/Communion	
Thursday	1/2	6:00 pm	Elders	
		7:00 pm	Church Council	
Sunday	1/5	8:30 & 10:30 am	Worship w/Communion	
			No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study	

**<u>2025 Offering Envelopes</u>**: The 2025 offering envelopes are located in the back of the church. If you cannot find your envelopes or haven't been issued envelopes but would like envelopes, contact the office at <u>churchsecretary@trinitymonitor.org</u>, or add your name to the list on the envelope table.

<u>WOW</u>: Our next set of WOW (Worship On Wednesday) Praise services will begin on January 8, 2025.

# **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

We benefit a great deal from discipline. Just as discipline benefits us when we eat right, exercise regularly, and save, we often benefit as stewards from our disciplined giving. God promises to bless us through our faithful and generous giving. When we sow generously, we will reap generously (2 Corinthians 9:6). Jesus said, "For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you" (Luke 6:38). When we honor God with our tithes and offerings, God said that He will "pour down for [us] a blessing until there is no more need" (Malachi 3:10). Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).