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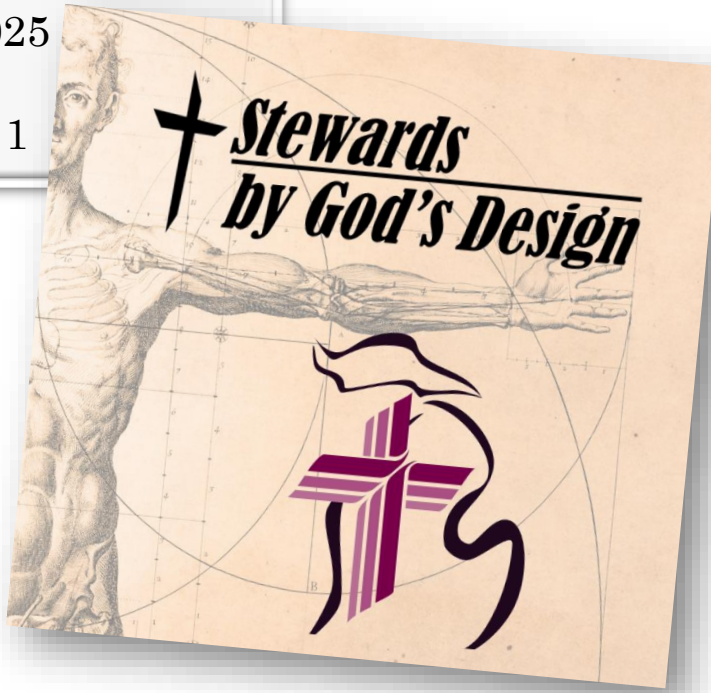
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Third Sunday After Epiphany

Stewardship Invitation

January 26, 2025

Divine Service 1



Pre-Service Announcements

Servant Processional

As We Gather

The Bible compares the Christian Church to a human body – and even refers to the church as the “Body of Christ”. Now Jesus Himself is the ‘Head of the Body’ – and every baptized Christian (young and older) is an essential ‘organ, limb or functioning part of the Body”. And to keep the body of the church healthy and vibrant, our generous God invests amazing gifts and life-resources to each ‘baptized member of the Christian Church. Simply put ... the Holy Spirit works through the Word of God and the Sacraments and encourages each one of us to be “good and faithful

managers” of those diverse gifts and blessings in our lives. This means “managing” (stewarding) – those life-resources for the glory of God and advancement of the mission of God. We call that encouragement from the Holy Spirit ... the STEWARDSHIP CALL. Today, we celebrate the guidance of the Holy Spirit in calling all of us individually - and corporately as a congregation - to be ‘good managers’ of the dynamic blessings and life-resources that God has graciously poured into our lives.

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 785 We Praise You, O God

- 1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
 In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
 We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
 We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

- 2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
 Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
 When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
 And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
 And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
 With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong

arm will guide us.

To You, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise!

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Stand

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

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the
✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

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.**

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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.

Absolution

LSB 151

P 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

P You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

**G Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:**

P that he looked down from his holy height;
from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

**G to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die,**

P that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,
and in Jerusalem his praise,

**G when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.**

**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.**

P You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her; the
appointed time has come.

Kyrie

LSB 152

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

L 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.

C Lord, have mercy

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

L Glory to God in the highest, and
peace to His people on earth.

**C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty
God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of
the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You
alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities and
stretch forth the hand of Your majesty
to heal and defend us; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament *1 Chronicles 29:10-14*
NLT

David's Prayer of Praise

¹⁰ Then David praised the Lord in the
presence of the whole assembly:

“O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel,^[a]
may you be praised forever and ever! ¹¹

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the
power, the glory, the victory, and the
majesty. Everything in the heavens and
on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your
kingdom. We adore you as the one who
is over all things. ¹² Wealth and honor
come from you alone, for you rule over
everything. Power and might are in your

hand, and at your discretion, people are made great and given strength.

¹³ “O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! ¹⁴ But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 19:7–14; antiphon: v. 14*

L ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;

C **the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;**

L ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

C **the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

L ⁹the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;

C **the just decrees of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.**

L ¹⁰More to be desired are they than
gold,
even much fine gold;

C **sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

L ¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant
warned;
in keeping them there is great
reward.

C ¹²**Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden
faults.**

- L** ¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!
- C** **Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

- L** ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Epistle *1 Corinthians 12:12-31a NLT*

One Body with Many Parts

¹² The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.

¹³ Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles,^[a] some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.^[b]

¹⁴ Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

¹⁸ But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹ How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰ Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹ The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

²² In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. ²³ And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, ²⁴ while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. ²⁵ This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. ²⁷ All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. ²⁸ Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church:

first are apostles,
 second are prophets,
 third are teachers,
 then those who do miracles,
 those who have the gift of healing,
 those who can help others,
 those who have the gift of leadership,
 those who speak in unknown languages.

²⁹ Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? ³⁰ Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not! ³¹ So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts.

But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse*LSB 156***C Alleluia.****Lord, to whom shall we go?****You have the words of eternal life.****Alleluia, alleluia.****Gospel***Luke 12:15-21 NLT***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵ Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

¹⁶ Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. ¹⁷ He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’”

¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. ¹⁹ And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”’

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’”

²¹ “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C Praise to You, O Christ****Kids Sermon: Manager of the Year***1 Corinthians 12*

Hymn of the Day: 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

1 Gracious God, You send great
blessings
 New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
 For Your love we offer praise.
Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people
 Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
 May bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation
 Filled with creatures large and
small;
As we tend that endless treasure
 May our care encircle all. Refrain

3 In His earthly life, our Savior
 Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
 Offer love that never ends. Refrain

△4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
 Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
 Praise be Yours in ev'ry place!
Refrain

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Sermon: Good Stewards of God's Varied Grace

1 Peter 4:1-11

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the
dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Almighty God, Lord, in Your
mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory: 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 Give thanks to the Holy One,
 Give thanks because He's given
 Jesus Christ His Son.
 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 Give thanks to the Holy One,
 Give thanks because He's given
 Jesus Christ His Son.
 And now let the weak say "I am
 strong,"
 Let the poor say "I am rich,"
 Because of what the Lord has done
 for us.
 And now let the weak say "I am
 strong,"
 Let the poor say "I am rich,"
 Because of what the Lord has done
 for us.
 Give thanks, give thanks.

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Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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.**

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.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart: 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my
 Father;
 There is no shadow of turning with
 Thee.
 Thou changest not: Thy compassions,
 they fail not;
 As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt
 be. Refrain

ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy
 faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I
 see;
 All I have needed Thy hand hath
 provided;
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto
 me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime
 and harvest,
 Sun, moon, and stars in their
 courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy,
 and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that
 endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer
 and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope
 for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

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MANY THANKS to all the saints who participated in the important activities of our *Stewards by God's Design* Weekend here at Trinity on January 24-26, 2025. Some of you completed an Online Stewardship Attitude Survey, some attended a Leader Stewardship Huddle on Friday, many of you attended a Saturday Stewardship Seminar, "many of you attended a special Stewardship Adult Bible Study with Pastor Duerr this morning, and some will be serving on a Stewardship Implementation Task Force. This morning we join in celebrating the Ministry of Biblical Stewardship in our individual lives and in the corporate life of our congregation. Thanks be to God!

WE ARE BLESSED IN THE LORD to have two guest pastors with us today. Rev. Dr. Rick Wolfram, our *Stewards by God's Design* pastor-consultant from the Michigan District-LCMS will serve as stewardship preacher today, and Rev. John Duerr - a second pastor-consultant from the Michigan District who led the Special

Stewardship Adult Bible Study this morning. We are grateful that both of these godly men will be stewarding their personal spiritual gifts among us today.

2025 LCMS THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE--

Trinity Lutheran Pinckney will be hosting the live-stream viewing of this year's Theological Conference. If you're looking for encourage-ment, spiritual renewal, and practical ways to connect with others in ministry, don't miss this year's Theological Conference, titled "We Are Not Alone." Together, we will discover the power of community in the body of Christ. Join us **February 1, at 8:30 am** for a continental breakfast. The conference begins at 9 am. Trinity Lutheran Church, 5758 W. M-36, Pinckney, MI 48169.

FIT FOR LIFE adult information class starts on Saturday, February 15, from **10:00 - 11:30 am** in the Conference Room. The five **Saturday** class sessions are on **February 15, 22, and March 1, 8, and 22.** Interested learners can register for the class by signing the registration form at the Welcome Center in the church lobby - or by contacting Pastor Ruhl by text or phone at (734) 678.9358. Why not reach out to someone you know in need of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church - and invite them (or bring them) to this 'comfortable and fun' opportunity to hear the Word of the LORD?

CHARTING OUR COURSE

Attendance week of January 19, 2025

10:00 am Worship in Person: 53/Online plays: 107

Communicants: 49

9:00 am Kids Sunday school In Person: 7

9:00 am Adult Bible Class in Person: 16/Online plays: 244

WORSHIP SERVANTS January 26, 2025

Acolyte: Aili Swanson

Elders: Bob Brumm and Bill Hertel

Pastor: Pastor Michael R. Ruhl

Guest Pastors: Rev. Dr. Wolfram, Rev. Duerr

Organist: Linda Freeman

Altar: Lois Brumm and Barb Yek

Counting: Barb Yek and Kristin Myher

Ushers: Barb Yek and Melissa Ratliff

Greeters: Jim and Penny Myers

MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun, Jan 26

9 am -- All Member Stewardship Bible Study (Duerr)

10 am -- Stewardship Festival Worship (Wolfram)

12:30 pm -- National Youth Gathering
Chili Cook-off at
St. Paul, Hamburg.

Tues Jan 28

10 am--Morning "Hard Sayings"

11 am--Prayer Warriors

7 pm --Myhers Evening Bible Study

Thur Jan 30

10:30 am--Christian Art class with Pam

Sat, Feb 1

8:30 am—Continental breakfast

9 am-- **Theological Conference**

Livestream - You are Not Alone

Sun, Feb 2

9 am – Adult Bible study: To Be a Disciple
(Matthew)

9 am – Children's Sunday School

10 am—Epiphany 5 worship with
Communion