



Sunday, January 21, 2024

Epiphany 3

Theme of the Day:

See the Glory of God in Jesus' ministry: Committed to a Lofty Charge

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

901 O Christians, Haste

CW 901

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Please stand.

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest



Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



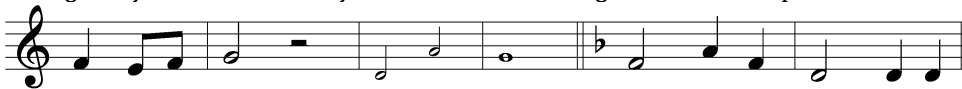
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



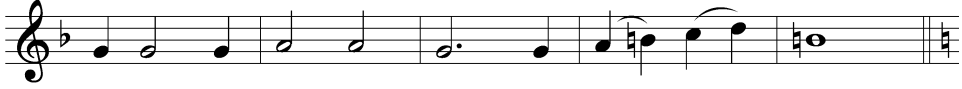
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on



us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Jonah 3:1–5,10

The reluctant Jonah had been given the lofty charge of proclaiming a message from the LORD to the people of Nineveh.

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” ³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh.

Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

62B Rest in God Alone

Psalm 62B

Refrain



Tone



Truly my soul finds / rest in God;
my salvation / comes from him.
Truly he is my rock and my sal- / vation;
he is my fortress, I will never be / shaken.
Yes, my soul, find / rest in God;
my hope / comes from him. *Refrain*

Though your rich- / es increase,
do not set your / heart on them.
My salvation and my honor de- / pend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my / refuge.
Trust in him at all times, you / people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our / refuge.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14–21

Christ has committed to us, as his ambassadors, the message of reconciliation.

¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 22:22

Refrain



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Gospel

Mark 1:14–20

When Jesus gave Simon and Andrew the lofty charge of fishing for people, they left everything else behind.

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" ¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

743 I Hear the Savior Calling

CW 743

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Sermon Text: Mark 1:14-20

Sermon Theme: It happens, because Jesus said so.

- 1) “Repent”**
- 2) “Come Follow Me”**
- 3) “I will make you fishers of men.”**

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Reception of New Members

Mark Spaeth, Emily Spaeth, Madison Spaeth, Molly Spaeth, & Allison Heldman

Prayer of the Church

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

C: Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

P: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

C: Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

P: Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

C: Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

P: Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

C: Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

P: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

C: Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

P: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C: Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C: Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

P: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C: Amen.

Offering

Friendship Registration

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

The Sacrament

Please stand.

Preface

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

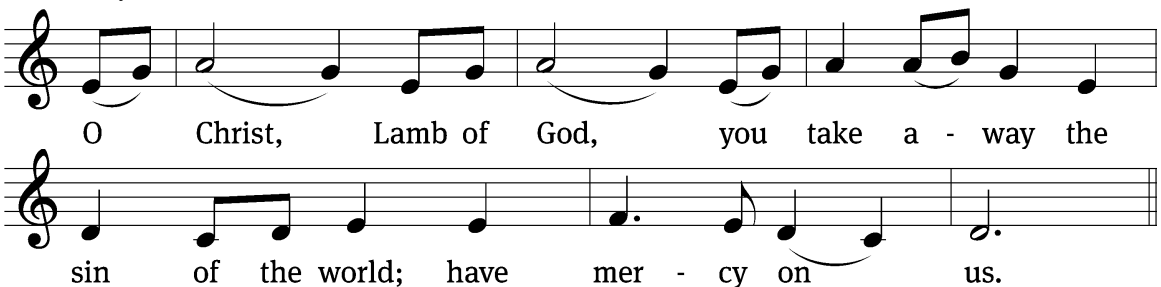
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef, treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The second staff contains the lyrics: "sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and slurs. The final note of the second staff is a quarter note with a fermata.

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

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

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Please be seated.

Personal prayer for before communion

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

Distribution

746 I Love to Tell the Story

CW 746

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do. (Ref.)

**Ref I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.**

2 An angel brought glad tidings:
"Send all your fears away,
for Christ, your Lord and Savior,
is born for you this day."
Then many other angels
sang praise for Jesus' birth:
"To God on high be glory,
and peace to all the earth." (Ref.)

3 Christ Jesus, pure and holy,
without a spot or stain,
by wicked hands was taken,
was crucified and slain!
And now the work is finished,
the sinner's debt is paid,
because on Christ the Righteous
the sin of all was laid. (Ref.)

4 O wonderful redemption!
The price for sin is paid,
salvation is accomplished,
my heart is unafraid,
for God has raised Christ Jesus
to show the work was done;
his glorious resurrection
declared the vict'ry won! (Ref.)

5 The Savior of all people
has brought his peace to you;
now go and tell the story,
for others need it too.
To ev'ry land and nation
ring out the gospel call;
proclaim that Christ is risen
and grants his peace to all. (Ref.)

6 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. (Ref.)

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381 The People Who in Darkness Walked

CW 381

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Personal prayer for after communion

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

Please stand.

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

695 Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695

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Announcements

FAMILY GAME NIGHT is scheduled for Sunday, January 21 at the school from 3:30-7:00 PM. You can come at anytime to play games. Bring along your favorite board/card games. Supper will be served at 5:00. Chicken sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. The gym will also be available for kids to play. Please sign up on the sheet in back of church if you plan to come.

TRINITY VISION STATEMENT: At our Annual Meeting on January 31, the Voters' of Trinity Lutheran Church will be looking to adopt a Vision Statement that will serve as a foundational document for long-term planning. The Vision document is available at the back of the church by the deacon's table. It will be discussed at Bible Study on January 21st. Please take a look at it. If you have any questions, please talk, call or email Pastor Nowak.

DISCOVERY STORY--OWLS: The Hancock County Parks is coming for the next Discovery Story on Wednesday, January 24 at 10:00 in the church basement. Bring your toddler, preschooler, or kindergartner to learn all about owls! Owls are common nighttime predators in Ohio's forests, but to most people they are birds of mystery. A fun owl story will be read. Talk about the owls of Ohio, listen to their calls, and look at some owl mounts. Stay afterwards for crafts and other activities! Please email Jenny at mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org if you plan to come to this event.

CROWN OF THORNS: Women's Ministry invites ladies to join us on Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 in the church basement to decorate your own Crown of Thorns Wreath made by Connie Ziegler. Sign up sheets and examples are in the church entryway and basement. Please sign up by January 28, so enough wreaths can be made in advance. Bring along a friend!

LIMA FOOD BANK: Women's Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on Wednesday, January 31 from 1:00-3:00 PM. We will be packing "senior boxes" or "emergency boxes" for the Food Bank to distribute to those in need. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:20 if you want to drive together. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

ONE DAY MARRIAGE RETREAT: There is a one-day WELS Marriage Retreat happening at Beautiful Savior in Cincinnati, Ohio on February 10th from 8:30am-4:00pm. Register ASAP but no later than February 4th. The cost is \$30/couple. More information can be found in the brochure on the sign-up table by the South doors.

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES: In the event of bad weather, please check for the county's road condition levels. A **Level 1** alert- there will be no changes to the church schedule. A **Level 2** advisory- 1st service will be cancelled; Bible classes and Sunday school will be held as normal, beginning at 9:20. **Level 3**- all services will be cancelled- stay home where it's safe! Any cancellation will be broadcast on WFIN and placed on the website and/or Facebook.

RED, HEARTS, AND VALENTINE'S DAY: Celebrate Valentine's Day at Mornings with Mommy on Monday, February 5 and Tuesday, February 6. We have educational and fun activities for you to enjoy with your infant, toddler, preschooler, or kindergartner. Play with Valentine's slime, make a love plant, explore red rice or pom poms, and mail Valentines. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

THE ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held on January 31st at 7:30pm. Voters – now is your opportunity to have your voices heard! All voters are encouraged to attend. Voters consist of male communicant members who have reached the age of 18. The Lord has called men to be the leaders for the congregational team. More than likely your grandfather and father have served on the Lord's team over the past years. Now is the time for the next generation to show their love for Him by becoming part of the team. God wants you to serve Him. Your service as a voter is wanted and needed by your Lord and your church. Everyone is welcome including the women of the church regardless of voter status. If you have anything that needs to be added to the agenda, please get it to the office by Wednesday, January 24th.

OPEN GYM: The school's gym will be available for those wanting to play basketball indoors on Sunday afternoons in January. The gym will be open on Sundays from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please change into dry, non-marking athletic shoes before entering the gym to help keep our gym floor in good condition.

WARM WINTER WALKING: This winter the school gym is open for walking during the week from 7:00-8:00 PM. Please bring a pair of shoes that you haven't worn outside to wear while walking. You may walk at your own pace and walk as long or short as you want. Bring a friend!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY is hosting the Lenten supper on Wednesday, February 21 starting at 5:30. We will be serving soup and homemade bread. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to bring food or help serve the meal. Bring food to the church basement by 5:00 PM and hot food no later than 5:30 PM.

LENTEN MEALS Lent begins on February 14th with Ash Wednesday at 7:00pm and will be on Wednesdays at 7:00pm through March 20th. The 6th & 7th Graders will be hosting the Lenten Meal on February 14th, the Women's Ministry is hosting on February 21st, and Luther's Society will be hosting on February 28th and March 13th. Hosts are needed for March 6th & March 20th. Please sign up at the table by the South church doors if you are willing or contact Pastor Nowak or the office.

DAILY LECTIONARY

1.21: Joel 1:1-20, Rom 10:1-21

1.22: Joel 2:1-17, Rom 11:1-24

1.23: Joel 2:18-32, Rom 11:25-12:13

1.24: Joel 3:1-21, Rom 12:14-13:14

1.25: Zech 1:1-21, Rom 14:1-23

1.26: Zech 2:1-3:10, Rom 15:1-13

1.27: Zech 4:1-5:11, Rom 15:14-33

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of January 14th)

Total Worship Attendance: 215, Early: 66, Late: 96; Conference Service: 53; Adult Bible Class: 18, Sunday School: 24, Teens: 3; Mornings with Mommy: 76; Online worship service views for January 7th: 64

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through January 27th are the members of Brad Inniger's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, January 28th, will be the members of Dan Webb's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Josh & Ashley Breitigam – early
Bob & Julie Inniger – late

Next Sunday: Dwight & Norma Rader – early
Warren Pratt – late

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (January 21st through January 28th)

TODAY Worship 8:00 & 10:30; Communion; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20;
Family Games Night 3:30

Tue Serenity Springs Bible Study 11:00

Wed Mornings with Mommy Discovery Story in Church Basement 10:00; Choir 7:00

SUN **Worship 8:00 & 10:30;** WELS Connection; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tue Cheerleading 3:30-5; Basketball Practice 5-7; 3rd-8th Field Trip to Ohio State House

Wed Chapel 8:20

Thu Cheerleading 3:30-5; Basketball Practice 5-7

Fri Basketball @ Zion, Monroe 5:30

Sat Ohio WELS Basketball Tournament @ Beautiful Savior 1st game 10:10

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*