

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022
Broadcast on 88.5 FM



At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Holy Trinity**

Holy Communion 9:00 AM

Sunday School 10:15 AM

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our worship follows a traditional order inspired by scripture and rooted in ancient patterns. The full order for worship (liturgy) is found in this bulletin.

*Please stand as you are able. Spoken congregational responses are in **Bold**.

GATHERING

Worship begins with the organ prelude.

It's a time for silent meditation as we turn our hearts and minds to God.

ORGAN PRELUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings, **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ☩ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

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***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.**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

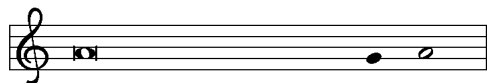


Is - rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

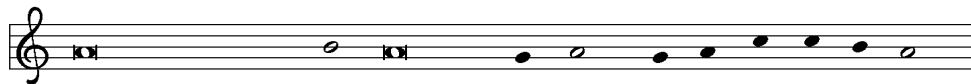
*KYRIE - (Lord have mercy) Page 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



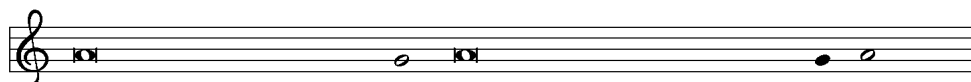
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



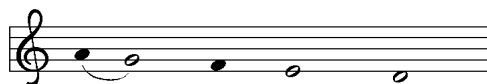
Lord, have mer - cy.



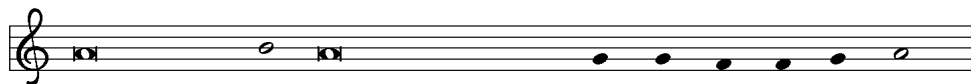
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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,

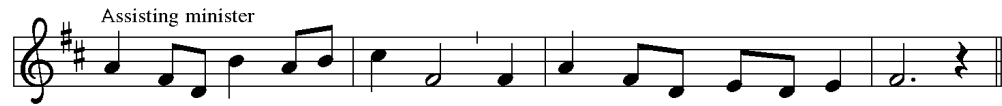


let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

*HYMN OF PRAISE - (Glory to God) Page 148



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's 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.



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.



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. A-men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - The Bullock Family**

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (verse 2) #240



ADVENT PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING - Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The

Psalm Tone:

R:

May the right - eous flour - ish;

let there be an a - bun - dance of peace.

1 Give the king your jus- 1 tice, O God,
and your righteousness to 1 the king's son;
2 **that he may rule your 1 people righteously
and the 1 poor with justice;**
3 that the mountains may bring prosperity 1 to the people,
and the 1 hills, in righteousness.
4 **Let him defend the needy a- 1 mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush 1 the oppressor. R**
5 May he live as long as the sun and 1 moon endure,
from one generation 1 to another.
6 **Let him come down like rain upon 1 the mown field,
like showers that wa- 1 ter the earth.**
7 In his time may the 1 righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall 1 be no more.
8 **Blessed are you, LORD God, the 1 God of Israel;
you alone do 1 wondrous deeds!**
9 And blessed be your glorious 1 name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- 1 men. Amen. R

SECOND READING - Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - (Alleluia) Page 151

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

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

*GOSPEL - Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 3rd chapter.

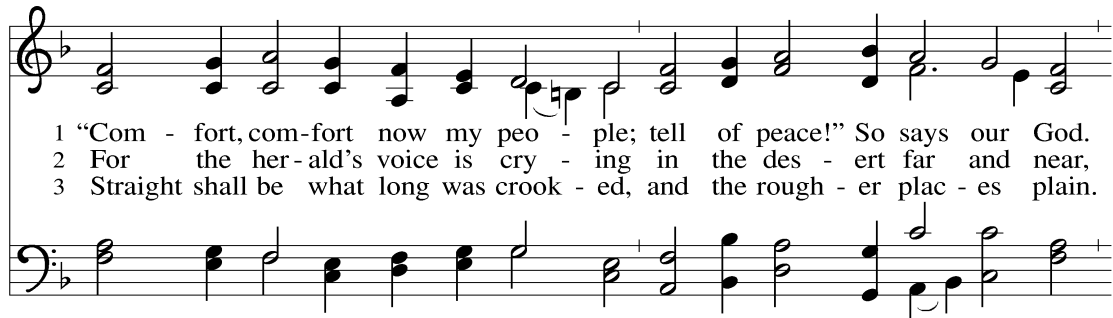
Glory to you, O Lord. *(spoken)*

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' " ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

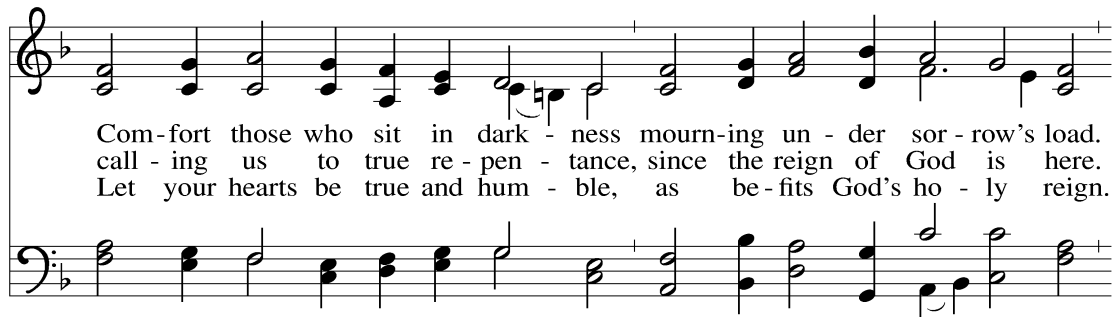
SERMON The Rev. Timothy R. Garman

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Comfort, Comfort Now My People



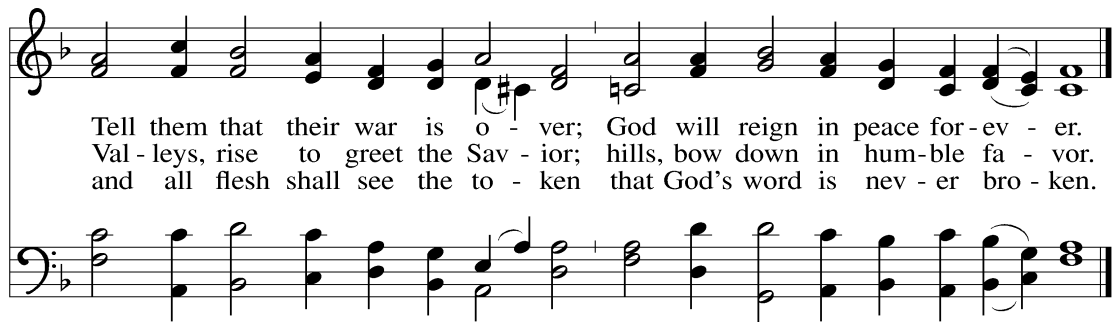
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

***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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians (*especially John of Damascus, whom we commemorate today*). Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those fleeing violence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Nurture

ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation (*local examples may be named*). We pray for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You embrace all who have died trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING - (*offering plates are located in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.*)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*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.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new

in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
 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 - ("Holy, holy, holy") Page 153

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp, F#). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,". The second staff continues the melody with a slur over the last two notes. The lyrics are: "heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.". The third staff continues the melody with a slur over the last two notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes". The fourth staff concludes the phrase with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.".

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and 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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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**

**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**

***AGNUS DEI - (Lamb of God) Page 154**



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

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament. Lutherans believe in the true presence of Christ, according to his promise, for the forgiveness of our sins. "The body and blood of Christ are for you." Please come forward to the altar and exit right or left to return to your pews.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

*BLESSING

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don down from heav'n.
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff contains a vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and some moving lines.

"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

The second system continues the musical setting. It maintains the same key signature and features similar vocal and accompaniment parts. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.

THIS WEEK PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Timothy R. Garman, Interim Pastor

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music

Christine Paradise - Organist

Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director

Denise Rhoads - Worship Assistant

Karen Fitting - Worship Assistant

Scott Hower - Lay Assistant

Jay Brown - Lector

Sam Seiders - Acolyte

♿ *Elevator access to upper and lower levels is located at rear entrance of church.*

📵 *Remember to silence cell phones & other electronic device*

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:

Monday, December 5 - Praise Ringers 6 p.m.; Psalm Ringers 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6 - Senior Choir 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7 - Advent Study 12 p.m.; Social Ministry Committee

Meeting 5:30 p.m.; Diabetes Prevention Program 5:30 p.m.

A GIFT HAS BEEN PRESENTED IN LOVING ✝ HONOR OF:

In honor of Elizabeth Hershey's 50th Birthday with love by Mom & Dad

In honor of James F. and Judith A. (Gruber) Light who celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on December 7 by Sharon A. Miller (neice), Theodore R. Miller (nephew), and wife Valerie I. (Thompson) Miller

PRAYER UPDATE: We have been asked to keep Monique & Jack Derfler, Deb Dobson, The Family of Marian Dorward, Dan Fox, Mo Gockley, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Dana King, Raymond Kohr, Doris Kreiser, Wanda Muth, Kenneth Shearer, Marie Smith, Ernie Thompson, Nancy Warner, and Mary Yeagley in our prayers.

THANK YOU: A special thank you for the fruit basket. The people of Church offer older people a wonderful Thanksgiving basket of outstanding fruit, candy, and a nice card. From Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gerberich

ADVENT STUDY: You are invited to join Pastor Tim for a lunch and learn event! Bring your bagged lunch and take a deeper look at Advent. The sessions take place on Wednesdays at noon in the Social Room: December 7, 14, and 21. Can't make it? Study guides are available with the content and questions. Pick your up today at the Welcome Table.

SPREAD THE WARMTH: Let's keep those less fortunate warm this winter by donating gently used or new blankets, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, jackets, and sweatshirts. Donations can be placed in the Giving Place in the metal bins. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

YOU ARE INVITED: Make plans to join The Quittapahilla Audubon Society on Wednesday, December 14 in Luther's Place. The December meeting will feature a Christmas Social and Member Digital presentation. The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. with a social gathering and the program starts at 7 p.m. The Member Digital presentation will be a sharing of members' favorite slides and digital photos. Drinks will be provided. If you would like, please bring a plate of holiday treats to share. For more information, please see with Jim Logan or Terry Weaver.

POINSETTIAS: For those who wish to provide a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please use either the envelope included in your November envelope packet or include a note in your donation. **\$7.00 provides one poinsettia Please remember to include the name of the person(s) presenting the poinsettia.** Place the envelope in the offering plate or in the envelope slot. **Deadline for acknowledgement on the Poinsettia List is Sunday, December 18.**

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Christmas Caroling will take place on Friday, December 16. Those interested will depart from the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. After caroling there will be a time of fellowship at the home of Sue & Ed Kulakowski. See PJ Copenhaver if you are interested or have any questions.

ADVENT FOOD DONATIONS: There are still a few bags left in Luther's Place. The list is a suggestion. Please feel free to fill your bag or bags with whatever donations you like. When you are done, please return the bag to Luther's Place. We will be taking the donations to Lebanon County Christian Ministries in January. Thank you for your participation.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER: If you would like to submit something for the January edition of Trinity Tidings, please do so by December 18. If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, please share it! Photos are also always welcome. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the Church Office.

The Lebanon County
Choral Society presents



Songs of Ice and Fire

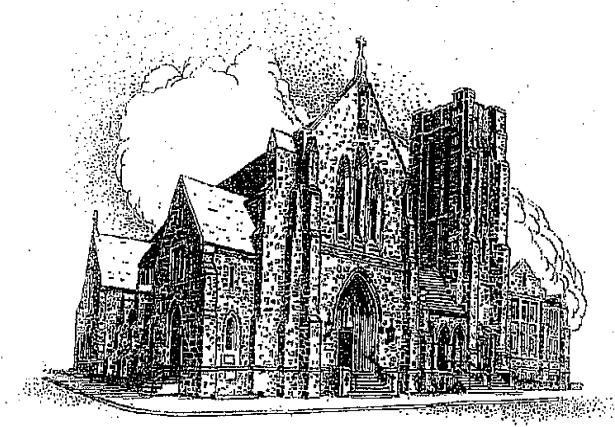
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