

## This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Worship.....	8:00 am and 10:30 am
MONDAY	Dartball.....	7:00 pm
	V1 @ Groton    V2 @ Castalia    St Paul Sandusky @ V3	
TUESDAY	Adopt-a-School Mtg.....	6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Crossroads Meal.....	1:00 pm
	Choir Practice.....	7:00 pm
	Nar-Anon Family Group.....	6:30 pm
	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.).....	7:00 pm
THURSDAY	Council Meeting.....	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)...	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Holy Communion.....	8:00 am and 10:30 am

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## Our Response to God's Goodness

Current Expenses (first line) received January 7 - \$3,375.00

Benevolence Fund (second line) received January 7 - \$227.00

Building Improvements Fund (third line) January 7 - \$221.00

## Attendance

January 7: 66 + 33 = 99    Sunday School: 38

## Lessons for Sunday, January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

Year B



## In God's Word for us this morning...

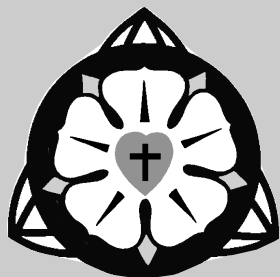
All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

# Trinity

## Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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a Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission (FLAME) congregation  
Northwestern Ohio Synod ✦ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



## WELCOME!

**OUR WEEKLY GATHERING** to offer praise and thanks to God is the central event of our life together, and we are happy that you have come to take part in it! Guests are invited to fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate. **ENLARGED PRINT** copies of the liturgy, lessons, and hymns are available at each entranceway. Ask any usher for assistance.

**FIRST-TIME VISITOR?** Or, would someone for whom you are asking prayer this morning like a gift to remind that he or she was remembered here? Please take a peace candle with you as you depart. The candles are in small bags hanging from the "apple" shelf in the elevator lobby at the southeast entrance to our worship space.

**PLEASE ADD YOUR PETITION** of need or thanksgiving for yourself, your family, or others to today's prayers by completing a blue "Prayer Concern" card found in the pew and giving it to Pastor Gardner when asked.

**OUR BUILDING IS OPEN FOR PRAYER** each Wednesday between 7:15 and 7:45 pm. Anyone wishing to use the sanctuary or the columbarium chapel for prayer is invited to do so.

### 2018: Synod Year of Prayer Memory Verse

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

**"PRAYER" IS THIS YEAR'S THEME** in our Northwestern Ohio Synod, as designated by Bishop Daniel Beaudoin. Pastor Gardner is planning to make use of that theme over the Lenten season. He's looking for people for whom prayer is critical to their lives, people who could share a little bit about that at midweek Lenten worship on Wednesday evenings. If you have interest in helping others in their spiritual journey in this way, please speak with Pastor Gardner. Thanks.

**DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY** we are collecting cans of soup to use for our "Souper Bowl of Caring" activity. These cans of soup will be going to children in our area so we ask that you donate Kid Friendly soup such as chicken noodle, vegetable, or tomato soups. Please place your donated cans of soup in the basket in the educational wing. Then on or around the first part of February our Sunday school kids will be wrapping them up in a bowl and some crackers and deliver them to Care and Share and to Grace's Table in Castalia.

**IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR SOUP AND SUBS** for super bowl Sunday, which is February 4. Please see the sign up sheet in the educational wing located right above the basket we are using for donations of cans of soup. All proceeds from the soup/sub sale will go to Care and Share.

**LOST AND FOUND?** While packing up the shoe boxes we found a wine bottle stopper that was in a bag with some toothpaste. It is in the shape of Mickey Mouse. If this is yours, it is in the church office.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** The Altar Committee is looking for volunteers to help cover the altar duties for the months of March, June, and December this year. Please give Pat Wiedenheft a call at 419-625-8652 if you are interested.

**A TRINITY CHURCH OPEN HOUSE** will be part of the Bicentennial Celebration of the City of Sandusky. It will take place on the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 20. But, the event needs to take shape, and your ideas are important. Our Congregational Life and Witness and Welcome Teams invite you to a planning session on Thursday, January 25, at 7:00 pm, here at the church. Mike Markley, who researched the history of Venice and spearheaded our effort toward a Venice historical marker ten years ago, will be taking part. You're invited, too!

**AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:**

At 8:00...

Acolyte.....Evan Miller  
Lector.....Penny Solem  
Ushers ..... Tom Jenkins, Cindy Norman, Dave Miller

At 10:30

Acolyte..... Eli Conner  
Lector.....Dan Baum  
Ushers..... Bob Troike, Ron Werner, Bob Chapman

January Altar Care: Maree Markley (chair), Shelly Miller

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by Phil & Janet Gardner in celebration of Janet’s birthday this coming Friday.

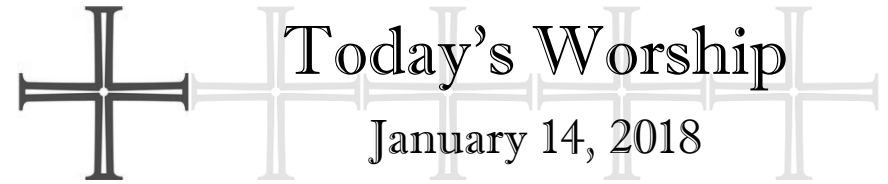
**DONATIONS TO OUR “PENNY JUG”** support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**THIS MORNING’S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits our Current Expenses Fund. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

**"SUNDAY JAM"** happens THIS MORNING at 9:30 am, in the sanctuary. Join in as Adele Hoffman leads you and her helpers in singing and playing some contemporary Christian music favorites!

**OUR NEXT MEAL FOR THE RESIDENTS** of the Crossroads Homeless Shelter will be January 17. You can help monetarily by writing checks today to Trinity Lutheran Church and noting “Homeless Shelter Meal” on the memo line. There will be a list of food items needed to be purchased and you can sign up to pay for those items on the bulletin board in the office hallway. We will do the purchasing of the items. Volunteers will be needed to prepare the food on January 17, at 1:00 pm and deliver food by 3:30 pm. The meal will be served to approximately 70 people.

**THE ADOPT-A-SCHOOL MISSION TEAM** will be meeting on Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 pm, in the church fellowship hall.



**Prelude**

**Silent Prayer and Office of the Acolyte**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

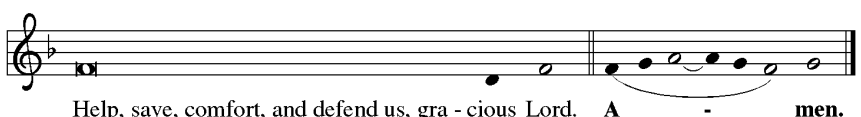
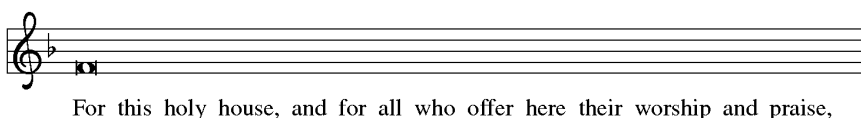
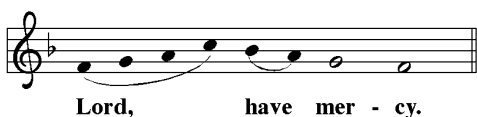
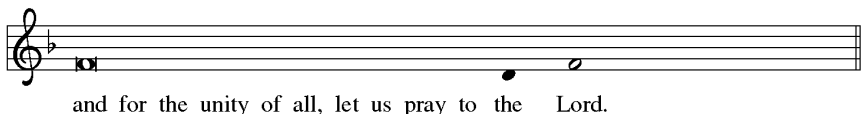
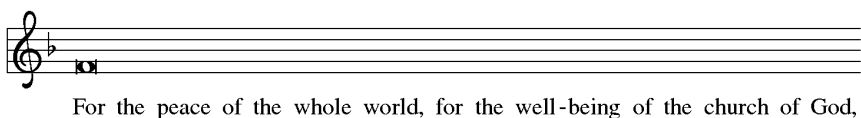
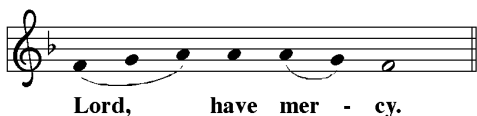
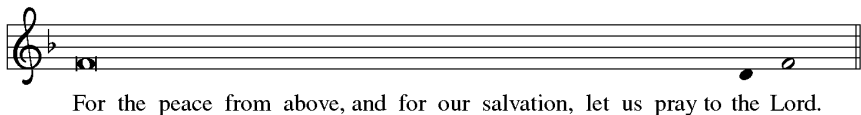
**Gathering Song “Lord, Be Glorified”**

**No. 744**

## Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One,  
and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Kyrie



through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out in good  
courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your  
hand is leading us and your love supporting us...

## 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.**

## Blessing

The LORD bless you, and keep you: The LORD make his face  
shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: The LORD lift up  
his countenance upon you, and give you peace;

In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

**No. 810**

## Postlude

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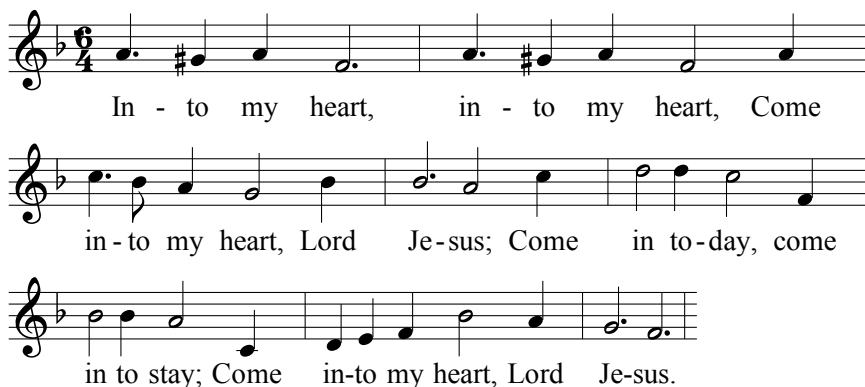
## Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me!"

No. 798

### Offering

#### Offertory

#### Offertory Song "Into My Heart"



In - to my heart, in - to my heart, Come  
in - to my heart, Lord Je - sus; Come in to - day, come  
in to stay; Come in - to my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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INTO MY HEART

### About *The Jesus-Centered Life*

### Video

### Parish Announcements and Prayer Concerns

*Our petitions before God this morning include:*

Dan Miller, at Firelands;  
infrequent attenders, including Mary Heminger;  
the students, faculties, and staff of the colleges, universities, and  
seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;  
the ministry of Project Share, helping people in need in  
Margaretta Township.

### Prayers

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when  
we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and  
all people in need.

...let us pray, **have mercy of God.**

And, as we look to the future, together we pray:

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which  
we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden,**

## Hymn of Praise



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
All  
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

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer,

for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**(10:30) Anthem "We Seek the Tiny King" Trinity Senior Choir**

**First Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-20**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the



**CHORUS**

10 F C F/G G C Am G

You, Je - sus, know - ing You, there is no great - er

13 F C/E F/A

thing. You're my all, You're the best, - You're my

15 C/G F C/E F/A

joy, my right - eous - ness, and I love You, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

17 C/G G C/E F/A

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Now my to love You, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Oh to

19 C/G F/G C

\_\_\_\_\_ love You, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_







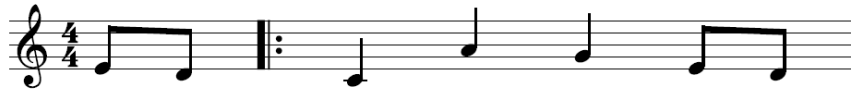
# Knowing You

Words and Music by  
Graham Kendrick

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VERSE

C G/B Am F C



1. All I once held dear, built my  
(2.) hearts de - sire is to  
(3.) know the powr of Your

2 F G C G/B Am F C Am G C



life up - on, all this world re - veres, and wars to own, all I  
know You more, to be found in You, and known as Yours, to pos -  
ris - en life, and to know You in Your suf - fer - ings, to be -

5 F G C C/E F G C G/B



once thought gain I have count - ed loss; Spent and  
-sess by faith what I could not earn; All sur -  
-come like You in Your death, my Lord; So with

7 Am F C Am G<sup>sus</sup> G



worth - less now, com - pared to this. Know - ing  
-pas - sing gift of right - eous - ness.  
You to live, and nev - er die.

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vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out;  
O LORD, you have known me.
- <sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- <sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- <sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.
- <sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- <sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- <sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**
- <sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- <sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**
- <sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!
- <sup>18</sup>**If I were to count them, they would be more in number  
than the sand; to count them all, my life span would  
need to be like yours.**

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup>All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**



*The Holy Gospel is announced.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel** John 1:43-51

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of

Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Meditation**

*Reception of Blue Prayer Concern Cards*

**Theme Hymn "Knowing You"**

**(Next Pages)**

**Sermon**

**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.** (to page 12)