

February 5, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

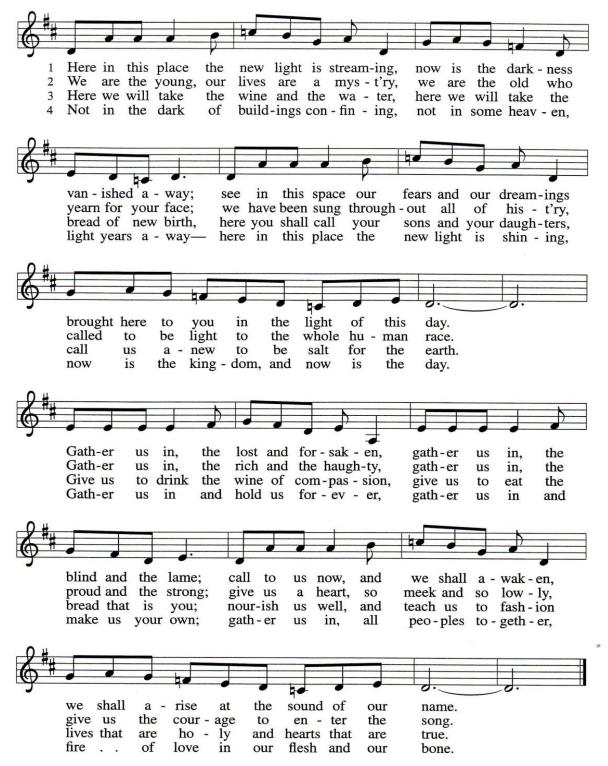
Opening Hymn:

No. 532

GATHERING

Gather Us In

532



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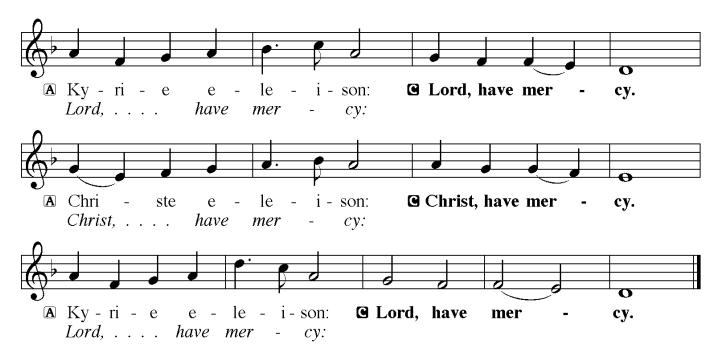
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Greeting

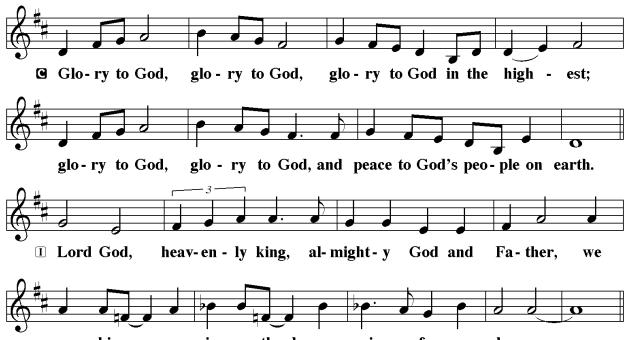
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

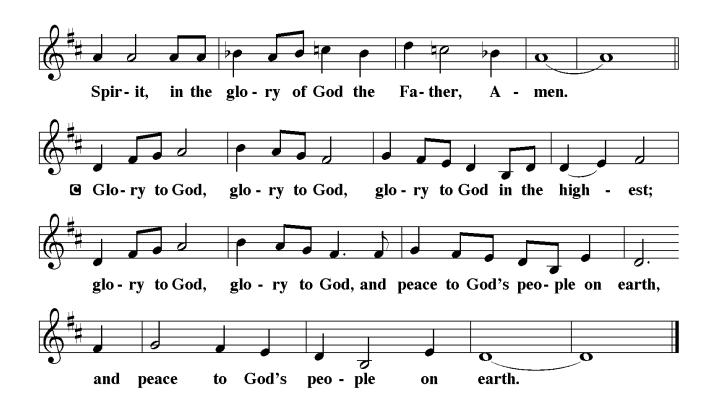


Hymn of Praise



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.





Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.
³"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.
⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. ^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt: you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments! ²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever. ⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. ⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice. ⁶For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. ⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. ⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies. ⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor. ¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him"-

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the

world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

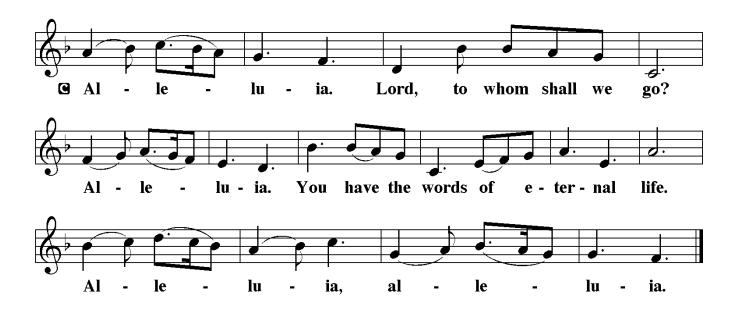
¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord

so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after

lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

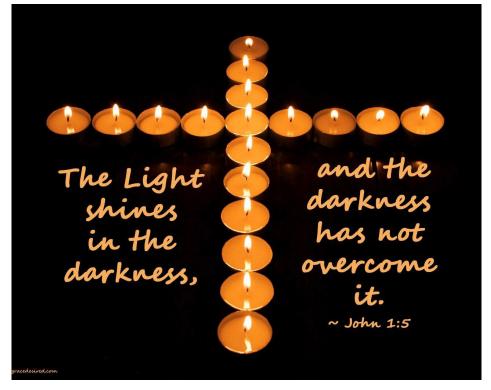
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Christ, Be Our Light

No. 715



Christ, Be Our Light 715Long - ing dark - ness. Long-ing for light, we wait in for 1 trou - bled. Long-ing 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is for 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for for 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing Man - y peo - ple, man - y the the gifts, man - y the 5 Make us truth, we turn to you. your own, Your word hope, man - y de spair. a lone --Make us your wa - ter, still thirst. bread, man - y build - ing, cold. Make your warmth, man - y us are Let be ser - vants hearts that yearn to be long. us world peo - ple, light for the to see. your ho - ly has pow'r to voice. save us. Make us your liv - ing shared un - til all are fed. bro - ken for oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, signs of your king - dom one an - oth - er, come. to Refrain Shine in Shine through the Christ, be our light! our hearts. 6 Shine in dark Christ, be our light! your ness. 0 church gath - ered day. to

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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 was 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 to the living and 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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice (*injustice such as systemic racism, church sanction of colonialism, church protection of sexual abusers may be named*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for (*the Martyrs of Japan and*) all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

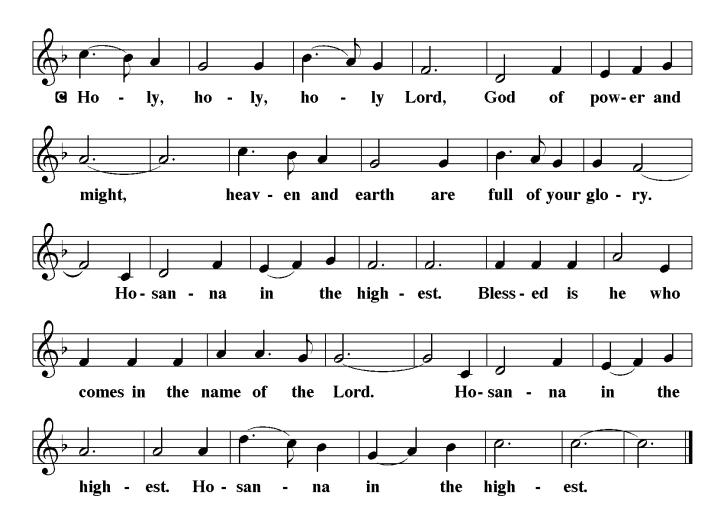
Great Thanksgiving

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

Holy Holy Holy



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

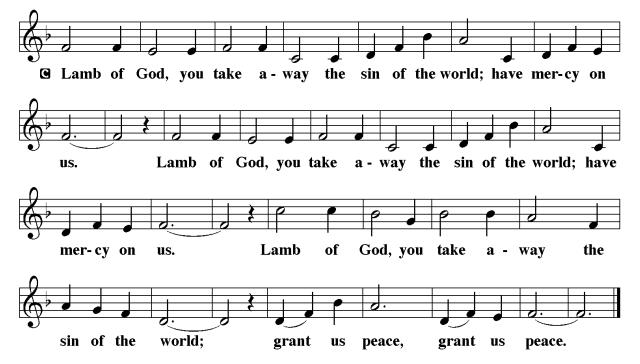
The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: 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. 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 forever. Amen.

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

Communion

Lamb of God



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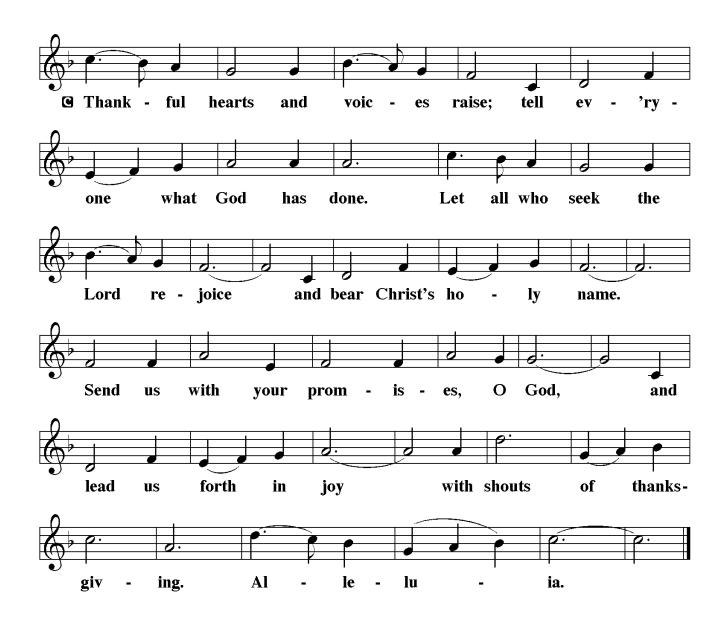


After all have returned to their places, please stand

The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Song After Communion





Prayer after Communion

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Bring Forth the Kingdom

No. 22



Bring forth the kingdom



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Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. Thanks be to God.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Paul Wiedenheft, at Providence Care; Norm Stierhoff, at Providence Care: For all directly or indirectly effected by blizzards, tornadoes, and flooding, Covid, Mass Shootings happening nationwide and Ukraine Crisis; FAITH members, including; Shirley Miller; the people of St. John, Bellevue; the staff and those served by the Volunteers of America Crossroads Shelter.

AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00… Interim Pastor: Lector: Usher: Acolyte:	Pastor Mike Shelley Carrie Wiedenheft Greg Norman Mariska Farlow
At 10:30 Interim Pastor: Lector: Usher: Acolyte:	Pastor Mike Shelley Jim Bertsch Barb Sessler Natalie Thompson
February Altar Care:	Linda Gantz and Cindy Norman

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God by Jim Bertsch in memory of Aunt Carol Barnes.

ATTENDANCE

January 29 = 60

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 Lutheran Disaster Response. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Service Sunday School		8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am
MONDAY	Dartball Castalia @ V1	Norwalk @ V	7:00 pm /2
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)		7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)		11:00 am
SUNDAY	Worship Service Kids Sing Pick up your Subs		8:00 & 10:30 am
	Sunday School		9:15 am

2023 GIVING ENVELOPES are available for pickup in the educational wing hallway. If you do not see one for yourself, please let the office know and Carol will get you one.

2023 ALTAR AND MEMORIAL FLOWER SIGNUP SHEETS ARE UP.

PLEASE PICKUP ANY EMPTY CONTAINERS you may have left in the kitchen. The containers are now up in the fellowship hall table for everyone's convenience.

SAVE THOSE CHRISTMAS CARDS. We are once again asking for your Christmas cards for our Sunday school kids to use to make crafts with. Please put them in the box in the educational wing and Thank You!

WINTER WEATHER GUIDELINES. Church will be closed if it is a Level 3 snow advisory. Please check the office answering machine message for updates. The west sanctuary doors and educational wing doors will not be unlocked, and the sidewalks will not be shoveled. Please use the south and east doors for entry.



SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

Orders are now being taken for your subs for Super Bowl Sunday on February 12th.

This year the Youth club will only be selling subs. You can have your choice of Ham or

Turkey and each sub

will be \$5.50 each. With your sub you will also get a bag of chips, a kosher pickle, and some candy bits.

Please sign up TODAY on the bulletin board in the educational wing.



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PROJECT SHERE of Margaretta Township Annual SPACHETTI BENEFIT

Grace Lutheran Church Saturday, March 4th 4:30 pm until sold out Free Will Offering

Spaghetti with meat sauce, Salad, Breadstick, and Dessert

Drive-Thru Pickup ONLY in Back of Church

Project Share of Margaretta Township is a 501(c)(3) organization who annually provides gifts, clothing, and food for families of Margaretta School District who share a need. Delivery is available for shut-ins, call 419-357-3672 to schedule a delivery.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

Grace Lutheran Church 203 S. Washington St. Castalia, OH 44824

When: Wednesday, February 8th Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until sold out) How: Free Drive-thru pickup in the back of church



Menu: Ham in Mac & Cheese, Peas, Lemon Fruit Salad & dessert

Delivery is available for shut-ins, call 419-357-3672 to schedule a delivery.



