

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Dan Groathouse, (Feb. 9); Caroline Johnson, (Feb. 11); Jerry Heggie, (Feb. 13); Tom Nachtigal, (Feb. 14); Albert Steiner, (Feb. 14); Shirley Heggie, (Feb. 15); Kathleen Oolman, (Feb. 15). Happy Birthday!

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU to our Youth for leading us in worship today. They would like to thank the Confirmation class for providing us with Ushers and Greeters this morning.

"SOUPER" BOWL OF CARING: We ask you for a simple way to help the Laramie Soup Kitchen. Just donate the same amount spent for Super Bowl snacks to the place that gives people "bread for hope." Thank you for being compassionate. Drop the donated items in the box on the back pew. Cash and/or gift cards should be turned in to Pastor Keith or the church office. All donations will be given to the Soup Kitchen just before Valentine's Day.

A COFFEE PERSON is needed for setting up and getting the coffee started for our Fellowship Time on Sundays. We are suggesting that you sign up for a month at a time. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gruver Room. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Cheryl Wilson @ 760-8731. Individuals and families are still asked to provide goodies on Sundays and this sign-up sheet is still posted on the pole in the Gruver Room.

DINNER FOR EIGHT! Once again we are gathering names of people interested in forming small groups to share a delicious dinner; warm conversation with a generous sprinkle of laughter. Groups will be meeting once a month, the host providing the main meal and drink and the rest providing the sides and dessert. We will keep adding groups as more people are interested, so there really is no true deadline. Please sign your name and phone number on the sheet posted on "The Pole" in the Gruver Room. This is open to anyone 18 and older.

FLOWER CHART 2014: The 2014 Flower Chart is posted on the pole in the Gruver Room. If you would like to sign up for flowers during the 2014 year, please feel free to do so.

FROM CAMPUS MINISTRIES LIAISON: Thank you to the congregation for their support of the campus ministry program. We have had immediate, generous response from people in signing up for food and meeting with the college students on Wednesdays during the first semester. There is a new sign-up sheet for food for the second semester on the pole in the Gruver Room. To schedule a visit with the campus group, please contact Terri Rittenburg at 343-2540 or tritt@uwyo.edu.

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCKS! Nothing beats a good, pot luck, so *today*; bring your favorite dish to share and your own table service please. After sharing a wonderful meal, stay for some fun! We will be playing various board and card games. You may bring your favorite game, or some will be provided for your enjoyment. Hopefully there will also be a craft table as well. See you soon!

2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available on a table in the north lobby area. Please pick yours up at your earliest convenience.

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PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 6th Sunday After Epiphany:
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37.



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Serving the Church

	<u>TODAY (2/9)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (2/16)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	8:00 a.m. Youth	8:00 a.m. Lindsay Conyers
	10:30 a.m. Youth	10:30 a.m. Eric Nye
<i>Acolyte:</i>	8:00 a.m. Albert Steiner	8:00 a.m. Nick Ferris
	10:30 a.m. Emily Brande	10:30 a.m. Philip Henry
<i>Ushers:</i>	8:00 a.m. Youth	8:00 a.m. Les & Karen Ommen
	10:30 a.m. Youth	10:30 a.m. Roland Kidwell Bob Campbell
<i>Greeters:</i>	8:00 a.m. Youth	8:00 a.m. Mari & Mikayla Martinez
	10:30 a.m. Youth	10:30 a.m. Pete & Joan Dana
<i>Nursery:</i>	8:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson	8:00 a.m. Lexi Dockter
	10:30 a.m. Rosalind Kidwell	10:30 a.m. Tracy Kidwell

Stewards: R. Kidwell & E. Nye *Altar Guild:* C. Frost/E. Nye

Coffee Fellowship: Kris Oolman

	<u>This Week at Trinity</u>
Sunday, Feb. 9	8:00 a.m. Worship-Youth Sunday
	9:15 a.m. SS / Coffee Fellowship
	9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m. Worship-Youth Sunday
Tuesday, Feb. 11	9:00 a.m. Quilters
Wednesday, Feb. 12	10:00 a.m. Women's Study
	6:00 p.m. Weds. Get-Away
	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m. Confirmation
Thursday, Feb. 13	7:00 p.m. Seekers



**YOU ARE THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD** MT. 5:
14

WE ARE HAPPY to have you with us today. We hope that our worship service has meaning for you and that you will come back and worship with us again soon. For those who wish, a nursery is provided during the worship service, just off the south lobby, for children ages five and younger. Please join us for coffee in the south lobby area after the service today.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please fill them out, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: You are encouraged to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. **Please** recycle the pieces that you do not choose to keep by putting them at either end of the pews at the back of the church. Help us save some trees! Thanks.

RIDE MINISTRY: Since there are now several people at church who need rides to worship, we have established a Ride Ministry. If you are interested in helping out with rides, please talk with Lois Hiller, 742-6455, or call the church office @ 745-4222.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (In unison)

Let us pray.

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.

ANTHEM: "A Mighty Wind"

by Simon Andrews

**Chancel Choir
based on a Tallis Canon**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1–12

Chris Henry

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Shout 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.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1–10

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹fear the LORD
and have great delight in ¹God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty ¹in the land;
the generation of the upright ¹will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be ¹in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness ¹for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ¹of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be gener- ¹ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹fairs with justice.

⁶**For they will nev- ¹er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ¹ing remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any ¹evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and ¹will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹on their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands ¹fast forever;
they will hold up their ¹head with honor.

**Glory be to the Father and ¹to the Son:
and to the ¹Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and e- ¹ver shall be:
world without end. ¹Amen.**

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

When 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,

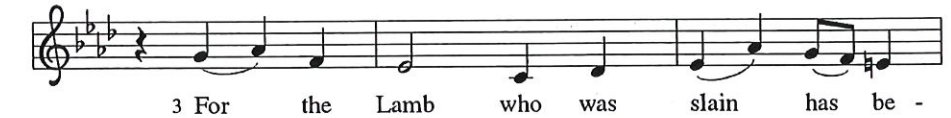
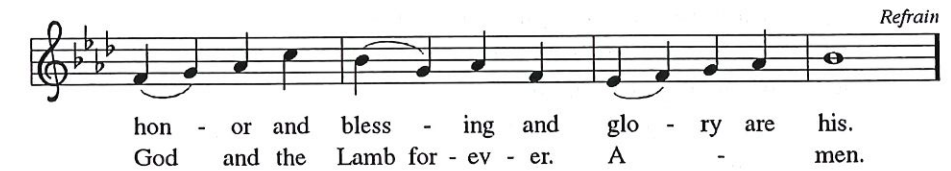
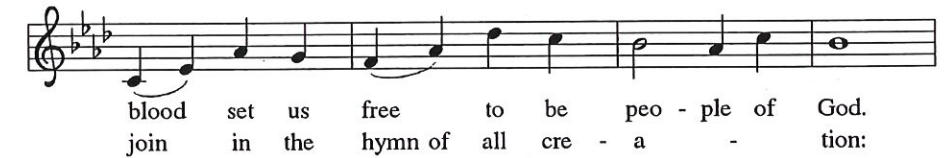
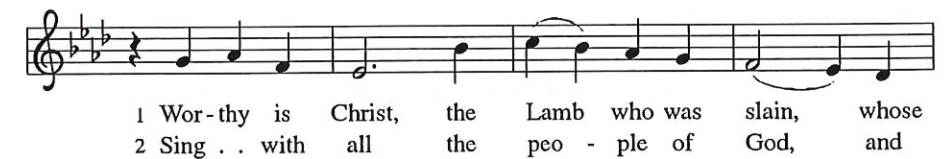
"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him" —

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.

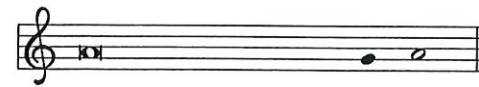
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



***HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast . . ."**



*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



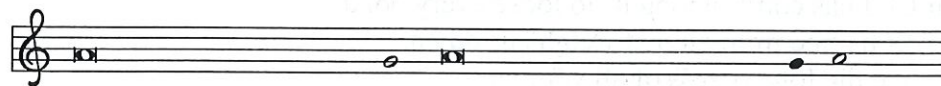
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



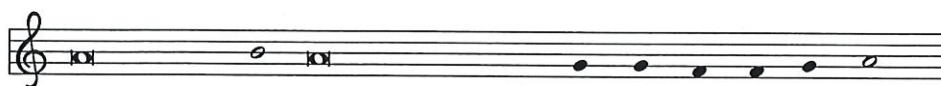
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:13–20

Jonah Henry

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

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 lamp-stand, 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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Rosalind Kidwell

THOMAS MASS:

Trinity Youth

HYMN: "You Are Mine"

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*APOSTLE'S 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;

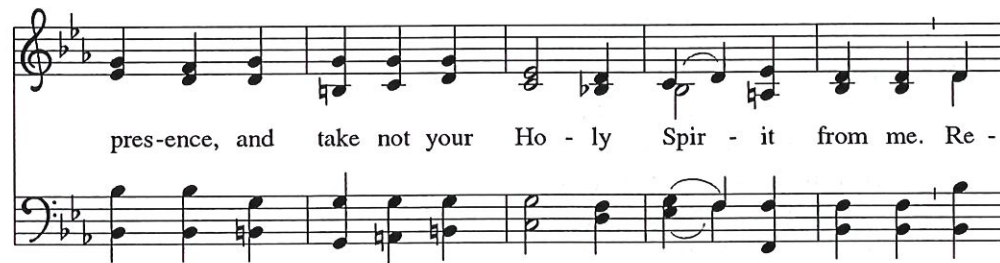
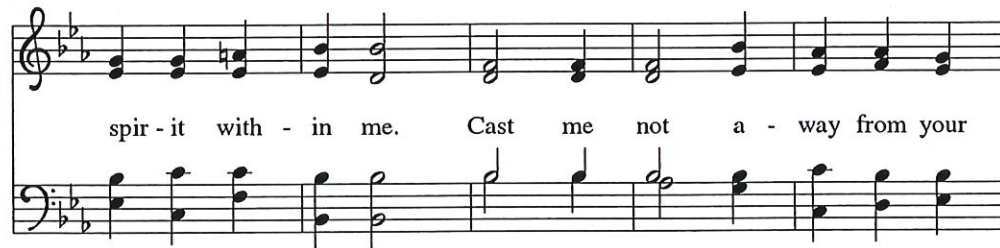
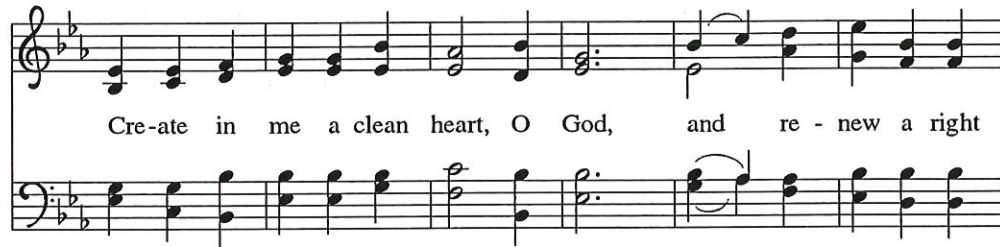
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”
Rosalind & Tracy Kidwell and Chris & Jonah Henry

*CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: “Create in Me . . .”



Let us come into the light of Christ.

(Silence for reflection)

Holy and Faithful God,
we so often choose our own way instead of yours.
We think we can evade your commandments.
We have spoken in ways that kill,
strayed with our hearts,
betrayed friends, and hated enemies.
We have broken our promises.
Search us deeply and create us anew.
Lift the heavy burden of our sin
and free us to follow your way of life.
Amen.

“Call upon me,” says the Lord, “and I will answer.”
Our God has come among us to loose every bond
and set us free from all that weighs us down.
Receive the forgiveness of all your sins
in the name of + Jesus Christ,
our crucified and risen Savior.
Amen.

*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.

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Sunday, February 9, 2014 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Youth Sunday

*Standing

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

PRELUDE:

WELCOME

*HYMN: “Gather Us In”

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*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.



*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

**A brief silence.*

Your light springs forth like the dawn. Call your church to share the mystery of your grace with a broken and searching world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Increase our care for the earth and all its creatures. Help us reflect your light in our use of these good gifts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You care for the weak and the strong, O God. Raise up leaders who will free the oppressed in all places. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Quickly send your healing for all in pain. Feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give light and life to this gathering of faith, that we may delight to know your ways and share them with a world longing to know you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

**Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Satisfy our needs until we gather with all your saints from every time and place in your glorious light. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

***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.**

***BLESSING:**

PARISH SHARING TIME:

***HYMN: "On Eagle's Wings"**

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***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES . . . HYMN CHIME:**

***POSTLUDE:**

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