

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 10, 2021

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH—9:30 AM



THE SEASON IS...

Epiphany. The season of Epiphany is both a festive season and ordinary time. During this season we celebrate Jesus' manifestation to the world as the incarnate Son of God. It begins with the visit of the magi, wise men from the East, and concludes with the Transfiguration on the mountain top. We are invited to behold the miracle of the incarnation in the world around us. In ordinary time we seek to behold the extraordinary love of God.

STEWARDSHIP—Herod commanded the Magi “to go and seek diligently for the child...” As grateful disciples and stewards, we need also to search for Jesus, to listen to his teachings, to worship together as a supporting community, and to carry out his mandate to love and serve others in his name. May we always be led by the star of his generous and eternal love!

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OUR PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. Please let us know if you have any additions or updates. The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like. **NOTE: Due to our services are live-streamed we felt it prudent for security not to publish the last names of people on our prayer list.** If you would like a copy of those listed with their full names, please contact the parish office.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector
The Reverend Charles Lane Cowen—Associate Rector
Terrence Gaus-Woollen—Director of Music
Jill Broadway—Cantor
Kathryn & Felicia Gaus-Woollen—Readers
Chris Ennis—A/V

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Organ

Paeon (Song of Praise)

K. Leighton

Song

T. Gaus-Woolen

Refrain

They are like trees plan - ted by streams of
wa - ter, bear - ing fruit in due sea - son, with leaves that do not
wi - ther; ev - ery thing they do, ev - ery thing they
do shall pros - per.

1. Happy are they, happy are they who have not walked
in the council of the wicked.
Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on the law day and night.
3. I lie down and go to sleep.
I wake again because the Lord sustains me.
Deliverance belongs to the Lord.
Your blessing be upon your people.

The Word of God

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity *Celebrant and People*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria *Spoken in unison,*

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

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

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

*In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.*

The Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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Hymn 128 vs. 1 & 5



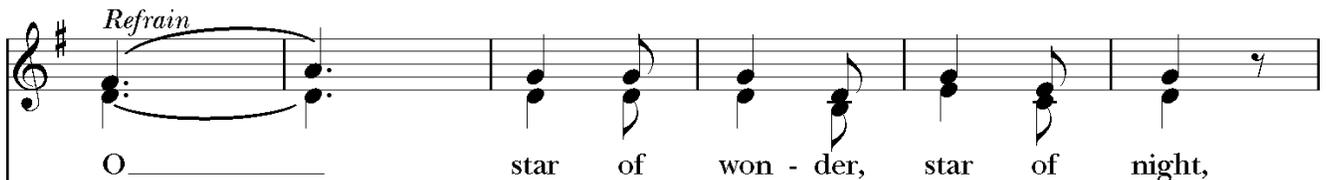
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



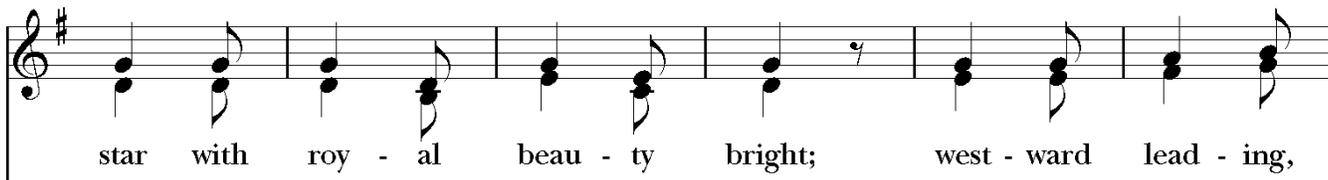
1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



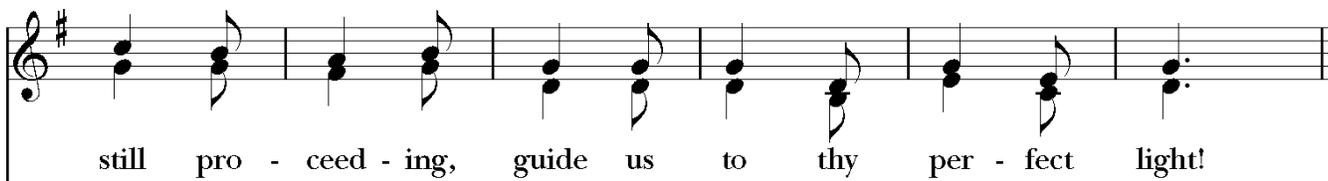
1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



O star of won - der, star of night,



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:
The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Downing

The 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially, Jim, Christopher, Lu Ann, Vince, Dana, Adam, Nate, Mary Ann, Makia, Marianne, John, those killed in the riot at the Capitol, and all those suffering from the coronavirus; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give God grateful thanks for the ministry of Terry and Katie in the life of the parish.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Celebrant continues

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

Celebrant

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

Offertory Anthem

God Is Light

T. Gaus-Woollen

God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.
If we walk in the light as God himself is the light,
We have fellowship with one another.

*How wonderful it is, how pleasant
When God's children live together in harmony.
How wonderful it is, how pleasant
When God's children live together in unity.*

God, who is faithful and just will forgive and cleanse us.
For we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous,
And he has atoned for the sins of the whole world.

The 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 God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant Continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***AMEN.***

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God.
The People may be seated.

Communion Song

Jesus Prayer/Alleluia

Gaus-Woollen

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
Have mercy upon us.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
We praise your name for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

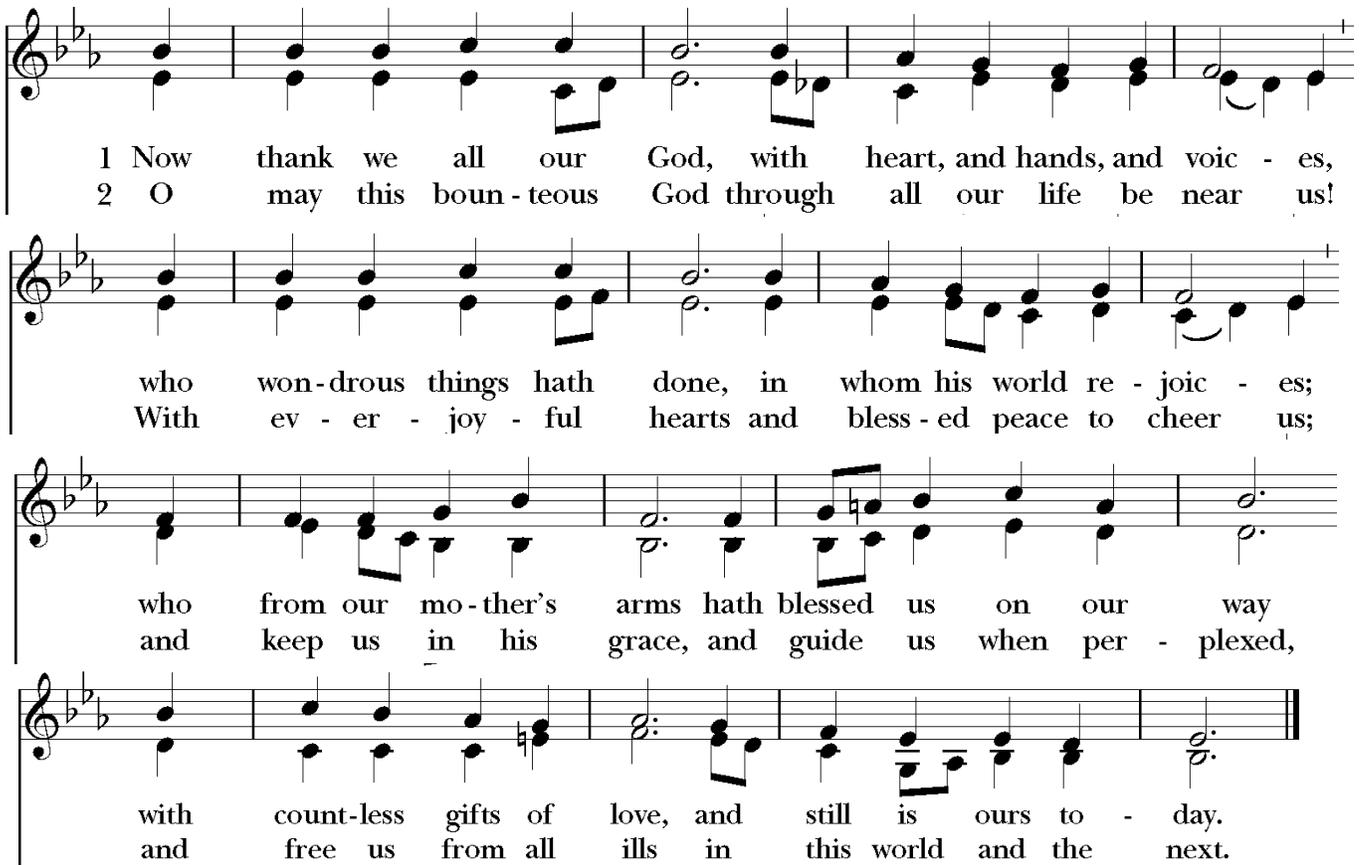
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Prayer for Leave Taking

Hymn 397



1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

Alpine Fantasy

Gaus-Woolen

The altar flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph William Chinn Jr.

The flowers were arranged by Susan Fullerton.

Announcements

In person public worship is suspended. Bishop Brown will make a determination every Tuesday as to when the suspension will be lifted.

Today we will have a special 10:30 am coffee hour zoom to honor Terry and Kathie Gaus-Woollen. Zoom information was sent out via email.

Monday Bible study at noon continues in January via Zoom. We will be reading the Gospel of Mark. If you would like to join the bible study, please contact the parish office at office@trinityparishde.org.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration - Monday, January 18th, 2021, 7:00p, via YouTube This year the focus is lifting up the voices of our children and youth from houses of worship in the 9th Ward as they respond to the question: What is your dream for how the world will be new and different in 2021?

Sharing a meal with our neighbors at Friendship House. We are looking for volunteers to continue our commitment to provide meals and fellowship for residents of the Friendship House's transitional homes, Andrew's Place and Epiphany House. With enough volunteers, you would only have to provide a meal once or twice a year. Currently, we have volunteers through January. For more information and to sign up, please contact Sarah Berninger: 302-351-2422 or berninger59@comcast.net.

Do you need help during the pandemic? Our clergy have discretionary funds to help. Our process is to have you contact Zuly, our social worker (zuly@trinityparishde.org). In strict confidence, she will talk with you about your needs, connect to wider programs if possible and access our discretionary funds for you. Currently, we are offering \$150 to any household in the parish who is in need. We feel that we can make those gifts every other week for the next few months before running out of our combine funds. We will update you if our funds are running low. "With the Spirit working through us we can do infinitely more than we could ask or imagine." Also, Zuly can give you information on food banks that are open and guide you to other services you may need in this challenging time.