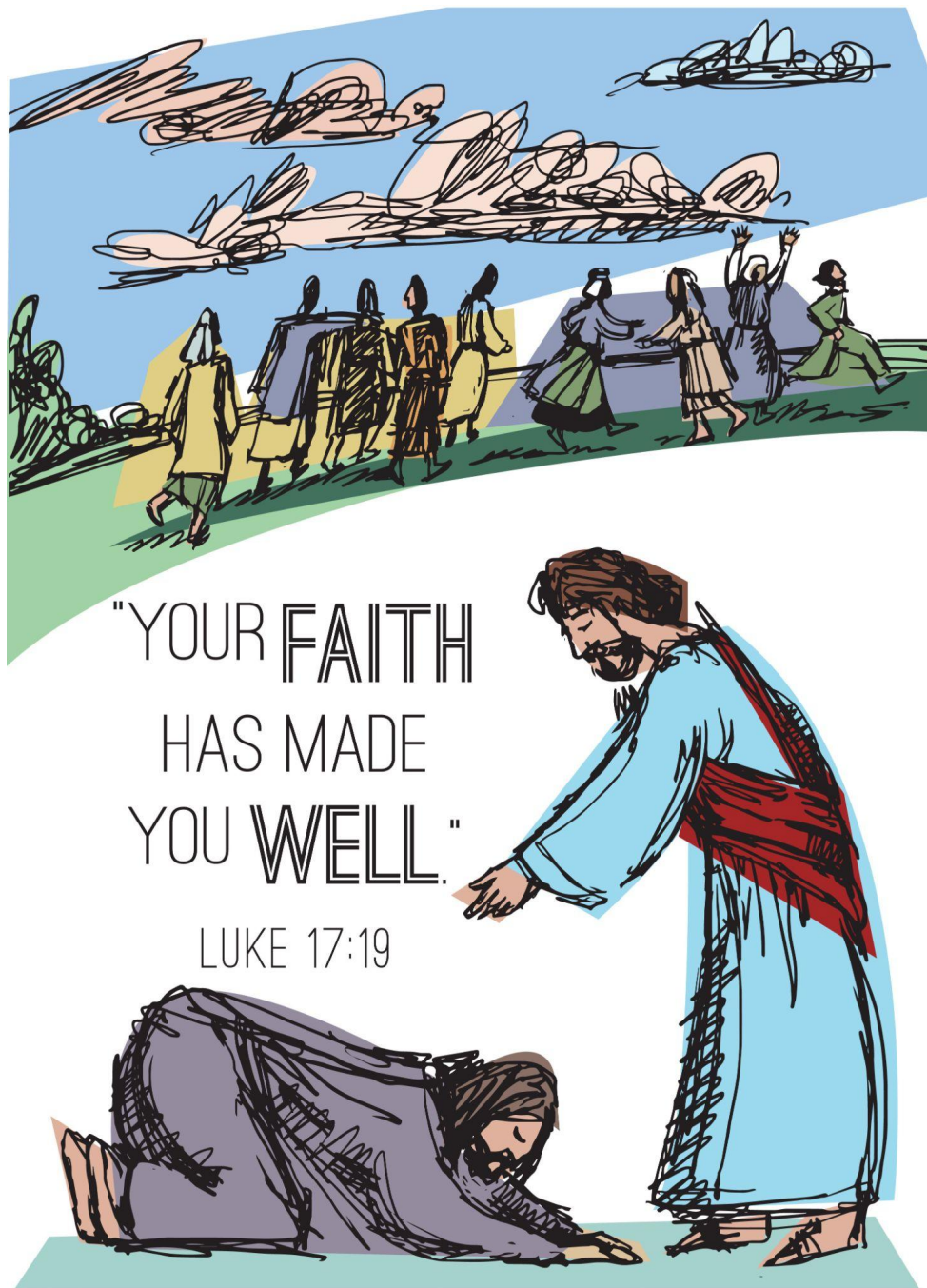




"YOUR FAITH
HAS MADE
YOU WELL."

LUKE 17:19

October 12, 2025
18th Sunday after Pentecost



**LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE NATIVITY**

Gathering through the love of Christ to care, grow, and serve.

8:30 am Worship

Gathering

Ministry Moment

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as able

Hymn

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW 768

Confession and Forgiveness

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Second Reading

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Gospel

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

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as able

Apostles' Creed

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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

*God of grace, receive our prayer.
...and friend. Amen.*

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Greet those around you and remain standing.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. **Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver

us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Come to the feast of the baptized,
where Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy. All are welcome.

Communion

Communion will be served in a continuous fashion. Grape juice is available in the center of each tray. Grape juice is available. A gluten-free, celiac-friendly option is also available. Please ask the server if you require a gluten-free option. If you wish to come forward for a blessing but not commune, please cross your arms over your chest.

Please stand as able

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. **Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

Dismissal

A: As disciples of Jesus at Nativity, **we are gathering through the love of Christ to care, grow, and serve. Amen.**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation!

Please return your bulletin to be used at 10am worship.

10 am Worship

Gathering

Two Minute Ministry Moment

Welcome, and Announcements

Prelude

Sonata in F Major
Movements 1 and 2
Andrea Haulk, Flute

G. F. Handel

Please stand as able

Confession and Forgiveness

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Hymn

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

ELW 858

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.**

Canticle of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. **Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

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Word

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Verse 1 by choir alone; Verses 2-3 everyone



1 I will give thanks, O God, with all my
2 I will give thanks, O God, for all your
3 I will give thanks, O God, from age to



heart;
deeds:
age:
praise with this peo - ple gath - ered
praise for your end - less mer - cy,
praise to the Word of Wis - dom,



in your name. Great are your works, O God,
gra - cious love, food for the hun - gry soul,
Ra - diant Light! Blest be your ho - ly name,



ex - qui - site in de - light; your beau - ty
a - bun - dance for the poor; your good - ness
O God of love and life; your glo - ry



en - dures for - ev - er.
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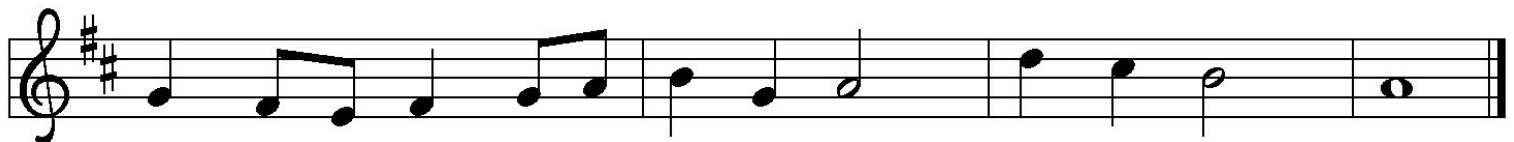
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Please stand as able at the introduction

Gospel Acclamation



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



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

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Peace

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*Greet those near you and then be seated.
Children rejoin families after Children's Word Time*

Meal

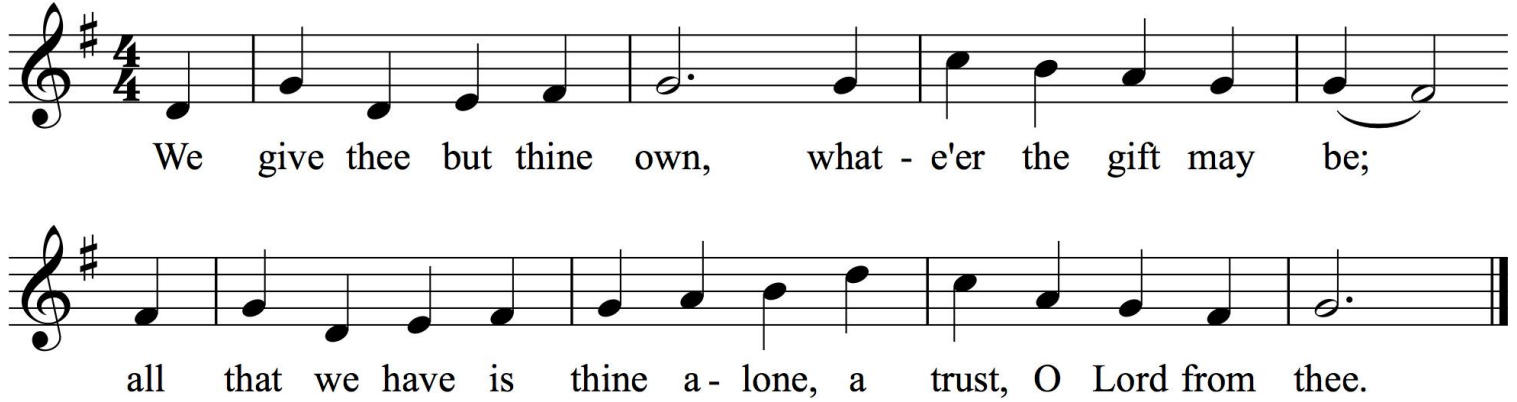
Offering

We Come to You For Healing

Ruth Elaine Schram

Please stand as able

Offering Response



Two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

Offering Prayer

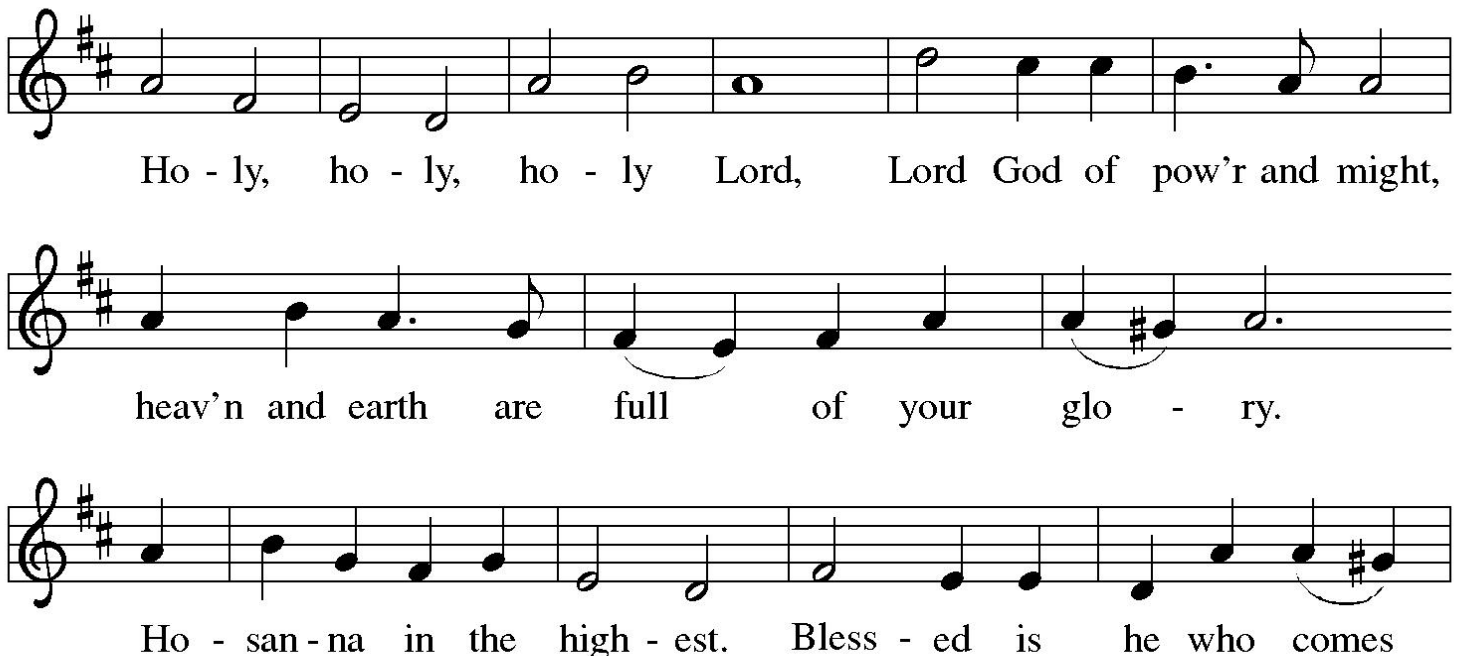
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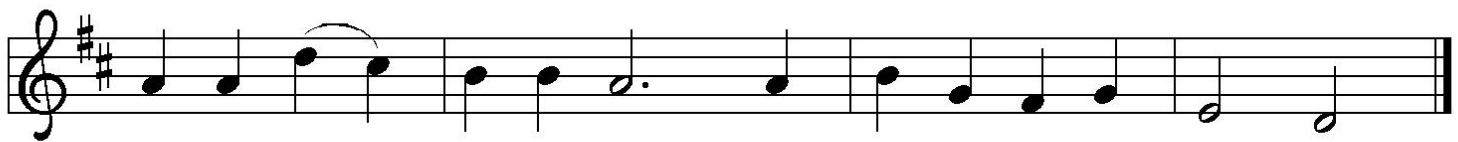
Preface (4 measure intro)

join their unending hymn...



Three staves of music in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

*Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.***

*Proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*Now and forever. **Amen.***

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.

Invitation to Communion

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Please be seated

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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Communion

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Music During Communion

Sonata in F Major - G. F. Handel
Movements 3 and 4

Please stand as able

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Song



Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love en - vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.

Prayer after Communion

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Sending

Blessing

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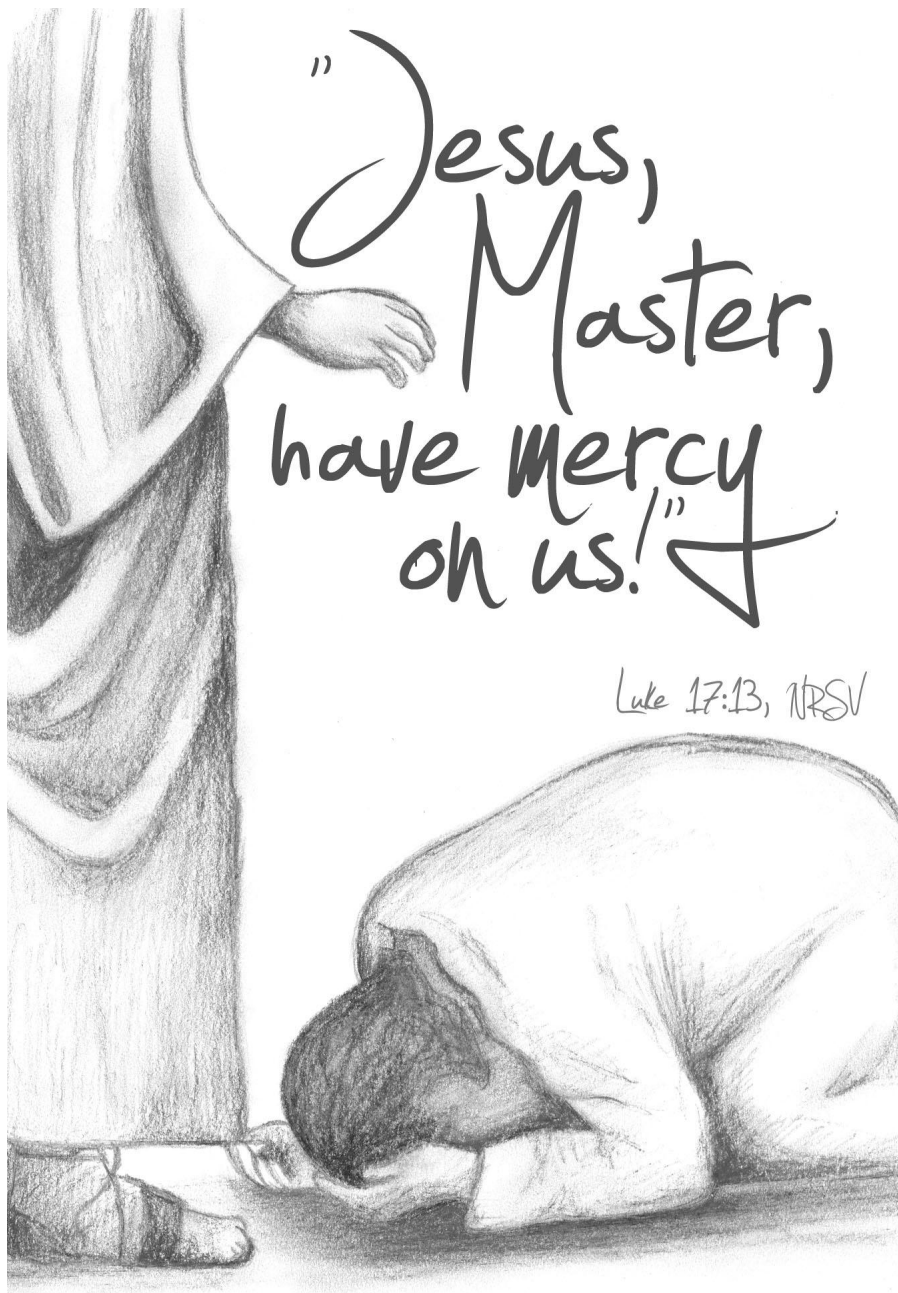
Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arr. Benjamin Culli

You are invited to remain seated for the postlude today

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation!



Concerts and Worship Happenings

Lutheran Church of the Nativity 2425 Hendersonville Rd. Arden, NC

Hymn Festival: The Hymns of Mary Louise Bringle *Sunday, October 19 @ 4pm*

Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle is Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and Coordinator of Integrated Studies Major at Brevard College. A professor at heart, a published author and a theologian by training, Dr. Bringle became an award-winning hymn writer whose original texts and translations appear in hymnals around the world including Evangelical Lutheran Worship and All Creation Sings which we use in our parish. Mel will talk about hymnody in worship, hymn writing and we will sing some of her hymns along with the festival choir and instruments.



Tom Eure & Amelia Osborne: Folk Duo *Sunday, November 16 @ 10am worship*

Tom Eure & Amelia Osborne offer up a heartfelt fusion of Folk, Celtic, and Appalachian influences. The two come together as a veteran singer songwriter and a fine artist with the voice of an angel, combining their multi-instrumentalist talents to paint a musical picture as uplifting as it is engaging.

The duo hail from the fertile musical grounds of North Carolina, where they draw endless inspiration. Their "folk process" of absorbing musical traditions and allowing them to shape their own sound creates a unique folk fusion.

Tom and Amelia have led music at various synod gatherings and will be in concert the same afternoon at 4pm at St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church in Flat Rock.



Blue Ridge Ringers *Sunday, December 14 at 4pm*

The Blue Ridge Ringers will be here to share some Christmas favorites old and new. They were with us last year and we had such a great response they will be here again. Come get in the spirit of the season with a great afternoon of ringing.

