Second Sunday after Epiphany January 19, 2025



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
EAST BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

PRELUDE "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" Joham Walther Please take a moment to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Susan J. McCarthy

Children are invited to come to the front of the nave for a time of worship and learning.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

ELW 310

*APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people.

Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn,

and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,

and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you,

and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 36:5-10 (read responsively)

- ⁵ Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.
- ⁷ How priceless is your love, O God!
 - All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
- ¹⁰ Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Here ends the Psalm.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

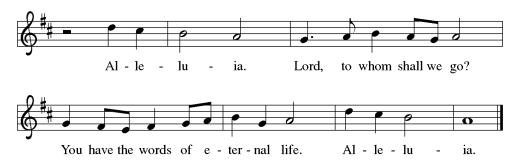
¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

KIDS' COOKIE BREAK

Children are invited to the social hall for an activity and a snack.

SERMON

Rev. Susan J. McCarthy

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We come before God with praise and thanks to bring our concerns and seek God's blessing. With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire each of us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, *pause*. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites, especially our local partners and New Hope Ministries. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Those gathered share a sign of Christ's peace with those around them. This may be a handshake, a hug, a wave, a smile, etc.

OFFERING

Your offering here at Trinity is an act of worship. In discipleship we dedicate all of our selves to the Lord for his use in the world: our talents, our treasures, and our time. Thank you for your giving here as we seek to do God's will together! (Offering plates may be found at either entrance to the worship space.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"

Dave Perry

ELW 488

*OFFERTORY

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (Verse 4)

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Move us to overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

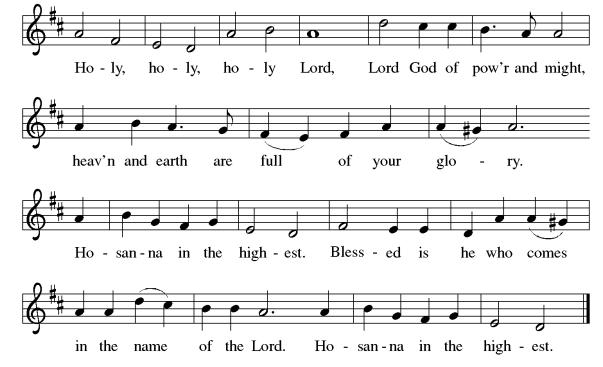
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

*FRACTION AND INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We believe Christ himself invites you to this holy meal. All believers are welcome to receive the sacrament at his table. Holy Communion will be served in a continuous flow. Please come forward to receive the bread and wine from the ministers. Also available are gluten free wafers, grape juice, and sealed pre-consecrated wafer/juice packets.

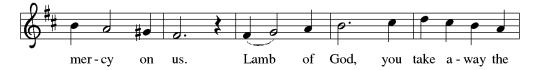
*LAMB OF GOD



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



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COMMUNION HYMNS

"Now the Silence"	ELW 460
"Will You Come and Follow Me"	ELW 798
"We All Are One in Mission"	ELW 576

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

*BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion and send you in love. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"We All Are One in Mission"

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Announcements

To Serve God And His Church During The Coming Week

Sunday	10:30a.m.	Christian Education (Kids)
Sunday	2:00p.m.	Game Day
Sunday	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Monday	6:00p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Breakfast at Graybill's
Wednesday	10:00a.m.	Prayer Service
Wednesday	12:30p.m.	Ruth's Harvest Packing
Thursday	8:30a.m.	Cleaning Crew #2
Thursday	10:00a.m.	Property Committee
Thursday	11:30-12:30	Pie Sale
Thursday	6:00p.m.	Girl Scouts
Thursday	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Friday	11:30-12:30 5-6pn	n Pie Sale
Sunday	8:15a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00a.m.	Worship Service

Assisting in the Service Today: Assisting Minister: Charlie Hoffman; Lector: Eddie Sebright; Communion Assistant: Bob King; Ushers: Janet & Mac McMaster, Sandy Emig; Altar Guild: Janet McMaster; Hymn Leaders: Sami Kurtz, Dona Lerew; Cookie Break: Lisa Miller; Acolyte: Konner Hermansen.

We welcome visitors – If you have questions during worship, feel free to ask the ushers in the back or anyone around you. We believe Christ himself invites us to His Table; all believers are invited to share in Holy Communion. If you'd like to join our mailing list, please fill out a visitors' slip and place it in the offering plate or scan the QR code here.



Blank Giving Envelopes are available in the pews if you need an envelope for giving contributions.

Offering Plates are located in the rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex (lobby) near the front entrance. Please make your giving your first or last act of worship today. Thank you for participating in Christ's ministry here!

NO Adult Sunday School

today. Christian Education for the kids will still be held!

Trinity's Game Day! Join us <u>TODAY</u> from 2:00-4:00pm for a game day! Game day is for kids and adults. Snacks and drinks will be served. Bring board games, cards, or any game you like to play!

2024 Giving Statements are available in the Narthex. Please take yours home today to save us the cost of postage to mail them home.

The Discipleship Team is looking for a few volunteers to substitute as Sunday School teachers & help to plan for the future of Christian Education here at Trinity. Please let us know how you'd like to help! Reach out to Pastor Susan, Lisa Miller, or Joshlyn Sharrer for additional information. Thank you!

Initial Offering Envelopes: We are very appreciative of any offering to Trinity! Please note that the initial offering envelope in your box of envelopes is designated to defer the cost of the giving envelopes.

MANY THANKS to you for your generous support of our general operating expenses and ministries here at Trinity! Your prayerful participation in giving time, talent and treasure make Christ's work possible here. Thank You!

Use this QR code to donate today:

WELCA will be having a pie sale on January 23rd & 24th of Shoo-Fly & Cherry Crumb & Cherry 2-Crust. Sign up near the bulletin board or call Judy at 717-259-9507. Pick up will be 11:30 to 12:30 on Thursday & Friday & 5-6:00 on Friday. Pies will be \$12. Proceeds will go for repair of the Steeple on church.

Italian Themed Valentine's Party
Saturday, February 15th at 5:00pm. The
cost is \$13 per person or \$25 per
couple. Sign-up on the sheet in the
Narthex

Save the Date! for the next Family Retreat – March 21, 22, 23, 2025

Are you creative? Would you like to help us welcome guests who attend our weekly service? Then please consider helping us to make Guest Gift Bags. A handout with additional details is available on the table in the upstairs lobby (Narthex). There is also a sign-up sheet on the table—if you'd like to help, please sign your name to cover a month of this calendar year. We need someone to sign up for the month of January. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Adopt a Homebound Disciple: In this ministry, you can "adopt" those members of our church family who are no longer able to regularly attend worship or participate in activities due to age or illness. We would like to have two people for each person. You'll have the chance to visit your adoptee every other month, to remember them on special days, and to simply let them know that they are still

part of our family. Just call Judy Burgard or see the sign-up form on the bulletin board if you're interested.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING HAS BEGUN!

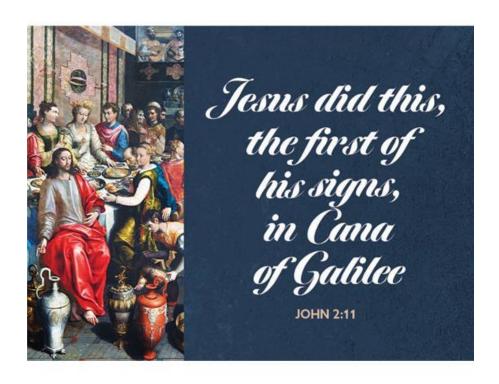
The Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive is a friendly competition with other local congregations to support the Abbottstown/East Berlin Food Pantries. This year's featured item is **Laundry Detergent!** All soup and non-perishable food items are worth one point and will go to New Hope Ministries. All single-

serving food items are worth one point and will go to Ruth's Harvest for local school children. Personal care items (deodorant, shampoo, etc) and cleaning supplies are worth five points and will be distributed where they are needed most. Laundry detergent bottles are worth ten points! Monetary donations are also accepted and \$1=1 point. The congregation with the highest point total will take home the trophy for display. Congratulations to Trinity, our 2024 winner! Start bringing in those donations!

2025 Weekly Contributions					
Budget vs. Actual					
Through January 13, 2025					
Month	<u>Amount</u>	YTD 2025	%		
January Budgeted Income	9,193	9,193			
January Actual Income	7,489	7,489			
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	(1,704)	(1,704)	(18.5)		

January 12, 2025 Worship Totals Worship Service95

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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church East Berlin, Pennsylvania

Our Mission: We are a family of Christian disciples committed to making Christ

known while loving and serving God and neighbors.

Our Vision: To fulfill our mission, we will:

Worship through liturgy, music, prayer & Sacraments;

Teach God's Word and nurture spiritual growth;

Serve and provide for those in need;

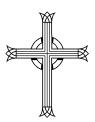
Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

Celebrate with fellowship;

Return with joy what God has given;

Be active in our community and the Church.

Worship, Serve, Celebrate!



Worship: Sunday, 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

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