

First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
EAST BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA**

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Darlene Eisenhart	Bryce Krichten	Rachel Sanders	People of Syria
Barry Emig	Eddie Krichten	Robert Secrist	People of South Sudan
Jason Emler	Emma Krichten	Molly Shaw	Nations in conflict
Barb Enright	Doris and Mike Krichten	Christine Sheads	
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		Darlene Shrader	
		Logan Siekerman	

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

PRELUDE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Janet Vogt

Please take a moment to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Angela Zimmann

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

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us,

we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.

We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace.

Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again.

Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.

Amen.

Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

“Once in Royal David's City”

ELW 269

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Having dedicated her son Samuel to God’s service, Hannah visits him every year when she and her husband Elkanah come to the temple to offer sacrifices. God grants Hannah more children, and Samuel himself gains favor in the sight of all.

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148 *(read responsively)*

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
⁹ mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**
¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
¹² **young men and maidens,
old and young together.**
¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**
Here ends the Psalm.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17

Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with new garments upon arising from the baptismal waters, so all who have received God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL VERSE**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"
(Verse 3)

ELW 289

***HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.

⁴¹ Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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. Angela Zimmann

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

ELW 288

***RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We come before God with praise and thanks to bring our concerns and seek God's blessing.

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Blessed are you, Prince of peace.

You rule the earth with truth and justice.

Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary.

You share our humanity.

Have mercy on the sick, the dying,

and all who suffer this day, especially *(pause for silent prayer).*

Blessed are you, Son of God.

You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament

that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen

***PEACE**

The peace of the incarnate 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

"In Dulci Jubilo"

Marcel Dupré

***OFFERTORY**

"What Child Is This"
(Verses 1 & 3)

ELW 296

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

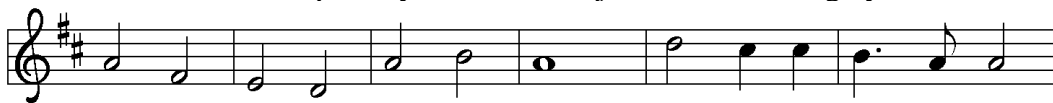
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give 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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:



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.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Holy God,

Creator of all and Source of life,
at the birth of time
your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time,
you sent your Word, born of Mary,
to shine in our darkness
and to make us your daughters and sons.

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 birth and life among us,
his death and resurrection,
we await his coming again
when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you,
we may live as your children,
shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

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

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.

Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

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



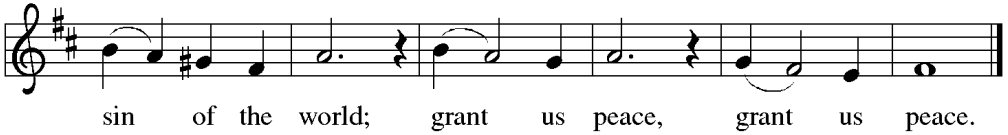
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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COMMUNION HYMNS

“Cold December Flies Away”

ELW 299

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

ELW 290

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*BLESSING

The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

Amen.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

Edwin C. Johnson

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Announcements
To Serve God And His Church
During The Coming Week

Sunday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Wednesday.....		Happy New Year!
Wednesday.....		Video Prayer Service
Thursday.....	6:00p.m.	Girl Scouts
Thursday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Sunday.....	9:00a.m.	Worship Service
Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Drive-Through Communion

Assisting in the Service Today: Assisting Minister: Violet Chidester; Lector: Sandy Emig; Communion Assistant: Sue Clauser; Ushers: Jim & Noelle Kline, Ruthann Bowen; Altar Guild: Noelle Kline; Hymn Leader: Becky Rinehart; Cookie Break: Erin Hermansen; Acolyte: Koltyn Hermansen.

We Welcome Rev. Angela Zimmann who is serving as our supply pastor.

Thank You Mike Brown for our piano prelude this morning.

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 Bible Study Monday, December 30th. We will resume our study on Monday, January 6th with a look at the Bible texts for Epiphany, especially Matthew's telling of the arrival of the Wisemen.

Did You Move or Change Your Phone Number? Any updates to the church directory should be sent to Jen in the church office at secretary@trinitylutheraneb.org

“Fill My Cup” Women’s Retreat @ St. Paul, Broadway, Hanover is 1/18/25. All women are invited from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2025 for a day of learning, worship and fellowship. The speaker will be Eric Burns, proprietor of Merlin’s Coffee in Hanover. Be ready to taste test some coffees! Deacon Jan Davis will lead us in Bible study (please bring your own Bible), a craft and worship. Please bring a dessert to share if you are able. Registration is \$20.00 and is due by Sunday, January 12. Family and friends are welcome! Contact Jen in the church office for a registration form or look for one in the upcoming January newsletter.

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!

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

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. -- 2Corinthians 9:7
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 Pie Sale: January 23 & 24
WELCA will be making Shoo-fly and Cherry pies. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Proceeds will go to help with the bell tower repairs.

The January Newsletter will be a combined issue with February that will be published at the beginning of January.

Use the Online Directory on Church Connect! If you have a smartphone, tablet or computer we encourage you to register by simply scanning the QR code and/or entering the web address



https://trinitylutheraneb.churchtrac.com/
and follow the instructions in the
Church Connect brochure to create

your account. If you need any
assistance, please contact Jen Guiher
or Bob King.

2024 Weekly Contributions			
Budget vs. Actual			
Through December 23, 2024			
Month	Amount	YTD 2024	%
December Budgeted Income	17,744	230,667	
December Actual Income	18,850	215,001	
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	1,107	(15,666)	(6.8)

December 22, 2024 Worship Totals

Worship Service121
Online Livestream *Views.....*109/218

Trinity Directory Deadline!!! January 15, 2025

If you wish to have your family photo included in the directory you must do one of the following on or before January 15, 2025.

- Complete registration on Church Connect
- Arrange to have you photo taken by Bob King or Mark Boyer
- Email or Text your digital photo Bob King
 - Email: rlkingwalst@comcast.net
 - Text: 717-877-0616

We highly recommend registration on Church Connect that offers the following benefits:

- ✓ Ability to manage your individual and family profiles
- ✓ Trinity Website
- ✓ Real-time online directory with ability to call and email by simply clicking on a link
- ✓ View and print Contribution statements
- ✓ Trinity Events Calendar

Step- by- step instructions to register on Church Connect have been previously emailed and are available at the Church or by contacting Bob King.

***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;

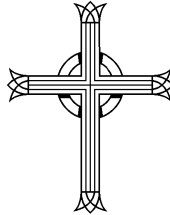
Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

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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