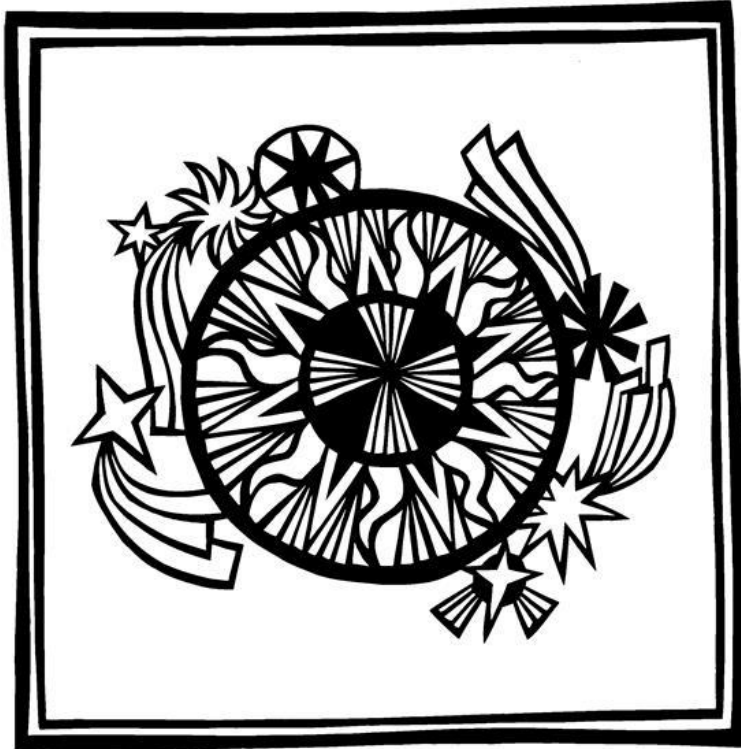


# **Second Sunday of Christmas**

**January 5, 2025**



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

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Brillhart  
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Kim Smith & Family  
Family of Phyllis  
Spahr  
Sandra Taylor  
Jordan Teal  
Roberta Teal  
Angela Thornton  
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Clark Warner  
Keanan Weedon  
Vickie & Jack White  
Linda Williams  
Doris Wolf  
Debbie Young  
Debra Zearfoss  
Baby Liam  
Jose, Yadira, &  
Cristian  
Jorge and Family  
Bob F.  
McKena  
Amanda  
Wendy  
Those who serve  
others  
Military Personnel  
Refugees  
Those with private  
concerns  
Flood/Hurricane  
Victims  
People of Syria  
People of South Sudan  
Nations in conflict

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.*

## PRELUDE

*"The First Noel"*

Neil Harmon

*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

*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

*"The First Noel"*

ELW 300

(Verses 1-3)

## \*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

**Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

*God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God’s gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.*

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 147:12-20** (*read responsively*)

<sup>12</sup> Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion,

<sup>13</sup> **who has strengthened the bars of your gates  
and has blessed your children within you.**

<sup>14</sup> God has established peace on your borders  
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

<sup>15</sup> **God sends out a command to the earth,  
a word that runs very swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup> God gives snow like wool,  
scattering frost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup> **God scatters hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand against God's cold?**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup> **God declares the word to Jacob,  
statutes and judgments to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup> The LORD has not done so to any other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

*Here ends the Psalm.*

## SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*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.

### \*HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>When

King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"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."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

## **\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

ELW 270

## **\*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**      *"While By Our Sleeping Flocks We Lay"*      Hugh Livingston

**\*OFFERTORY**

*"The First Noel"*  
(Verse 5)

ELW 300

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

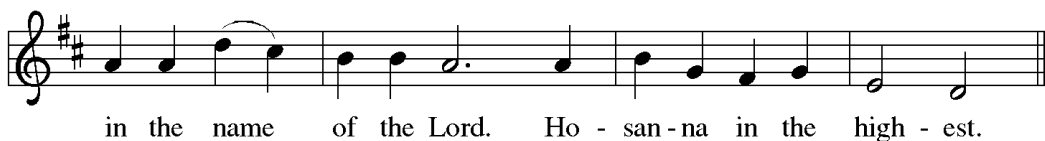
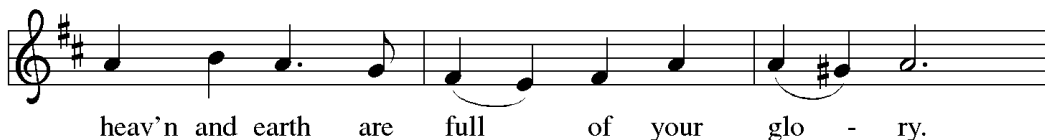
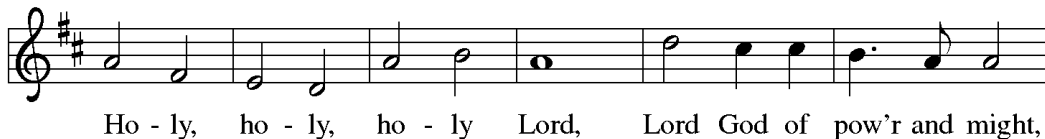
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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:



### **\*EUCHARISTIC 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



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*“Let Our Gladness Have No End”*

ELW 291

*“Let All Together Praise Our God”*

ELW 287

### \*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.

**Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*“Cold December Flies Away”*

Keith Kolander



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**Announcements**  
*To Serve God And His Church*  
*During The Coming Week*

|                |              |                           |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Sunday.....    | 10:30a.m.    | Drive-Through Communion   |
| Sunday.....    | 10:30a.m.    | Christian Education       |
| Sunday.....    | 6:30p.m.     | AA Meeting                |
| Monday.....    | 6:00p.m.     | Bible Study               |
| Monday.....    | 7:30p.m.     | Discipleship Meeting      |
| Tuesday.....   | 5:00p.m.     | Worship & Music Committee |
| Tuesday.....   | 7:00p.m.     | WELCA Meeting             |
| Wednesday..... | 8:30a.m.     | Breakfast at Graybill's   |
| Wednesday..... | 10:00a.m.    | Prayer Service            |
| Wednesday..... | 2:00p.m.     | Prayer Shawls             |
| Wednesday..... | 3:00p.m.     | Community Fellowship      |
| Wednesday..... | 4:00-6:00p.m | Food Pantry               |
| Wednesday..... | 7:00p.m.     | Handbell Rehearsal        |
| Thursday.....  | 8:30a.m.     | Cleaning Crew #1          |
| Thursday.....  | 10:00a.m.    | Caregivers' Group Meeting |
| Thursday.....  | 6:00p.m.     | Girl Scouts               |
| Thursday.....  | 6:30p.m.     | AA Meeting                |
| Sunday.....    | 9:00a.m.     | Worship Service           |

**Assisting in the Service Today:** Assisting Minister: Melissa Henry; Lector: Sami Kurtz; Communion Assistant: Alex Sharrer; Ushers: Joyce Ferrence, George & MaryAnn Vance; Altar Guild: Anita Madsen; Hymn Leader: Barry Bowdoin; Cookie Break: Anita Madsen; Acolyte: Jack Biles.

**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!

**“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.

**Trinity’s Game Day!** Join us January 19, 2025 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!

| <b>2024 Weekly Contributions</b> |               |                 |          |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|
| <b>Budget vs. Actual</b>         |               |                 |          |
| <b>Through December 31, 2024</b> |               |                 |          |
| <b>Month</b>                     | <b>Amount</b> | <b>YTD 2024</b> | <b>%</b> |
| December Budgeted Income         | 17,744        | 230,667         |          |
| December Actual Income           | 24,332        | 220,482         |          |
| Over/(Under)Budgeted Income      | 6,588         | (10,185)        | (4.4)    |

**December 29, 2024 Worship Totals**

Worship Service .....72  
 Online Livestream \*Views.....\*60/120

**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;

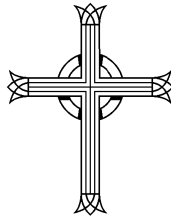
**Witness** to others by sharing the Gospel;

**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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