Third Sunday after Epiphany January 26, 2025



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
EAST BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

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Louise Eisenhart	Stephanie Koontz	Donna Rubicam	_
Barry Emig	Eddie Krichten	Tiffany Rudisill	concerns
Wade Emig	Emma Krichten	Rachel Sanders	Wildfire Victims in
Jason Emlet	Sally Leas	Family of Carrie	CA
Barb Enright	Mel Lebo	Schmoyer	Flood/Hurricane
Ermaleen Etter	Wanda Lebo	Robert Secrist	Victims
Carol Fadenrecht	Don Lehmann	Molly Shaw	People of Syria
Karen Fichett	Michele Lener	Christine Sheads	People of South Sudan
Robin Starry Fields	Donna Linn	Lisa Sheads	Nations in conflict
Family of Marieann	Chris Long	Mary Shoemaker	LGBTQ Community

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

"One Bread, One Body" Ron Schmoltze **PRELUDE**

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

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

ELW 314

*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.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the LORD is your strength."

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19 (read responsively)

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- ² One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³ Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴ their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- ⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- ⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Here ends the Psalm.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

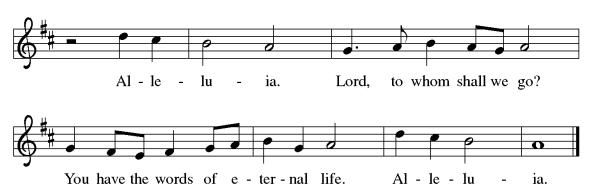
¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

- ¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.
- ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:
 - ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

- ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
- ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

"Let Streams of Living Justice"

ELW 710

*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.

As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share and study scripture. Inspire in all of us a passion for the stories of faith. God of grace, hear our prayer.

As the beauty of creation proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize us to eliminate poverty and engage in ministry to bring justice. Help us to envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As your word and presence revive our souls, accompany everyone experiencing illness, and their caregivers; especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, *pause*. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve in this place. Renew and inspire everyone in this congregation, community, and the world to do your will. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church and our beloved friends and family who have died. 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 all 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.)

*OFFERTORY

"We All Are One in Mission"
(Verse 1 & 2)

ELW 576

*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.

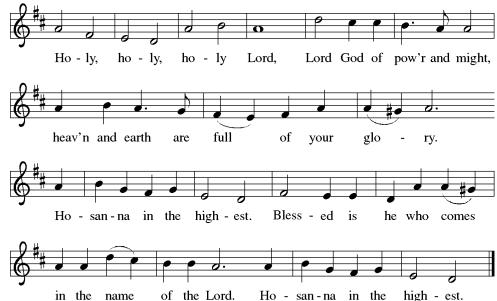
Lift up your hearts.

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.

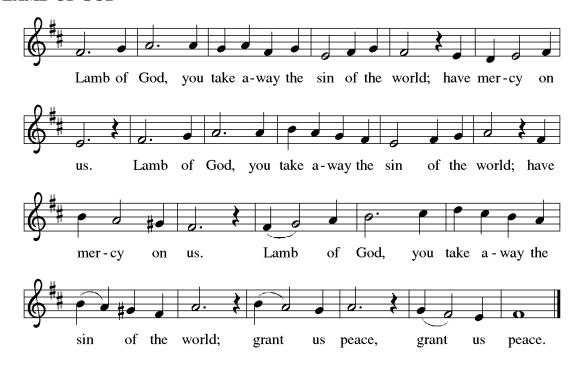
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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



COMMUNION HYMNS

"Christ, Be Our Light"	ELW 715
"One Bread, One Body"	ELW 496
"For the Fruit of All Creation"	ELW 679

*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

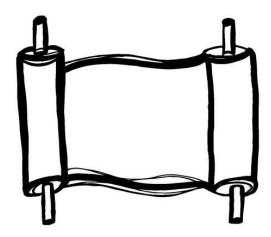
Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"We All Are One in Mission"

Mark Sedio



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Announcements

To Serve God And His Church During The Coming Week

Sunday	10:30a.m.	Christian Education
Sunday	2:00p.m.	Game Day
Sunday	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Monday	6:00p.m.	Bible Study
Monday	6:30p.m.	Girl Scouts
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	Breakfast at Graybill's
Wednesday	10:00a.m.	Prayer Service
Wednesday	7:00p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday	6:00p.m.	Girl Scouts
Thursday	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Sunday	8:15a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00a.m.	Worship Service
Sunday	10:30a.m.	Drive-through Communion

Assisting in the Service Today: Assisting Minister: Alex Sharrer; Lector: Dona Lerew; Communion Assistant: Mark Boyer; Ushers: Bob & Deb King, Kathy Kuhn; Altar Guild: Kathy Kuhn; Hymn Leaders: Joshlyn Sharrer, Karen Sheaffer; Cookie Break: Jess Warner; Acolyte: Brody Moore.

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!

Trinity's Game Day! Rescheduled from last week - Join us <u>TODAY from 2:00-4:00pm</u> 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:

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 singleserving 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 21, 2025						
<u>Month</u>	Amount	YTD 2025	%			
January Budgeted Income	13,790	13,790				
January Actual Income	10,081	10,081				
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	(3,709)	(3,709)	(26.9)			

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;

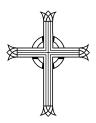
Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

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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