



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Our worship at Trinity
follows the church's
ancient form.

Everything you need for
worship is in this bulletin.

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All who trust that
Christ is present in Holy
Communion are invited to
receive Him with us today.

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Please silence your cell
phone.

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Our AED is mounted on
the wall in the stairway
next to the baptismal font.



At Trinity, we welcome
all LGBTQ+ people as
full participants in our
common life. We're proud
to proclaim this publicly in
our city and wider church
as a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 2024

Congregational words are in bold print.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Arr. by John Carter

Sandra Sittler & Karen Eddinger, piano

Please stand in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.
Amen.


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

Silence is kept for reflection.

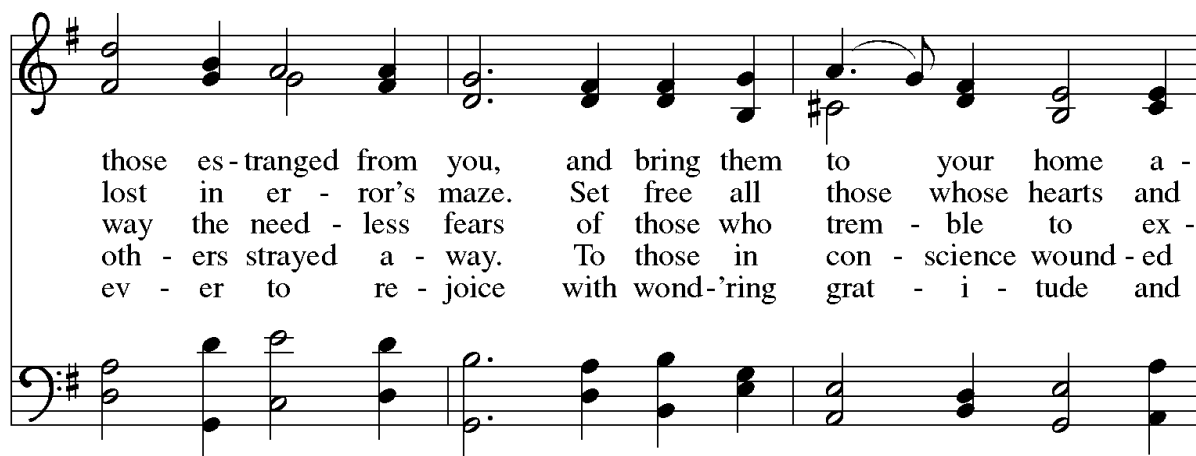
**God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all.
Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
 God has spoken:
 The time of grace is now.
 In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
 By the authority of ✠ Jesus Christ,
 your sins are forgiven.
 You are God's beloved.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - ELW 675 - O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and

gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite
 Music: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT, *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676
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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.

KYRIE

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

by grace alone you call us

and accept us in your service.

Strengthen us by your Spirit,

and make us worthy of your call,

through Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

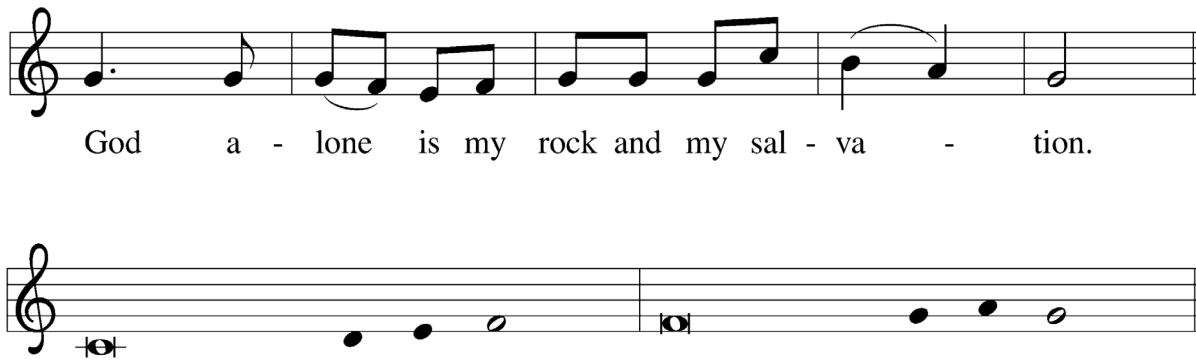
After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62:5-12

The choir introduces the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings the refrain where indicated. The psalm will be sung alternately between the choir and the congregation.



For God alone I | wait in silence;
truly, my hope | is in God.
God alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.
In God is my deliverance | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.
Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge. R

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
those of low estate can- | not be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.
Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.
God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.
Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,
for you repay all according | to their deeds. R

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Please stand in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The gospel acclamation is sung by all and repeated after the verse.



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Verse: *Our hearts burn within us as you open to us the scriptures.*

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

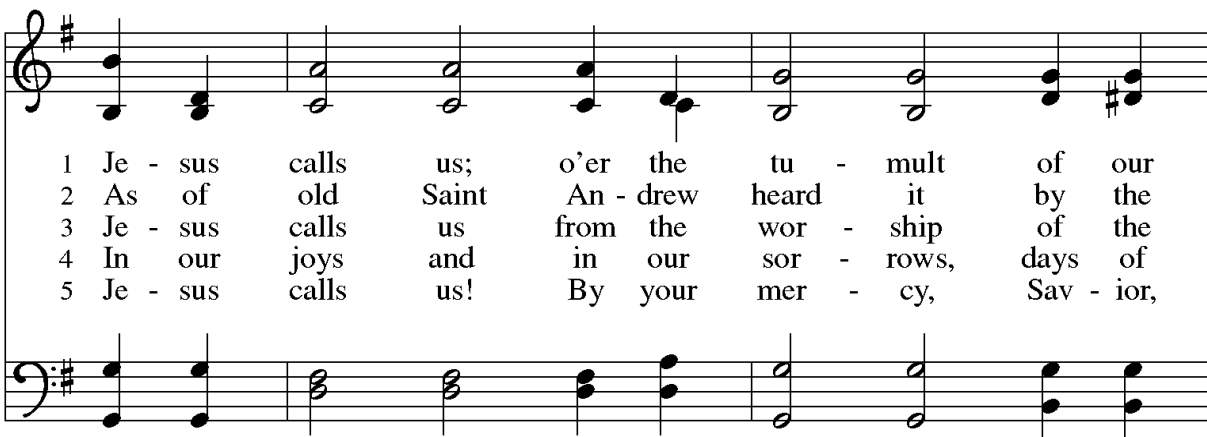
Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 696 - Jesus Calls Us



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851-1922

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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

Let us pray for the church, the world, and for all of God's creation.

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

After the final petition:

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet one another and then be seated.

OFFERTORY

He Comes to Us


Jane Marshall

The Trinity Choir

*He comes to us as One unknown; without a name, as of old, by the lakeside He came,
He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us, He speaks the same word:
"Follow! Follow! Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.
He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple,
He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through
in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience, Who He is.*

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY CANTICLE



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One,

for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table,

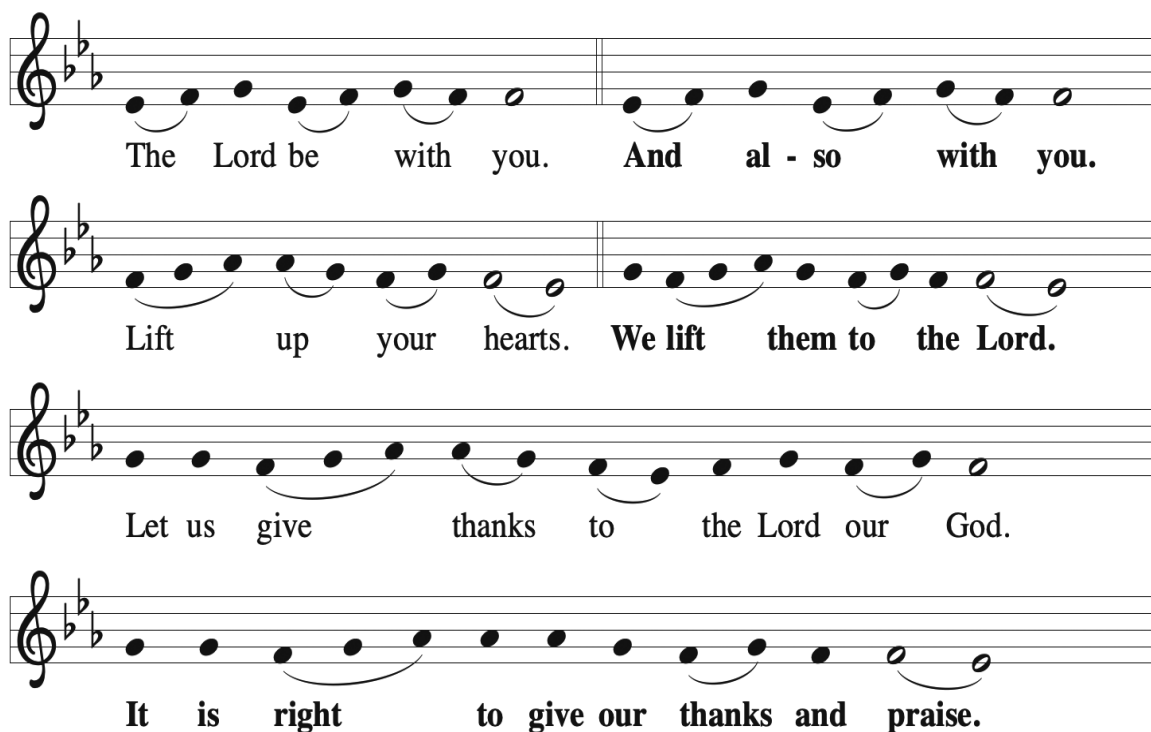
that we receive what we seek

and follow your Son, Jesus,

in whose name we pray.

Amen.

DIALOG



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic...

Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer...

Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,...

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds,...

we rise from our deaths to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.
Come and see.

Be seated.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

DISTRIBUTION

All who trust that Jesus Christ is present in this holy meal are invited to receive communion.

Please follow the direction of the usher; if your pew is located on one of the side aisles, walk to the rear of the sanctuary. Two lines will form in the center aisle. The left line will commune at the left side of the altar rail; the right line will commune on the right side.

When you reach the front of the sanctuary, there are serving trays located on the tables. Please choose either an empty glass to receive wine, or, if you prefer, a prefilled glass in the center ring containing grape juice. After taking your cup, proceed to the rail. Fill in around the rail from the center to the ends. You may stand or kneel as is your preference.

The pastor will give you a piece of bread; eat it when you receive it. If you prefer a gluten free alternative, please inform the pastor.

Then, an assistant will come to offer wine from a pouring chalice. Please extend your glass to be filled with wine or indicate that you have grape juice. After drinking the wine or juice, you are welcome to remain in place for a moment of meditation.

After you finish your time of reflection, please return to your pew, depositing your empty glass in the trays located on the tables at the head of the side aisles.

Please stand in body or spirit.

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Giver of every gift,

Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.

Raise us to life by your power

for the benefit of all and to your glory,

now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

God who names you,

Christ who claims you,

and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

✠ bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN - ELW 584 - The Song of God, Our Christ



1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
 2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,
 3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare
 4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,
 5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;
 these ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;
 to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,
 may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,
 what - e'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,



from com - mon folk he called the twelve to be
 and with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought
 to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,
 and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,
 that we may glad - ly give for thee our best



co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.
 the church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.
 de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name.
 o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
 and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blest.

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Music: SURSUM CORDA, Alfred M. Smith, 1879-1971

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

As with Gladness Men of Old

Arr. Wayne L. Wold

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Media Ministry at Trinity

Sunday, January 28 @ 6PM

Since 1976 Trinity has broadcast our worship service to the greater Reading community. This vital ministry continues to this day with a global reach. Volunteers are an essential part of this ministry and are always welcome to join the media team.

All members are invited to join our ChAOS youth for a Media Pizza Party and Training Session! You will learn about our fascinating history (1982: Trinity TV in Color!) and further understand what happens behind the scenes. Participants will learn how to operate our cameras and the soundboard in order to support our Sunday crews.

Please let us know you are coming by contacting Matt Mellen (mmellen@trinityreading.org) to ensure there will be plenty of pizza.

Sunday, January 21, 2024 - Epiphany 3

Leaders in Today's Liturgy

Presiding and Preaching: Pr. Hans E. Becklin

Assisting Minister: Lisa Speece

Minister of Music: Karen S. Eddinger

Lector: Vickie Unruh

Communion Assistant: Vickie Unruh

Acolyte: Abbie Smith

Greeters: Jillian & Declan Rosenbaum

Ushers: Raye Watson & Anita Dolak

Altar Guild: Bernadette Ilgen, Jacinda Motley, Joshua Motley, Linda Motley, Charlene Norton, Robin Oberholtzer and Beth Welz

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Robert Reimer in loving memory of his wife, Mary

We thank Bruce & Bernadette Ilgen for planning today's worship

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Katy Jablonowski (daughter of Nancy Everson), Carol Hoffman (Christine Motley's mother), John Kline (friend of Ron Eddinger), Dar Unger, Darryl Jeffries, Dick Evans, Ed Harlin, Walter Schur, John Bornhofen, David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh), Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), the Sawyer family, and Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith)

Immediate Prayer Requests

Herman Sonon, Nancy Nagle, Jerry Holleran, John Kirby, Harry Feinauer, Sandi & Tom McCarthy (friends of Carolyn & Jerry Holleran), Jonathan Bloom (friend of Jenn Smith), Bette Ashton (Christine Motley's grandmother), Terry Hack (brother-in-law of Maggie Shelly), and Jan Opalinski

Trinity Households and Ministry Partners

Christopher Drayer; Mary Drehs; John & Kathy Duggan; Marcy Dunkelberger; and Elizabeth Dyanzio; homebound members Dick & Suzy Evans, Joan Goncher, Sarah Roethermel, Walter Schur, and Noreen Showalter; Christ Episcopal Church and Fr. Bryce; the Common Ground Recovery Community and Pr. Tom; and Bethany Lutheran Church in West Reading and Pastor Bruce Osterhout

Broadcast Schedule for January on Comcast Channel 190

Sundays

6:00 PM World Views:

Tibetan Buddhism

6:30 PM Music From Trinity:

Derrick Thompson and

Jeffrey Lentz

7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

5:00 PM Music From Trinity:

Derrick Thompson and

Jeffrey Lentz

5:30 PM World Views:

Tibetan Buddhism

Trinity's Sunday morning

worship is also live streamed via Facebook and YouTube.

You may log on to either platform on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and worship at the same time as the in-person congregation.

Save the Date! Pastor Hans E. Becklin to be installed on February 10th!

Bishop Christopher deForest of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod will install Pastor Hans as Trinity's Senior Pastor in a festival Holy Eucharist to be held on Saturday, February 10th at 1 PM.

Pastor Marissa Becklin (Faith United, Denver, Pa.) will preach. Clergy are invited to vest and process, wearing white vestments as we mark the Vigil of the Transfiguration. A reception for all present will follow the service.

Sunday Forum Schedule

9:00 AM in the Hintz Room - Interesting. Informative. Inspiring.

January 28th and February 4th: Idols Old and New

In the Small Catechism, Luther instructs us to fear, love, and trust God above all things. St. Paul taught the church in Corinth how to deal with the ever-present idols of the Greco-Roman world. Join Pastor Hans for a bible study on First Corinthians 8 as we seek to answer the question: how can we truly place God first in our lives, when so many idols bid us to bow down?

Albright College Chamber Ensemble Concert March 10

Mark your calendars NOW for the Sunday, March 10, 4:00 PM concert at Trinity by the Albright College Chamber Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Derrick L. Thompson. The mixed a cappella ensemble is comprised of Bona Vox, an a cappella tenor/bass ensemble, and Bella Voce, an a cappella soprano/alto ensemble. Dr. Thompson is the Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Albright. Additionally, he serves as the Student Activities Chair with the American Choral Directors Association of Pennsylvania and Interim Music Director at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. A highly accomplished musician, educator, and professional vocalist, he has an extensive academic background, driven by a passion for research and a commitment to advancing the field of choral and vocal music. Trinity's Minister of Music is the collaborative pianist for the Ensemble. Karen is thrilled that we are hosting a concert by "her kids." Please join us for an afternoon of outstanding music.

Outreach and Service Opportunities

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. - Matthew 25:35

This February, mark your calendars for many opportunities to live out your faith: through giving, fasting, and/or walking. More information forthcoming. Stronger together, we make a difference in our community and our world!

Sunday, February 11 – Souperbowl of Caring – for Lighthouse Center for Women and Children

Saturday – Sunday, February 17-18 – Act2Day 4Tomorrow – WBMD Stronger Together Youth Overnight here

Saturday, February 24 – Coldest Night Of The Year 2024: a "winterrific family-friendly walk" at Penn State Berks Campus to raise money for New Journey Community Outreach.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, January 21

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum (Hintz Room)
 9:00 AM: Sunday Trinity Learning Circle
 10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
 11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)
 11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble (Bard House)
 2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal
 6:00 PM: ChAOS (Trinity)

Monday, January 22

1:00 PM: Program Staff Meeting (Bard House)

Tuesday, January 23

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting
 2:00 PM: Women of TLC Bible Study
 (The Highlands)

Wednesday, January 24

6:30 PM: Handbell Choir (Robing Room)
 7:30 PM: Joint Choir Rehearsal (Hintz Room)

Saturday, January 27

NEPA Synod Learning Ministries Day
 (Atonement Lutheran Church)

Sunday, January 28

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum (Hintz Room)
 9:00 AM: Sunday Trinity Learning Circle
 10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
 11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)
 11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble (Bard House)
 2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal
 6:00 PM: ChAOS - Media Ministry at Trinity
 (Trinity)

Church office hours are 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday-Thursday

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