



Welcome to
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2025



The Wedding at Cana (1563)
Paolo Veronese (1528-1588)

Can you find Jesus? Appropriately, he's right in the center--with Mary at His right hand. Although Christ is in the center, the painting's subject is the continuous merriment of the wedding guests, something only made possible by the miraculous transformation of water into wine by Jesus at Mary's urging. Look for the large, stone water jars being used to fill the smaller wine jugs of the party-goers.

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDED IN 1751

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY as we worship God through word and sacrament in this landmark building, home to our congregation since 1791. Our liturgy is rooted in tradition; all are welcome to participate as they feel comfortable.

TRINITY IS A VIBRANT CONGREGATION with members from around Berks County and beyond. If you are interested in learning more about membership, speak with a member of our staff.



DURING WORSHIP, we pray, sing, listen, chant, read, and move our bodies. Please silence your cell phone so as not to disturb this rich experience for yourself or others.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR WORSHIP is receiving the Eucharist, the true Body and Blood of Christ. All who trust that Jesus is present in this holy meal are invited to receive Him with us today. Detailed instructions for communion can be found on page 19 of the bulletin.



CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship! A changing table can be found in the all-gender restroom on the first floor. Our Meditation Room has space for nursing or a sensory break. Restrooms can be found on the first floor and are accessible by elevator. Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway next to the baptismal font.



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.

OUR WORSHIP IS AN ACT OF OFFERING. By being here, we present ourselves and our time to God.

WE ALSO PRESENT our tithes and monetary offerings to God. During the offertory procession, they are brought forward along with the bread and wine used for the Eucharist.

WE NO LONGER pass an offering plate in the pew. However, an offering plate for cash or checks is available in the narthex. You can also share your offering electronically using this QR code.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

Congregational words are in bold print.

*Stand in body or
spirit and face the
processional cross.*

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

*Silence is kept for
reflection.*

INTROIT

God Be In My Head

Lorayne Coombs, arr. Neumann

The Trinity Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin
to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit

that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake
God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*Continue to face the
processional cross,
turning when
it passes you.*

GATHERING HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come

ELW 314

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

Text: Ruth Duck,
b. 1947

Music: FESTAL
SONG. William H.
Walter. 1825-1893

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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APOSTOLIC 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

*We praise God using
this ancient prayer
from Setting One in
Evangelical Lutheran
Worship.*

Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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the next page...*

HYMN OF PRAISE



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



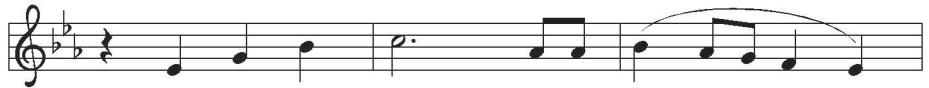
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*This prayer relates
to the readings
appointed for the day
and asks for God's
help in applying them
to our lives.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

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.

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

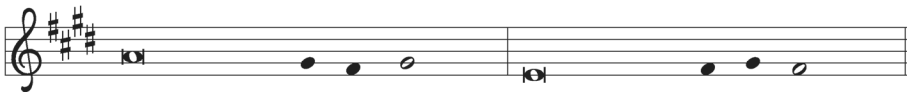
Psalm 36:5-10

*The choir introduces
the refrain.*



We feast up - on the a - bun - dance of your house, O LORD.

*The congregation
repeats the refrain
and sings the refrain
where indicated with
the symbol **R**.*



*The choir and
congregation sing
alternating verses.*

Your love, O LORD, reaches | to the heavens,
and your faithfulness | to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like | the great deep;
you save humankind and ani - | mals, O LORD. **R****

How priceless is your | love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.

They feast upon the abundance | of your house;

you give them drink from the river of | your delights.

For with you is the | well of life,

and in your light | we see light.

Continue your lovingkindness to | those who know you,

and your favor to those who are | true of heart. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 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.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates

all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

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

**Jesus re- | vealed his glory,
and his disciples be- | lieved in him**

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them,

"Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 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 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." 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.

Please be seated.

SERMON

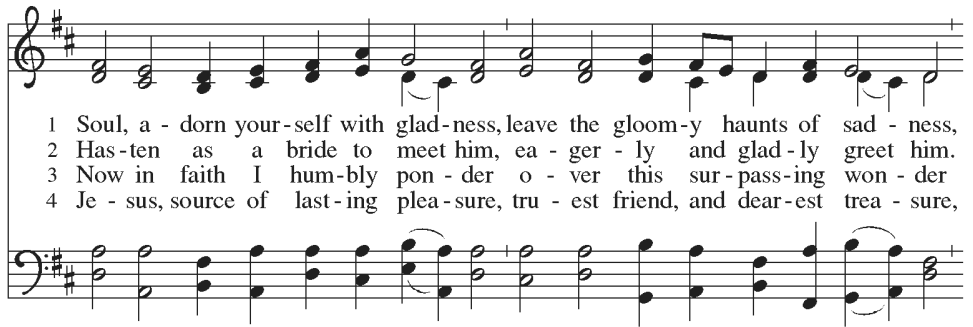
Pastor Hans E. Becklin

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*


HYMN OF THE DAY

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

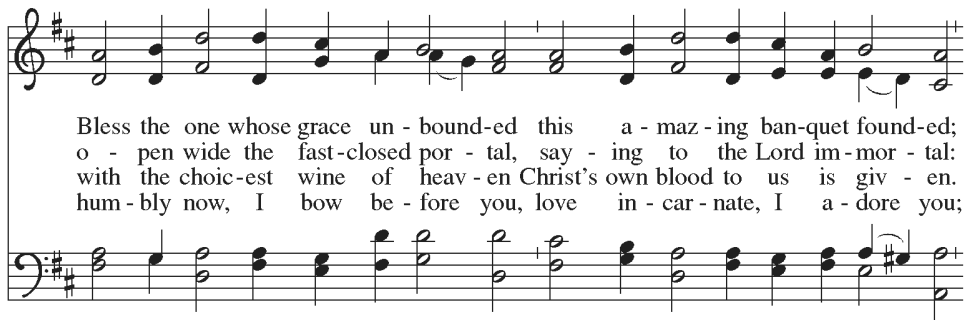
ELW 488



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;

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1618-1677;
tr. Lutheran Book
of Worship

Music: SCHMÜCKE
DICH, Johann Crüger,
1598-1662

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Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

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.

*After a brief silence
each petition
concludes:*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

IN IMMEDIATE NEED

- ♦ Peg Coleman
- ♦ Barbara Lykens
- ♦ Rachel Gambone

ONGOING NEEDS

- ♦ Celia Constantino
- ♦ Linda Motley
- ♦ Tina Koch (friend
of Jenn Smith)
- ♦ Walter Schur
- ♦ the Sawyer family
(brother of Ralph
Unruh)
- ♦ Christine Wells
(friend of Jan
Opalinski)
- ♦ Harry Feinauer
- ♦ Darryl Jeffries
- ♦ Craig Poole
- ♦ Nancy Souders-
Negri and Fred
Negri

TRINITY HOUSEHOLDS

- ♦ Eric, Brooke,
Reagan, Jillian &
Declan Rosenbaum
- ♦ Irene Routté,
Emily Mooney
- Routté & Jesse,
Amani and
Naima Routté, and
Rosemary Routté

PEACE

*Please greet one
another and then
be seated.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Now The Silence

Braeden Ayres

The Trinity Choir

*The offering, bread,
and wine are
brought forward
and the altar is set.*

*Please stand
in body or spirit.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW181

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

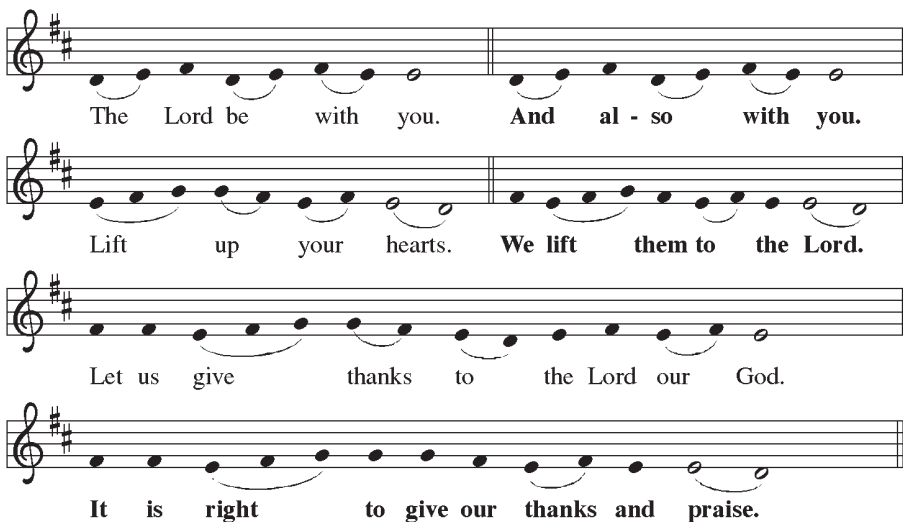
Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any

way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presider greets the assembly and invites all to give thanks.



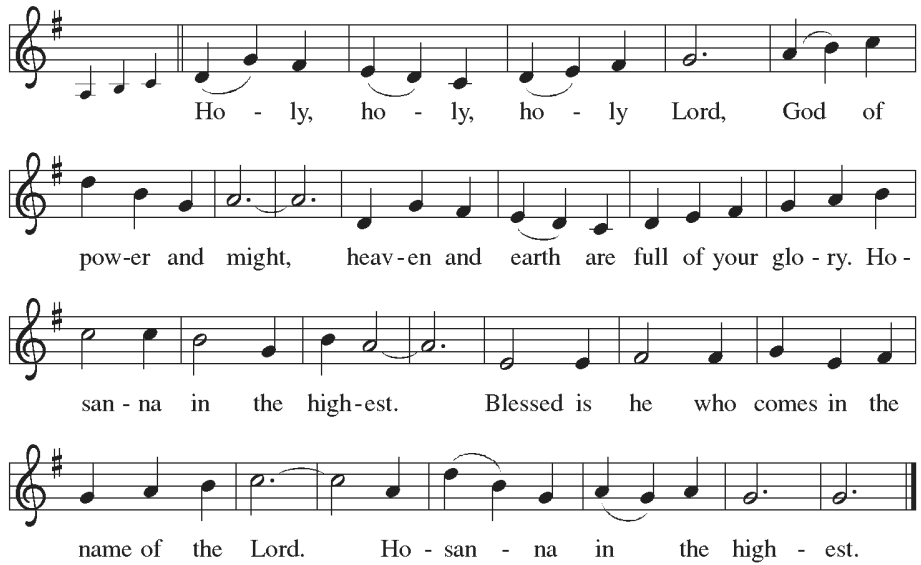
The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
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:

SANCTUS




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

During the Words of Institution, the bread and wine are elevated for the congregation to revere and adore Christ's presence in our midst.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

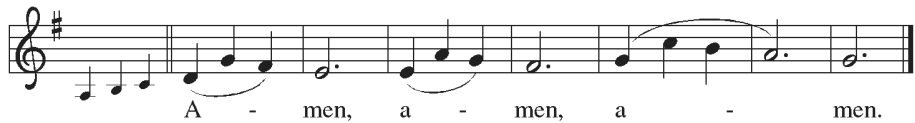
You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy...
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion...

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.**

*Silence is kept as the
bread is broken.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

*Detailed instructions
for communion can
be found on page 19.*

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.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Priere a Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

*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.

God of abundance, with this bread
of life and cup of salvation you have
united us with Christ, making us one
with all your people. Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit, that we

may proclaim your redeeming love to
the world and continue forever in the
risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

*As a sign of God's
blessing, you may
make the sign
of the cross.*

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

*In a centuries-old
Lutheran tradition,
we conclude our
worship by joining
in Simeon's song of
gratitude to God.*

*Face the processional
cross, turning as it
passes you.*

*You may remain
in the sanctuary
for prayer and
contemplation during
the postlude. If you
depart, please do so
quietly.*

NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung by the Trinity Choir and Congregation

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

David Longroy

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS



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.

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

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Linda Motley; Charlene Norton,

Robin Oberholtzer, Beth Welz

WORSHIP PLANNER

Donna Osborne

Attendance Sunday, January 12: 92
Attendance, Wednesday, January 8: 8

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 AM

SUNDAY FORUM - All Saints Room
SUNDAY TIME- Meet in Chapel

10:00 AM

WORSHIP - Nave

11:15 AM

MIXED ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL - Bard House
COFFEE & CONVERSATION - Hintz Room

1:00 PM

WBMD YOUTH GAME DAY
Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church

2:00 PM

COMMON GROUND WORSHIP AND MEAL

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

OFFICE CLOSED - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

9:30 AM

STAFF MEETING

7:00 PM

VESTRY MEETING
All Saints Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

12:05 PM

MID-WEEK CHAPEL WORSHIP

6:30 PM

TRINITY RINGERS - Bell Room

7:30 PM

TRINITY CHOIR - Hintz Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

9:00 AM

SUNDAY FORUM - All Saints Room
SUNDAY TIME- Meet in Chapel

10:00 AM

WORSHIP - Nave

11:15 AM

MIXED ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
Sanctuary - Balcony
COFFEE & CONVERSATION - Hintz Room
OUTREACH AND SERVICE MEETING
Pastor Hans' Office

2:00 PM

COMMON GROUND WORSHIP AND MEAL

COMMUNITY ESL CONVERSATION DINNER



Tuesday, February 11 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Trinity has joined a local initiative focusing on education to strengthen our community. The Harwood Institute started working in Reading back in 2021 in partnership with Centro Hispano and has identified 3 focus areas: English as a Second Language, After- and Out-of-School Activities, and Early Childhood Education.

Mike Faust and Maggie Shelly are co-coordinating this dinner which is part of a monthly community dinner series to create safe community spaces for English-language learners to practice English and enjoy time with community members. Opportunities to volunteer include providing monetary or food donations, sitting at a table to encourage English conversation, helping lead children's activities, and cleaning up. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex. Speak to Mike or Maggie if you are interested in helping.

To learn more about what's happening in our community, you can read this article from April 2024:

