

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Worship Service and Facebook Livestream

January 16, 2022 • Thanksgiving for the Word

Second Sunday After Epiphany



*The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.*

**Welcome members and guests to our worship service today.** If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. Our worship services on Sunday mornings until June are at 8:30 and 11:00. Sunday School for adults and children is held at 9:45 a.m.



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Pastor Melusky's office hours:

Monday: 9 - 2; Tuesday: 9 -10:30, 11:30 - 12:15

Wednesday 9:30 - 12; Thursday 9 - 12

(Times are occasionally flexible with monthly meetings,  
but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in)

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## Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

*A Taste of Cana's Wine*

David Evan Thomas

Announcements

## Gathering

*The assembly stands.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

## 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.**



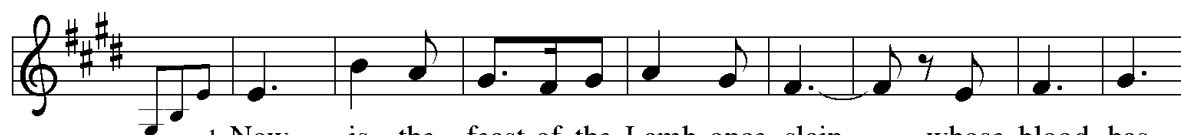
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## **Prayer of the Day**

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.*

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 36:5-10** (*read responsively*)

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 animals, O LORD.**

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.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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

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**Gospel: John 2:1-11**

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 2nd chapter. **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.**

**Children's Chat**

Pastor Tina Melusky

**Sermon**

Pastor Tina Melusky

*The assembly stands.*





1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,  
 2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to  
 3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in  
 4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,  
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,  
 pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,  
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or  
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in  
 chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -  
 all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.  
 se - cret, all shall see what you have done.  
 ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!  
 rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

## 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**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **Offertory Hymn**

### *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### **Offertory Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

**You offer us new beginnings  
and guide us on our journey.**

**Lead us in your grace**

**and prepare us to carry your love  
to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.  
Amen.**

## **The Word**

### **Thanksgiving for the Word**

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.

**Recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Pastor Tina Melusky

Selections from *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Sending**

**Blessing**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*



- 1. Christ has bro - ken down the wall,
- 2. We're ac - cept - ed as we are,
- 3. Cast a - side your doubts and fears,
- 4. We will tear down the walls!



Christ has bro - ken down the wall.	Let us join our
we're ac - cept - ed as we are.	Through God's love all is
cast a - side your doubts and fears.	Peace and love, free-ly
We will tear down ev - ery wall!	God has called us,



hearts as one,	Christ has bro - ken down the wall.
rec - on - ciled,	we're ac - cept - ed as we are.
of - fered here;	cast a - side your doubts and fears.
one and all;	Christ has bro - ken down the wall!

*Optional ending*



wall! Christ has bro - ken down the wall!

## Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Improvisation on *We Shall Overcome*

Carl Haywood



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church office hours:** Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

**Installation of Trustee Church Council:** Last week, we were remiss in mentioning that we also installed a new Trustee. Although she has been on church council as a council member, she has now shifted to trustee. Thank you, Sue Moeslein, for continuing to serve our church.

**Offering Boxes:** Please pick up your offering boxes for 2022 which will either be on a table in the library or on a table in the narthex. If you are using online giving through VANCO or your bank, please let the church office know if you would still like to have your offering box.

**Remember to bring your key fob if you decide to come on the weekend and also be sure to wear a mask.**

**Sunday School Classes:** At this time, due to the rise in COVID cases, the **children and youth** Sunday School classes have been **cancelled for the month of January**. The **adult Sunday School** class will, however, meet via **Zoom only**.

### SPECIAL NOTES:

"**The Christmas Poinsettias** which decorated our sanctuary this holiday season continued to spread joy after being donated to the local nonprofit organization, [The Simple Sunflower](http://TheSimpleSunflower.com). They were transported to Riverside Regional Medical Center last week where volunteers delivered them to patients admitted in the hospital. Your generosity to TLC in purchasing these poinsettias for the holiday was extended to our local community through this project. Thank you! For more information about The Simple Sunflower, visit their website at [thesimplesunflower.com](http://thesimplesunflower.com) or **contact church member, Tricia Wessler.**"



**2021-2022 Team Foundation Disbursements:** Every year when The Team Foundation makes a donation to the church for local, national and global outreach, an adhoc committee is formed, requests are solicited from the congregation as to where they wish to send funds and those funds are disbursed according to those requests. Do you ever wonder what happens to those funds. Here is the answer. For this year, the following donations were made: Caroline Furnace Camp, \$1,000; ELCA Leadership Fund, \$750; First Nations Development Inst., \$750; Lutheran Disaster Relief, \$1,000; Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Serv., \$750; Pastoring the City, \$500; The Simple Sunflower, \$250. All for a total of \$5,000 disbursed. Thanks for

all the wonderful suggestions Trinity members!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** The next Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be on Tuesday, January 18. It will be held by Zoom invitation.

**Theology on Tap:** It is time to reconstitute Theology on Tap! All are welcome to join this group. For those who are new to our congregation, we are usually given a topic to talk about, have some social libations (beer or soda) and enjoy each other's comments on the topic. On **January 31, 2022**, we will meet at our usual spot, Tradition Brewing Company, in City Center, at **6:30 p.m.** Please stay tuned in the event this is cancelled due to COVID.

**VANCO Online giving:** The procedure is very user-friendly. Just go to Trinity's website, <http://www.trinitylutheran-nn.com> (see below), and click on the green "online giving" link on the homepage.

### **Procedure for online giving:**

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**FLOWERS:** In order to place an order for flowers to include an announcement in the bulletin, please contact the church office and pay for your flowers in advance. This allows us enough time to contact the florist since we do not have flower donations every week.

**Manna Bags:** The first batch of Manna Bags are complete. We are still collecting items and we still need items to complete quite a few more bags. You can now pick up some Manna bags to hand out to those in need, if you so choose. They are located at in the narthex and at the wheelchair ramp door on the River Road side of the church. If you are not able to attend service, but do wish to participate in this project, please let the church office know and we will make necessary arrangements. Here are the items we're still collecting:

**Mini Water Bottles**

**Applesauce**

**Granola Bars**

**Individual Boxes of Raisins**

**Mini Hand Sanitizers**

**Gallon-Sized Ziploc  
Bags**

## **YOUTH NEWS!**

**Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering:** The youth are still selling Pure Vida bracelets to help raise money for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024. The bracelets are \$5 each and make great Valentine's Day or Easter basket gifts. Call the church office if you need an order form. There is no deadline to turn in your form. Please help support our youth!

## **Community News:**

**CANCELLED!:** St Mark Lutheran Church, Yorktown and the Sine Nomine concert . . . Due to Mr. Behel's Covid exposure and with an abundance of caution, the program on Sunday, January 16, 2022 (4:00 PM) is **cancelled**.

## PRAYER LIST

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS:** **Recovery:** Nancy Lindfors; **Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:** Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); Pat O'Connell - (Warwick Forest): Joan Johnston (The Newport—Rm 33); **Shut-in at Home:** Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, and Doris Moeser.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:** **The Ahlen Family, and Kylie Cooper, Connor and Christina Wheeler and father, Steve Wheeler,** requested by Kathy Stevens; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother) and Anneliese and Parker Anderson,** requested by the Ardis family; **Jack and Sharon (Sherry) Johnston and Pam Little (Donna's sisters),** requested by Grant and Donna Owens; **Bonnie Carlson,** requested by Dave Carlson; **Sandy Nelson,** requested by Pastor Tina Melusky; **James Fielding, Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) and Rachel and Matthew Bradley and their newborn daughter, Melody,** requested by Patricia Fielding; **Bob and Nancy Schappert; Pearl O'Connell; Ben Nelson,** requested by Laura Davis; **Pamela Bosserman (NEW ADDRESS—4521 Thorncroft Drive, Glen Allen, VA, 23060),** requested by Bill Solomon; **Donald Hall (son),** requested by Susan Hall; **Mary Lucia Spake,** requested by Bill Solomon; **Peggy Cash,** requested by Dottie Self; **Ms. Marley Keefer,** requested by Glen Titus; **Nancy Lindfors; Gisela Nygarads,** by Yvonne Christian; **Mike Cobb; Johannes Hendrik Loots, father of daughter-in-law,** requested by Glen Titus; **Loyd and JoAnne Rawls,** requested by Laura Davis, and **the family and friends of Kathy Nobles, Erik Rummel's mother.**

**Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty:** James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Washington, D. C.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce (Titus' daughter-in-law) Elisabeth Bruce, Dept. of Justice, Washington, DC.

Today, the chancel greenery is given to the Glory of God by Trinity Lutheran Church.