

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Worship Service and Facebook Livestream

January 23, 2022 • Service of the Word

Third Sunday After Epiphany



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.

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.



The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor

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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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Jason D. Payne

Announcements

Gathering

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 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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| <p>5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
 O fallen human race!
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 be justified by grace!</p> | <p>6 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.</p> |
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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.**



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Prayer of the Day

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 Reading: 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.”

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

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. 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)

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**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.**

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**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.

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

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.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight,**

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading: 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.

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. 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.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 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. 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. 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? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 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.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 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; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 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. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

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

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

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.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

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, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“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,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

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. 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.**

Children's Chat

Pastor Tina Melusky

Sermon



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.

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.**

Sending

The assembly stands.

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.**

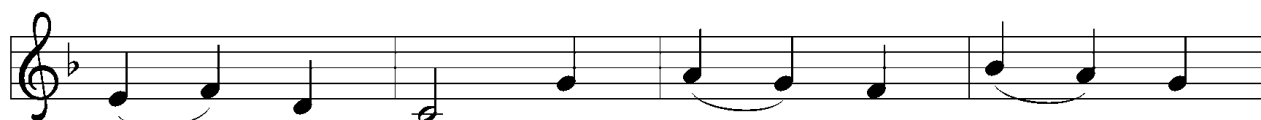
Sending Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Offering Boxes: If you have not already done so, please pick up your offering box 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**.

A Special Invitation to attend a class being held by the Adult Sunday School Class on **Discipleship in a Democracy** using an ELCA Study Guide which was adopted unanimously by the Church Council of the ELCA in America in 2020. The class **begins on January 23** and runs for **four weeks**. If you are interested, **contact** the **church office** or **Patricia McClelland** at psml@cox.net to obtain all of the materials needed for the class. More background on the ELCA social statement can be found in the *Living Lutheran, January/February 2022 issues (pages 8 & 9)*. The social message is available on the ELCA website: <http://elca.org/socialmessages> and click on Government.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be on Tuesday, January 25. It will be held by Zoom invitation.

Trinity Supports PORT at Hilton Baptist Church: For only one night, Trinity will be supporting PORT by providing a minimum of **ten people** for **Tuesday, February 22**. If you are interested, please see or talk with Anne or Cliff Obara for more details.

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!

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.

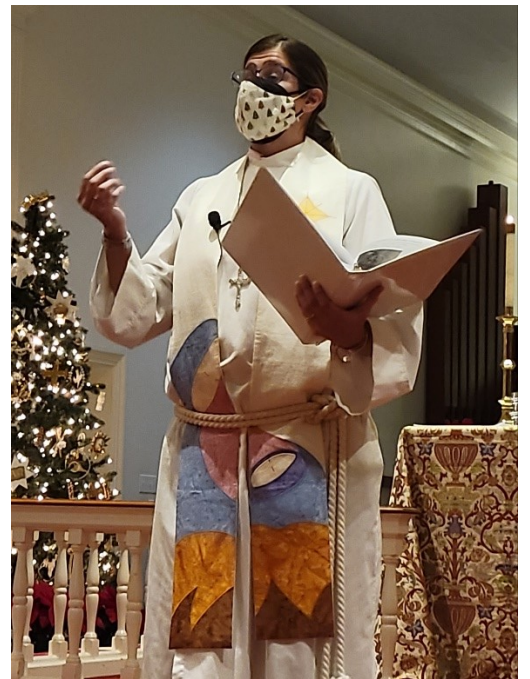
SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family, and Kylie Cooper, Connor and Christina Wheeler and father, Steve Wheeler,** requested by Kathy Stevens; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother) and Anneliese and Parker Anderson,** requested by the Ardis family; **Jack and Sharon (Sherry) Johnston and Pam Little (Donna's sisters),** requested by Grant and Donna Owens; **Bonnie Carlson,** requested by Dave Carlson; **Sandy Nelson,** requested by Pastor Tina Melusky; **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 Nygards,** 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.



Geoffrey Bell, Director of Music Ministries and the Trinity Choir on Christmas Eve, 2021, 7:30 p.m. worship service.



More photos from the 7:30 Christmas Eve worship service 2021