

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Worship Service and Facebook Livestream

January 30, 2022 • Service of the Word

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



*The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.*

**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

Prelude on *Repton*

Charles Callahan

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.

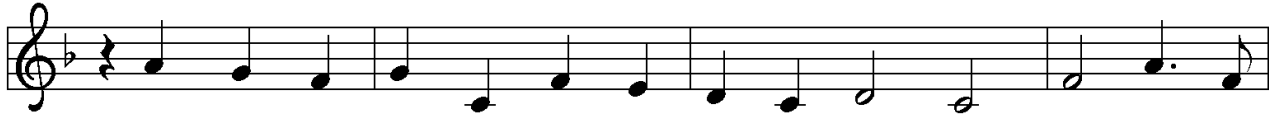
You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

## 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.**

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, -

- from the earth - to the cross - my debt to pay; -

- from the cross to the grave, - from the grave to the sky; -

- Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH  
Irregular

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love as you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

*God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.*

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the Lord.”

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

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

## Psalm 71:1-6 (read responsively)

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

For you are my hope, O Lord God,  
my confidence since I was young.

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you  
have been my strength;**

**my praise shall be always of you.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

*Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

## *Celtic Alleluia*

ELW 174

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## **Gospel: Luke 4: 14-30**

*People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.*

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.”

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Hymn of the Day

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

ELW 737



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -  
 2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -  
 3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and  
 4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and  
 5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
 part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
 foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
 birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
 dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
 cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.  
 tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.  
 sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
 not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

**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*

ELW 182



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,

## 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

*O Zion, Haste*

ELW 668



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain on following page*

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,  
tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

**Dismissal**

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*The Rejoicing*

Charles Callahan



## Communion

### 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](mailto: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 **Monday, January 31, 2022, we will hold our meeting NEW!! Virtually by Zoom ONLY!**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** The next Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be on Tuesday, February 1. 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. No overnight persons are needed!!!

**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:

Go to <http://trinitylutheran-nn.com/>

Press the green "online giving" link.

**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 (4521 Thorncroft Drive, Glen Allen, VA, 23060),** requested by Bill Solomon; **Donald Hall (son),** requested by Susan Hall; **Peggy Cash,** requested by Dottie Self; **Ms. Marley Keefer,** requested by Glen Titus; **Nancy Lindfors; Gisela Nygard,** 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, **the family and friends of Kathy Nobles, Erik Rummel's mother; Erik and Kelly Rummel; Robert Lee**, requested by Anne Obara and **Teresa Flores**.

**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.

# Chicken Stuffing Casserole

## Ingredients/Variations

**CHICKEN** Chopped rotisserie, leftover [chicken breast](#) or [thighs](#), or pre-packaged chicken breast will all work great!

**STUFFING** This casserole uses a simple boxed stuffing mix (any flavor) or use your own [homemade stuffing](#) if you'd prefer!

**VEGGIES** Frozen veggies are easy and don't require any chopping or cooking (just run them under hot water to defrost). Use leftover roast veggies in place if you have them.

**SAUCE** Cream of chicken soup and sour cream make up this base of this dish. Use any "cream of" soup you have on hand or [make your own condensed soup](#) if you'd prefer!

## How to Make Chicken Stuffing Casserole

This dish is similar to a quick chicken pot pie with a stuffing topping! Hot and comforting, it can be on the table in no time at all!

Prep Stuffing: Add hot water and fluff with fork. To make it quick, hot tap water works for this recipe, no need to boil it.

Mix ingredients: Place ingredients (per recipe below) to casserole dish and top with stuffing mixture.

Bake until bubbly and golden on top!

Source: <https://www.spendwithpennies.com/chicken-stuffing-casserole/>