

**Second Sunday of Christmas
January 3, 2016**

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Vicar**



Welcome to 2016, welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church and welcome to our first worship service of the year! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register at the rear of the nave and please join us for worship again. We have a transport chair available to members and guests when needed. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

As Lutherans, we believe that the bread and wine of Holy Communion are signs given by God that Christ is fully present among us. We invite you to participate in receiving this miraculous presence. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, be assured that even in the words, Christ is present to you. You are welcome to come to the Table to be fed and nurtured with us.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

The assembly stands and faces the font (if you are able).

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
the Word made flesh,
the Lord and giver of life.

☑ Amen.

☐ Let us come into the light of Christ,
confessing our need for God's mercy.

☐ God of peace,

☑ we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

☐ In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of ☩ Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

☑ Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Once in Royal David's City* (ELW 269)

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

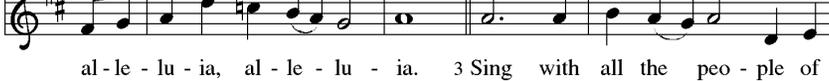


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

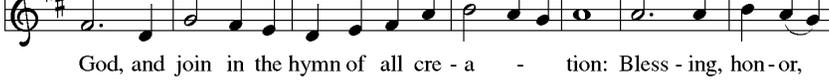
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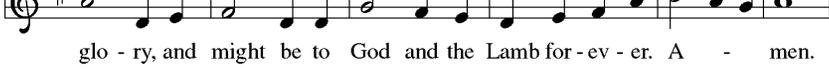
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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

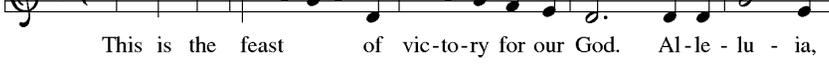


God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

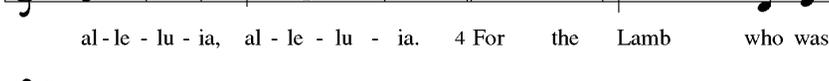


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

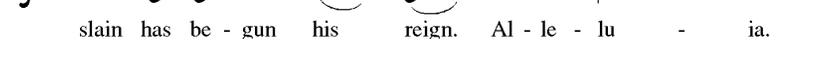
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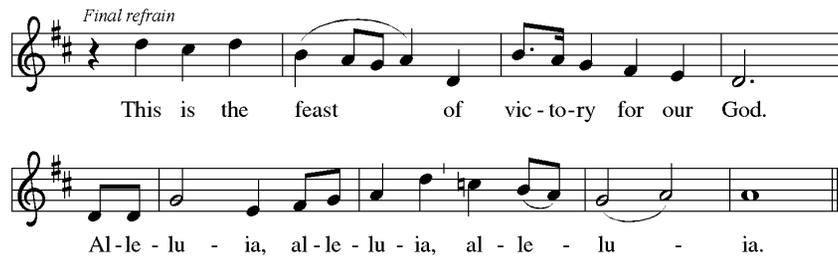
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

📖 A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

📖 Word of God, word of life.

☞ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20

¹²Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.**

¹⁶God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?**

¹⁸The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.**

²⁰The LORD has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

📖 A reading from Ephesians.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

📖 The holy gospel according to John.

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth

came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The assembly remains seated for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY *What Child Is This* (ELW 296)

The assembly stands.

CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C 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

A Rejoicing with all the faithful, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A Let us pray for the church throughout the world; for bishops, pastors, ministers of word and service, seminarians, and all other leaders; for teachers and missionaries; for the newly baptized and those preparing for baptism. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For coastlands and mountains, rivers and deserts, prairies and valleys; for wilderness and cities, lakes and oceans; for farmlands and pastures, forests and rangelands; and for orchards, vineyards, and gardens. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For those who live in the north and the south, the east and the west; for all who work for peace; for those whose safety is threatened by warfare; and for immigrants and refugees. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For those who are hungry; for those who live with disabilities; for those who fear what the future holds for them; for those who grieve; and for all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For this assembly; for council members and all other leaders; for those who help us learn from our past and plan for the future; and for all whose faithful stewardship sustains this congregation's ministry. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Here other intercessions may be offered. With thanksgiving, we remember all who have died (*especially*) and those who have pointed us toward the light of Christ and the truth of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Pondering the mystery of your love, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, the Word made flesh.

C Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time the table is set.

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY *(The assembly stands.)*



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OFFERING PRAYER

A Good and loving God,
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,
who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.
As you have blessed us with your gifts,
let them be blessing for others.
With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven,
we shout for joy at the coming of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

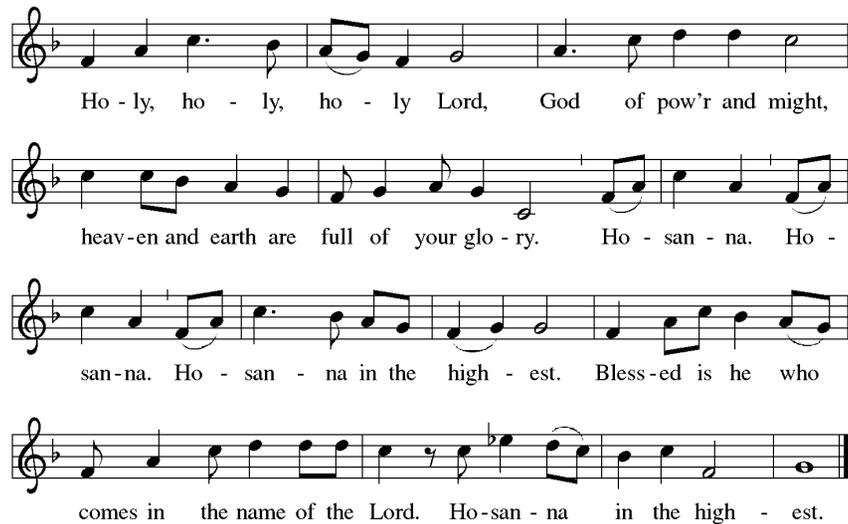
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P 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.
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God,

Creator of all and Source of life,
at the birth of time
your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time,
you sent your Word, born of Mary,
to shine in our darkness
and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his birth and life among us,
his death and resurrection,
we await his coming again
when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you,
we may live as your children,
shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The mystery hidden for the ages
is revealed for us in this meal.
Come, behold and receive your God.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

Communicants will proceed up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive the wine from the pouring chalice, please pick up an individual cup from the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread from the pastor, proceed to the pouring chalice or the common cup to receive the wine.

Return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. If you would like to have communion brought to your seat, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor come to you.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

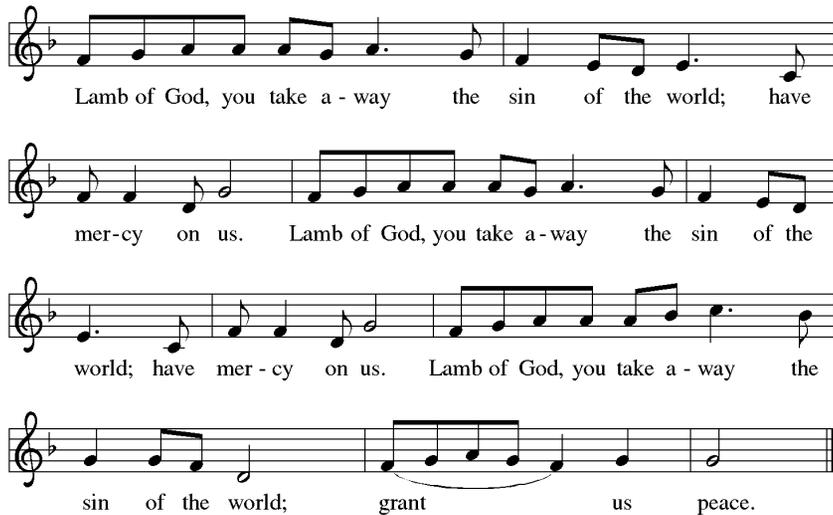
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



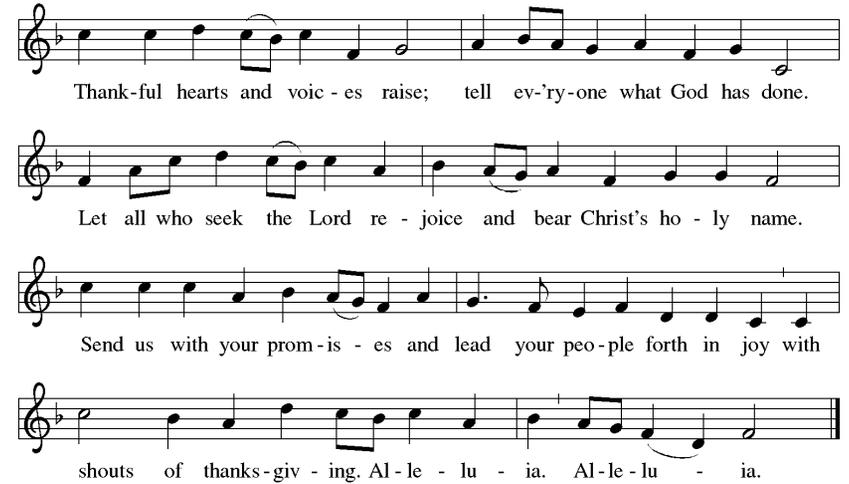
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

TABLE BLESSING *(The assembly stands.)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

C Amen.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We give you thanks, O God,
that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life,
you give us food for our journey.
As you led the magi by a star,
as you brought the holy family home again,
guide us on the way unfolding before us.
Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim
good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P May the Word that Mary brought to birth
carry you into new and abundant life.

C Amen.

P May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms
enfold you with love and strength.

C Amen.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PRAYER AND SUPPORT

☞ May the Word that angels proclaimed in song
bring harmony to our world.

☞ Amen.

☞ And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

☞ Amen.

SENDING SONG *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (ELW 270)

DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Share God's message of love through your words
and actions with others

☞ We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.



We welcome Pastor Richard Seaks this morning as he leads our
worship and we thank him for the message he brings.



Please keep these people in your prayers: Phyllis Baker,
Cookie Beck, Jean Benedict, Lenore Barkdoll, Katie
Bondroff, Sarah Foose, Ulysses Jones, Laura Lentz, Jim
Miller, Pearl Minnich, Adeline Plaine, LaVon and Marvin Rose,
Lucy Rowland, Brian Sease, Marie Seidel, Pastor Ray Shriver,
Raleigh Sunday.

Special prayers for: The people in Beirut, Baghdad, Paris, and all people
around the world who suffer and mourn.

Please let the church office know when the special needs for those on the
prayer list are resolved so that we can keep our list updated. See your
newsletter for more information about this.

Pastoral Care: Anyone needing pastoral care may contact Vicar Pam at
(443) 876-4736 or at pillick@ltsg.edu

Trinity's Encourager Ministry provides encouragement and outreach to
our faith community. If you know of someone who could use a card, phone
call, etc., let one of the members of the Evangelism Committee know.
Contacts are made for special occasions/accomplishments in our lives such
as an anniversary, new baby, baptism, first communion, confirmation, get
well, graduation, retirement, sympathy, thinking of you, volunteer, wedding,
etc. Members are Earl Duffey, Charlotte Kuhs, Sondra Musser, Judi Rice,
and Donna Swauger.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Lunch Bunch: Join us Sundays after worship for
lunch out (except on Sundays when we have Coffee &
Conversation). **Today we will meet at Keystone
Family Restaurant.** We invite all to be with us for
this time of fellowship as we enjoy a meal together.



Holiday decorations in the church will be removed on Sunday, January 10
following Coffee & Conversation. Please remain and help us with this task,
if you are able

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We invite all to remain after worship next Sunday for **Coffee & Conversation**. Join us in the social room for this period of fellowship with light refreshments. Hostesses will be Melissa Leaper, Teresa Papoutsis and Marie Seidel.

Our January **Church Breakfast** will be on Tuesday, January 19, 9 a.m. at Parlor House Restaurant. We invite all to join us. If you plan to attend, please sign the reservation sheet in the entrance way.

STEWARDSHIP:

Sharing the abundance of God's gifts to us of time, talents and wealth with others

Flower, Bulletin and Candle Sponsor Charts: Are you thinking of a way to honor a loved one's birthday, anniversary, accomplishment, baptismal anniversary, or to just say, "I love you?" Is there a special person whose life you would like to memorialize? Sponsoring flowers, bulletins and/or candles is a great way to do that! Check out the bulletin board in the hallway off the narthex for more information. **The lists for 2016 are now posted.**

FAITH FORMATION:

Youth Sunday School: Available on Sunday morning at 9:30 for children of all ages. Everyone invite a child to come to Sunday School!!

COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEAR AND FAR:

We continue to collect greeting cards for the **St. Jude's Ranch for Children Recycled Card Program**. Only the front of the card is used and must not contain writing. We cannot accept cards from Hallmark, Disney, and American Greetings. There is a collection box at the back of the nave. We collect all year long. Save your cards.

Bountiful Blessings, a joint ministry with the Rouzerville Church of the Brethren, continues throughout the year on the first and third Saturdays of each month starting at 9 a.m. See the back of the nave for a list of needed products. Please note that the program does not collect food items or previously used personal care items.

Two volunteers are needed to assist with Bountiful Blessings on Saturday, January 16, from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Rouzerville Church of the Brethren. If you are willing to help, please contact Sondra Musser.



- January 3-9 -

- Sunday..... 12:15 a.m. - Lunch Bunch at Keystone Family Restaurant
- Monday..... 6:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday..... 7:00 p.m. - Faith Study

- January 10-16 -

- Sunday..... 9:30 a.m. - Youth Sunday School & Adult Forum
- Sunday..... 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- Sunday..... 11:45 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation
- Sunday..... 12:15 p.m. - Remove Christmas Decorations
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Faith Study
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday..... 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
- Friday 10:00 a.m. - Coffee, Tea & Theology at Christine's Café
- Friday 6:00 p.m. - Daisy Scouts



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Christmas Eve	\$1,908
Last Week	\$1,325
Year to Date	\$58,809
Attendance Christmas Eve - 82	
Attendance Last Sunday -28	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To November 30**

Income	\$50,350
Expenses	\$79,576
Deficit	(\$29,226)

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

Ministers The Disciples of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
(1 Peter 2:4-10)

The Rev. Richard Seaks Presiding Minister
Terry Eberly Assisting Minister
Charles Strausbaugh Lector/Communion Assistant
Katherine Dennis Crucifer
Linda Bennett Nursery
Amy Dennis & Linda Fleagle Altar Care
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Pianists/Organists
Joanne Crider Usher
June Ecker Usher
Marie Seidel Usher
Linda Weddle Usher
Melissa Leaper Youth Sunday School
Earl Duffey & Joanne Crider Offering Tellers

- SERVING JANUARY 10 -

Vicar Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Teresa Papoutsis Assisting Minister
Linda Bennett Lector/Communion Assistant
Katherine Dennis Crucifer
Linda Bennett Nursery
Amy Dennis & Linda Fleagle Altar Care
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Pianists/Organists
Sherri Kayhoe Usher
Carol Snyder Usher
Ben Swauger Usher
Donna Swauger Usher
Melissa Leaper Youth Sunday School
Richard Berklite & Ruth Strausbaugh Offering Tellers

Six Marks of Discipleship
Daily Prayer
Weekly Worship
Bible Reading
Service
Spiritual Friendships
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- Our Mission -

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rouzerville, Pennsylvania is to build, strengthen, and increase our faith community to better love and serve God – and the world community – with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



- Our Vision -

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a flourishing, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered home for all.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.