

Baptism of Our Lord January 10, 2016

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Vicar



Brothers and sisters through Jesus—children of God with whom he is well pleased—welcome to worship! 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.

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine..

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).

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
- C** Amen.
- P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Show us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Crashing Waters at Creation* (ELW 455)

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C 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.

Refrain

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

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.

Refrain

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.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

L A reading from Isaiah.

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory
thunders;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the
forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

📖 A reading from Acts.

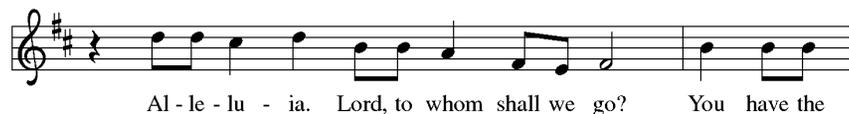
¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

📖 Word of God, word of life.

👏 Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

📖 The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

👏 Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

📖 The gospel of the Lord.

👏 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 *When Jesus Came to Jordan (ELW 305)*

The assembly stands.

CREED

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

👏 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 Giving thanks for the gift of baptism and the gifts of grace in the world, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A For your church on earth, that your Spirit guides your children. Unite us in our common call to live out your justice and stand with our siblings of every faith community. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For this world, which you redeemed, that the powerful in all nations foster its health and care for all its creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Give your people of every land the tools and strength to care for one another. Give passion to strive for justice to your people. Bless all countries with the courage to follow what is wise and good. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lift up the poor and oppressed, ease the troubled minds and hearts of those in turmoil, and surround those who are ill with the comforts of good medicine and good friends, signs of your healing. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Guide those preparing for baptism, their sponsors, and this assembly so that we all live into the promises made in baptism. Lead us all to scripture, the holy supper, and toward justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give you thanks for the lives of the faithful departed and for the assurance of the same resurrection by our baptism into Christ's death. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all of your beloved for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

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.)*



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



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

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

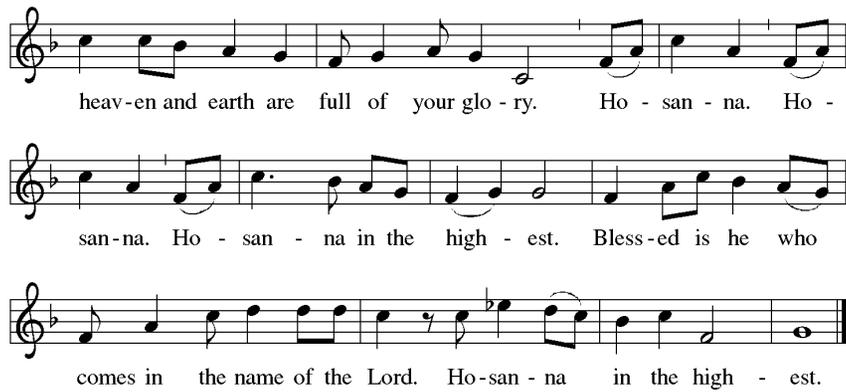
PREFACE

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son,
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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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 Blessed are you, O holy God:
 you are the Life and Light of all.
 By your powerful word you created all things.
 Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
 Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
 He is your Light, shining in our darkness
 and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 preaching and healing,
 his dying and rising,
 and his promise to come again,
 we await that day when all the universe
 will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
 that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
 we may be light for the world,
 revealing the brilliance 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

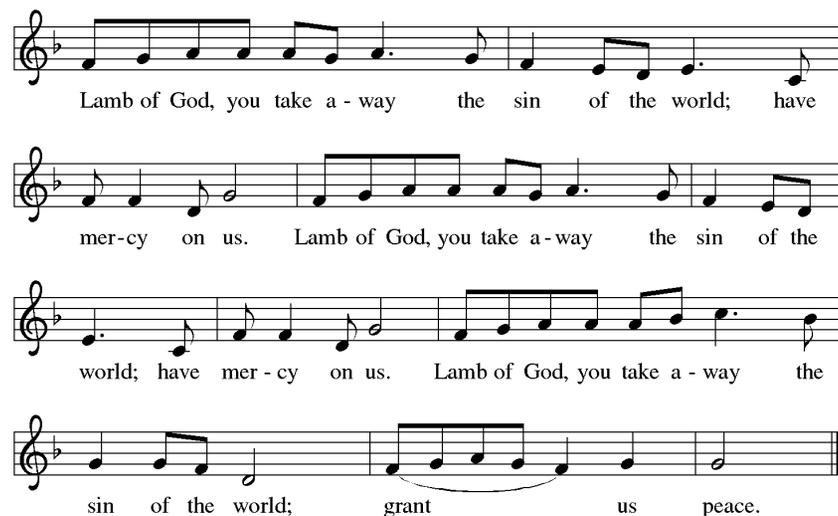
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



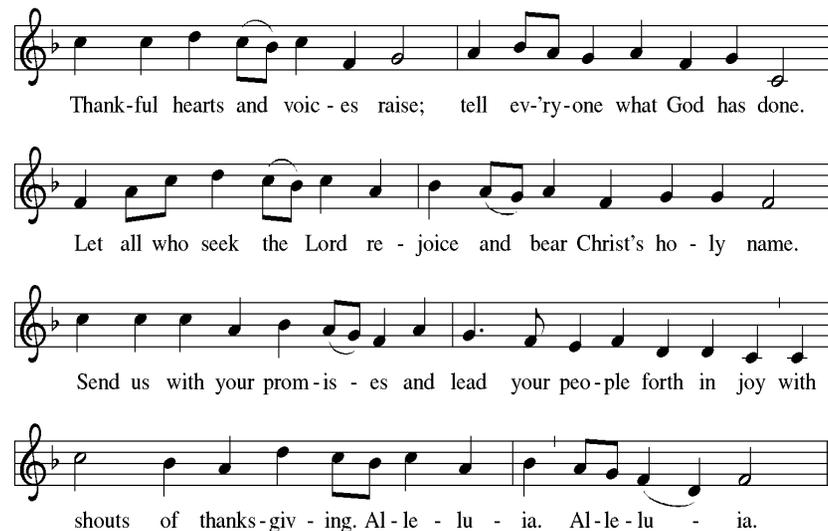
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 thank you, O God,
that you have fed us at your banqueting table
with bread and wine beyond compare,
the very life of Christ for us.
Send your Spirit with us now,
that we may set the captive free,
use your gifts to build one another up,
and in everything reflect your glory
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

☐ God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

☑ Amen.

SENDING SONG *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* (ELW 445)

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.



Dear Trinity Family,
Saying the words "thank you" just doesn't seem adequate for how very much I appreciate, and how touched I am for, receiving your generous Christmas gift. But, thank you, thank you!! Ed and I really enjoyed our trip to Valparaiso to see our daughter and her family. We slept in the sleeper car, enjoyed the perks of sleeper car travel, and have lots of funny and good memories of what it feels like to "sleep" on a shelf!! Your kind and wonderful gift made that possible for us. I feel loved, refreshed, and eager to meet the challenges of the next months as we walk together in Christ. Again, thank you all so very, very much.
Vicar Pam and Ed Illick

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PRAYER AND SUPPORT



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). **Next week we will meet at Rolling Mill 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 today following Coffee & Conversation. Please remain and help us with this task, if you are able

We invite all to remain after worship today 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 by Sunday, January 17.

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 10-16 -

- Sunday..... 11:45 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation
- Sunday..... 12:15 p.m. - Remove Christmas Decorations
- 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

- January 17-23 -

- Sunday..... 9:30 a.m. - Youth Sunday School & Adult Forum
- Sunday..... 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- Sunday..... 12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Rolling Mill Restaurant
- Monday..... 7:00 p.m. - Redevelopment Team
- Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Parlor House
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian ladies
- Thursday..... 7:00 p.m. - Faith Study (Tentative)



- Our Stewardship -

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

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

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



The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed by Jon and Linda Fleagle in honor of their daughter, Amy Fleagle, on her birthday.

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

MinistersThe Disciples of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
(1 Peter 2:4-10)
Vicar Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Teresa PapoutsisAssisting Minister
Terry Eberly.....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

- SERVING JANUARY 10 -

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Six Marks of Discipleship
Daily Prayer
Weekly Worship
Bible Reading
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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.