

**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 24, 2016
Service of the Word**

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



“This day is holy to our LORD, and...the joy of the LORD is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10). Welcome! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register at the rear of the sanctuary and join us for worship again. We have a transport chair available to members and guests when needed. Please ask an usher for assistance.

The glory of the Lord 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 the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C Amen.

P Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Mighty and loving God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.

Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

☞ Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

☞ Amen.

GATHERING SONG *O Zion, Haste* (ELW 668)

GREETING

☞ Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

☞ And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

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.

The assembly is seated.

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 their strength.

☞ A reading from Nehemiah.

¹All 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. ²Accordingly, 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. ³He 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. ⁵And 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.

⁶Then 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.

⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And 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. ¹⁰Then 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: Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

**²One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**⁴their 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.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**⁶It 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.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the
simple.

**⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to
the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine
gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**¹²Who can detect one’s own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above 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.

**¹⁴Let 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

📖 A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹²For 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. ¹³For 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.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he

chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The 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.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and 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; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And 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. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

L Word of God, word of life.

G Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke..

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When 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, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“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,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And 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. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

G 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 *Christ, Be Our Light* (ELW 715)

The assembly remains seated. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these

sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

Ruth Strausbaugh - President

June Ecker - Vice-President

Teresa Papoutsis - Secretary

Linda Bennett - Co-Treasurer

Adrian Kuhs - Co-Treasurer

Sally Berklite

Terry Eberly

Linda Fleagle

Sherri Kayboe

- ☐ *A reading from First Corinthians:* There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

- ☒ I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

- ☐ People of God, I ask you:
Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

- ☑ **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.

- ☐ I now declare you installed as officers and council members of this congregation.
Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

- ☑ **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- ☐ Gathered together by God's Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.
- ☐ Grant unity in the body of Christ, your church. Replace dissension with reconciliation, and strengthen its witness to the world. Lord, in your mercy,
- ☑ **hear our prayer.**
- ☐ When your creation is harmed, all suffer together. Guide your people to make wise choices that protect the land, sea, and all life. Lord, in your mercy,
- ☑ **hear our prayer.**
- ☐ Put an end to strife, violence, and hate in nations where there is turmoil, especially Iran, Iraq, Syria and Israel. Guide leaders and movements for change to seek peace above all else. Lord, in your mercy,
- ☑ **hear our prayer.**
- ☐ Be present where there is loneliness. Be comfort where there is pain. Be healing where there is brokenness. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,
- ☑ **hear our prayer.**
- ☐ Grant health and new life in this assembly. Send us to share the good news of your abundant love in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
- ☑ **hear our prayer.**

A We give thanks for the faithful departed who have come to know the fulfillment of your promises. Assure us of your hope until we join the saints in light. 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

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.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

SPECIAL MUSIC

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

A Let us pray.

C O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

BLESSING

P 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.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* (ELW 314)

DISMISSAL

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

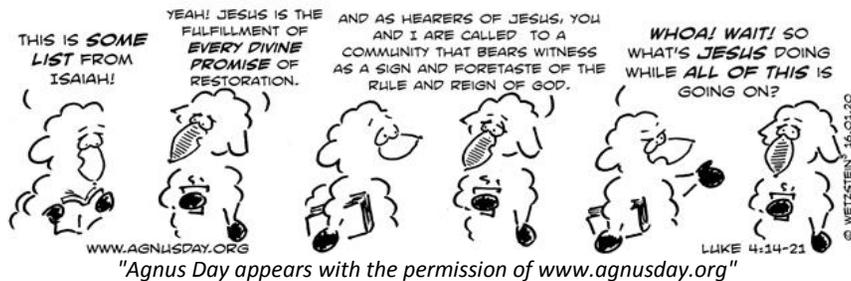
C We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended; our service begins.



Agnus Day by James Wetstein



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PRAYER AND SUPPORT



Please keep these people in your prayers: Phyllis Baker, Cookie Beck, Jean Benedict, 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.

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.

To members of Trinity congregation: **Thank you** for the cards, visits, phone calls and food following her recent surgery. i am truly blessed by all my church family, friends & family.

- Joanne Crider

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 Applebee’s.** Next week we will meet at Café del Sol. We invite all to be with us for this time of fellowship as we enjoy a meal together.



Our **Annual Meeting** to receive reports from congregation officers and committee chairs will follow worship on Sunday, February 14

We will have our annual **Mid-Winter Luncheon** after the Annual Meeting on February 14.. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the rear of the church. Steamers will be provided. We will need soup, salads, and desserts or whatever you would like to bring. If you can't bring anything, please sign up anyway so we have an accurate count. Thank you, Christian Service Committee.

Believe it or not, it is time for our annual **Easter Candy Sale**. Brochures are available on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. All orders are due by Sunday, February 14. Candy will be available at the church on Sunday, March 13.

Items for the **February newsletter** are due tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m.

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.** Sign as soon as possible to reserve the date(s) you wish.

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 sanctuary. 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 sanctuary for a list of needed products. Please note that the program does not collect food items or previously used personal care items.



- January 24-30 -

- Today..... 12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Applebee's
- Monday..... 4:00 p.m. - February Newsletter Items Due
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday..... 7:00 p.m. - Faith Study
- Friday..... 10:00 a.m. - Coffee, Tea & Theology at Christine's Café

- January 31-February 6 -

- Sunday..... 9:30 a.m. - Youth Sunday School & Adult Forum
- Sunday..... 10:45 a.m. - Service of the Word for Healing
- Sunday..... 12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Café del Sol
- Monday..... 6:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$1,577
Year to Date	\$3,088
Attendance Last Sunday -40	

**- 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 Charlie and Ruth Strausbaugh in honor of their son Bryan on his birthday.

The bulletins are provided by Teresa Papoutsis to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Elizabeth Mose, on what would have been her 98th birthday,

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

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

Vicar Pam Illick Presiding Minister
 Ruth Strausbaugh Assisting Minister
 Eric Leaper Lector
 Katherine Dennis Crucifer
 Teresa Papoutsis Nursery
 Amy Dennis & Linda Fleagle Altar Care
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Pianists/Organists
 Richard Berklite Usher
 Al Bingman Usher
 Adrian Kuhs Usher
 Melissa Leaper Usher
 June Ecker Youth Sunday School
 Sherri Kayhoe & Carol Snyder Offering Tellers

- SERVING JANUARY 31 -

Vicar Pam Illick Presiding Minister
 Charles Strausbaugh Assisting Minister
 Terry Eberly Lector
 Katherine Dennis Crucifer
 Gladys Clapsaddle Nursery
 Amy Dennis & Linda Fleagle Altar Care
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Pianists/Organists
 Richard Berklite Usher
 Al Bingman Usher
 Adrian Kuhs Usher
 Melissa Leaper Usher
 Ruth Strausbaugh Youth Sunday School
 Teresa Papoutsis & Ruth Strausbaugh Offering Tellers

<p><u>Six Marks of Discipleship</u></p> <p>Daily Prayer</p> <p>Weekly Worship</p> <p>Bible Reading</p>

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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.