

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 2016
10:45 AM

Service of the Word for Healing

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Vicar



Welcome, one and all! Faith, hope and love are gifts of God. May you find them here. 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 God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and besitant 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.

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.

P 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.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG *I Love to Tell the Story* (ELW 661)

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

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

P Let us pray.

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 what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

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 in the midst of 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.

L A reading from Jeremiah.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵“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.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But 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.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

⁹Then 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.

¹⁰See, 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: Psalm 71:1-6

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from of the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,
my confidence since I was young.

⁶**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.

📖 A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And 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. ³If 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.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love 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. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³And 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.

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: Luke 4:21-30

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..

🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He 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.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But 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; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They 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. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

☐ 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 *There Is a Balm in Gilead* (ELW 614)

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

☐ 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 Kubs - Co-Treasurer

Sally Berklite
Terry Eberly
Linda Fleagle
Sherri Kayhoe

☐ *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.

- P** 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?

C We will, and we ask God to help us.

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

- P** 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.

C Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO SERVICE OF HEALING

- P** Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come
near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with
prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of
Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now
entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Gathered as children of the same Lord, we pray for the church,
the world, and all those in need.

- A** Make your church a prophetic voice for the voiceless, a bold
witness of love to the neighbor, and a force for hope in all the
world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A** Guard all creatures that fly, swim, creep, and walk upon the earth.
Defend and preserve threatened lands and waters (especially).
Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A** Stir leaders of all nations to compassion and righteous anger in the
face of injustice and lead them to rejoice in the truth that all
people are beloved children of the Most High. Lord, in your
mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A** Grant patience, endurance, healing, and hope to all those in any
need. Give strength to those living with addictions and comfort to
those who have lost jobs, homes, health, and hope. We pray
especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A** Guide the ministries of this congregation (especially). Curb our
impatience, our envy, and our insistence on our own way, and give
us patience, kindness, and love in service to others. Lord, in your
mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A** We give thanks for the faithful departed who have come to know
the fulfillment of your promises. Strengthen us in faith, hope, and
love 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.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

- P** Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of
healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

The assembly is seated.

*Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing approach and, as
conditions permit, kneel.*

- P** Receive this oil as a sign of forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ.

R Amen.

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands, and the presiding
minister continues.*

P Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING: HEALING

P Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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



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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

☞ 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 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (ELW 836)

DISMISSAL

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

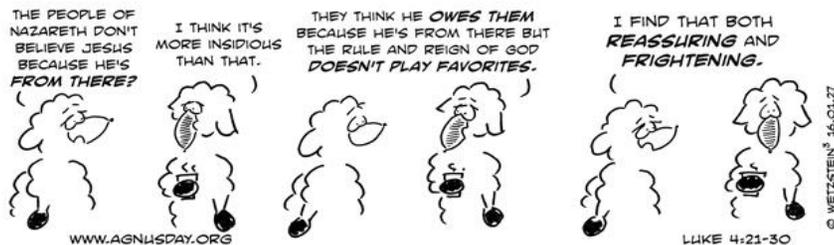
☞ We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended; our service begins.



Agnus Day by James Wetstein



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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

It seems ironic that the people closest to Jesus—the people with whom he grew up and who knew him as Joseph's son—were also the ones who had the hardest time accepting him and his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22). This pattern is repeated later in Jesus' life, when his closest disciples turn their backs on him: Judas betrays him, Peter denies him, and most of the rest scatter and run away when he is arrested, tortured, and crucified.

If we are honest, we have to admit that we, the present-day family and followers of Jesus, are not much better. How often do we hear Jesus calling us into discipleship, to take up our crosses and follow him, only to squirm uncomfortably and make excuses? At our core, we long to live lives of true generosity, selfless service, and deep relationship, but all too often we get distracted by other demands or by our own fears. Although we know and love Jesus, we hesitate to accept him.

But here's the thing: the light and love of Christ has come in its fullness, and nothing we do or don't do can extinguish it! By the power of baptism into his birth, death, and resurrection, his life is poured into ours. Through the breaking of bread at God's table and the gathering around God's word week after week, we are strengthened to live like the prophet from Nazareth: to love with reckless abandon, to give our lives in service to all who suffer, to listen for God's voice in daily life. This seems impossibly hard, but we are not alone on this path. By prayer and fellowship, we uphold each other when we struggle to be faithful. We accept each other even in our weakness.

And so: in us and through us, Jesus is, after all, accepted by his people.

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, Brian Sease, Marie Seidel, Pastor Ray Shriver, Rileigh Sunday, the family of Lucy Rowland.

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



Lucy Rowland died Monday, January 25 in Chambersburg Hospital. Services were held Friday, January 29. We extend our condolences to the family in this time of loss.

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@ltsq.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.** 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 also receive information about proposed new air conditioning for the sanctuary. We urge all to remain after worship that day.

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.

The **Evangelism Committee** meeting on February 1 is cancelled.

Even with all the snow, it is not too early to mark your calendar the date of our annual **Church Picnic** on Sunday, August 21 at Pine Hill Recreation Area.

Our next **Church Breakfast** will be on Tuesday, February 16, 9 a.m. at Parlor House Restaurant. We invite all to join us for the fellowship. If you plan to attend, please sign the reservation sheet posted on the bulletin board in the entrance way.

Dinner at The Ridge will be held at noon at the Fleck Center on Wednesday, February 10. The cost is \$6.75. The menu for February is sweet heart salad, herb crusted pork loin with gravy, baked yams with cinnamon butter, California blend vegetables, dinner rolls & butter, assorted desserts and beverages. Please call 264-3212 to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Thursday, February 4th.

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!!

Beginning on February 14 and continuing for the six weeks of Lent, the **Adult Forum** that meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Social Room will use the ELCA Educational Series on world hunger. This will be a chance to reflect on hunger, hope, and God’s love in a world of both abundance and need. This is an excellent time to help your own spiritual growth. Won’t you join us for the six special sessions? All are welcome.

Join us on Thursday, February 4 for **Faith Study**. Vicar Pam will present “The History of Lent”. This presentation with focus on the history of Lent, Ash Wednesday, and the Lenten Disciplines associated with this holy season. Learn some ways your faith can be deepened and strengthened during this time of penitence. Check your February newsletter for a schedule of sessions in February and March.

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 31–February 6 -

- Today..... 12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Applebee’s
- Monday..... 6:30 p.m. - ~~Evangelism Committee~~ CANCELLED
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday..... 7:00 p.m. - Faith Study

- February 7-13 -

- 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 Café del Sol
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service
- Thursday..... 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
- Friday 10:00 a.m. - Coffee, Tea & Theology at Christine’s Café



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$0
Year to Date	\$3,088
Attendance Last Sunday -Snow	

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

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



The altar flowers and bulletins are dedicated to the glory of God and are provided by Teresa Papoutsis in honor of her grandson, Andrew Mulkerin, on his second birthday.

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

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

Vicar Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Charles Strausbaugh Assisting Minister
Terry Eberly Lector
Katherine Dennis Crucifer
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

- SERVING FEBRUARY 7 -

Vicar Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Linda Bennett Assisting Minister
Teresa Papoutsis Lector & Communion Assistant
Katherine Dennis Crucifer
Sherri Kayhoe & Carol Snyder Altar Care
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Pianists/Organists
Don Becker Usher
Amy Dennis Usher
Linda Fleagle Usher
Judi Rice Usher
Ruth Strausbaugh Youth Sunday School
Marie Seidel & Linda Weddle Offering Tellers

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.