

We will strive to
bear



to Christ
in our world.

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2018
Service of the Word

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Pastor



Welcome to all – especially visitors!!! **It is no accident that you are here today!** You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you, and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life.

If you need some help to make your worship with us more accessible, please see an usher for assistance. A transport chair and large print bulletins are available if you have need for them.

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

GREETINGS - Take a moment to check in on Facebook!
Feel free to share your worship experience via social media, too.

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

☞ Amen.

☞ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Time for silent confession and reflection)

Loving God,

C we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.

*** GATHERING SONG *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* (ELW 669)**

*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 *Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
Our God is an awesome God!
(repeat)

Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

L A reading from 1 Samuel.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them.

¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.”

¹⁷Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙌 Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

¹LORD, you have searched me out;
O LORD, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all
of them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)



* GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

In John’s gospel, Jesus’ ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip’s friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to “Come and see.”

📖 The holy gospel according to St. John.

🙌 Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!”

⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the

King of Israel!”⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

☞ The gospel of the Lord.

☛ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON “*We will strive to bear witness to Christ in our world.*”

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Love to Tell the Story* (ELW 661)

INSTALLATION AND CONSECRATION OF THE 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

☞ Today it is our privilege to give thanks for June Ecker and Teresa Papoutsis who are completing a time of service in the ministry of serving on Church Council for this congregation.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. We give thanks for the ways these gifts have been shown forth among us through your servants June and Teresa. We praise you for shared joys and accomplishments, and we commend our work to you. Grant that we may continue to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

☛ **Amen.**

☞ The following people have been elected by people of Trinity Lutheran Church 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.

☛ The following people have been elected to our Church Council:
Ruth Strausbaugh
Judi Rice
Terry Eberly
Linda Fleagle
Melissa Leaper
Rusty Kreitz
Earl Duffey

☛ *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.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

☞ 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*?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Please stand. Those being installed face 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.

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.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition the congregation will respond:

C hear our prayer.

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

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

THANK AND TELL

*OFFERTORY



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.

*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

A Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

*** SENDING SONG** *Lord Speak to Us, That We May Speak*
(ELW 676)

***DISMISSAL**

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

G **We will. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.

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The altar flowers and bulletins are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed by Teresa Papoutsis in honor of her grandson, Thomas Paddack, on his 10th birthday.

The sanctuary lamp candles are placed by Teresa Papoutsis to the glory of God and in honor of her grandsons Thomas Paddack and Andrew Mulkerin on their birthdays and in loving memory of her mother, Elizabeth Mose, on what would have been her 100th birthday

One Degree of Connection

A modern theory proposes that every person is separated from every other person by at most six degrees (six connecting relationships). Pick any person in the world and they will know someone who knows someone who knows someone who knows you. When we meet strangers, we often don't realize how closely connected we are until we share our stories.

In today's gospel story, Philip is first connected to Jesus by being from the same town as Andrew and Peter. But then Jesus calls him to follow, and Philip is in a direct relationship with Jesus. He went from two degrees of separation to one degree of connection. Philip tells Nathanael that Jesus is the one spoken of in Moses and the prophets. At first Nathanael doubts Jesus can measure up, since Jesus is from a small town of no importance. Nathanael is still two degrees away from Jesus.

Then Nathanael meets Jesus in person, and it changes everything. Instead of Nathanael getting to know Jesus, he discovers that Jesus already knows him. Nathanael's doubt about Jesus turns into astounding trust. Nathanael learns that even when he was two or more degrees separated from Jesus, Jesus was already directly connected to him.

Like Philip, the church shares the good news of Jesus with those who are near to us, friends, neighbors, and strangers. We say to others, “Come and see.” When we invite people to learn about Jesus, we are inviting them to a great surprise: No matter how separated they may feel from Jesus because of time, relationship, or doubt, Jesus already knows them and loves them. God already knows them and accepts them. The good news of Christ is that we are all only one degree, one relationship away from God, and that relationship is Jesus himself, who has already befriended us on God's behalf.

– PRAYER AND SUPPORT –

Remember to write the name(s) of persons for whom prayer is needed on the pad in the rear of the church! The names will be included in the Intercessory Prayers this morning. If you forget to put someone's name on the list, there is an opportunity to say the name during the prayers.

Special prayers for: the Homeless and all who work with helping them find shelter

College Students: Remember Madi Kreitz in your prayers!

GenNow Disciples: Hailey Sherman, Taylor Sherman, Kellan Stevens, Taylor Kuhs, and Darius Kuhs

– UPCOMING EVENTS –

LUNCH BUNCH goes out on Sundays after worship for lunch (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation).. Please join us next Sunday at Applebee's for the fellowship as we enjoy lunch together.



We invite all to remain after worship today for **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**. Join us in the social room for the fellowship with light refreshments. Hostesses are Melissa Leaper, Teresa Papoutsis and Marie Seidel. Following this we will remove the holiday decorations from the church.

THIRD TUESDAY BREAKFAST: Join us for the monthly breakfast at Parlor House on January 16 at 9 a.m. Bring a friend along!!

COUNCIL RETREAT on January 27 from 9 a.m.—3p.m at the church. All Council Members are asked to attend this retreat so that we can plan for 2018. Lunch will be provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW: The Worship and Music committee made the decision to have the Ash Wednesday service at 12:30 p.m. on February 14, 2018. So many of our folks are not comfortable driving at night, the committee felt that we should try a daytime service this year.

The annual **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to receive annual report will be on Sunday, February 11, following worship.

- STEWARDSHIP –

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

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: 1 Samuel 3:10 –Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

God calls us all – all of us, without exception. The question is, are we paying attention, able to hear God's voice amid the clamoring din of the world's many competing voices. In order to be a good steward, servant, or disciple, we have to be paying attention so that when God calls us we can reply, as Samuel did, "Speak, for your servant is listening!"

KITCHEN RENOVATION FUND: Help us fill up the pot!! Our goal is \$8,000 for the renovation of the kitchen. Watch the progress on the "coffee pot chart" at the rear of the sanctuary. The current total is approximately \$3,835.

BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES are available on the windowsill near the sanctuary entrance. Please use them to make your Kitchen Renovation Donation! Mark your envelope for the **Kitchen**.



.2018 SPONSOR CHARTS for flowers, bulletins and sanctuary lamp candles are available on the **Stewardship Bulletin Board** in the hallway off the narthex. The sanctuary lamp candle sponsor spaces are on the altar candle chart.

R3 GENEROSITY ACADEMY: We have the opportunity to enter into training for developing a stewardship program here at TLC! There will be 4 sessions beginning January 2 at Salem Lutheran in Marion, January 16 here at Trinity, January 30 at Evangelical in Greencastle, and February 6 at Solomon's in Chambersburg. The first session was very good! If you are interested in going to the next workshop, please let Ruth Strausbaugh know.

- FAITH FORMATION –

ADULT FORUM: Have you ever wanted to see the places Paul traveled to during his ministry? Would you like to learn more about the world's first theologian? We will be using Adam Hamilton's study called "The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul." In the DVD that accompanies the study, he shows the viewers many of the places Paul traveled. Come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30! Don't forget to bring your favorite morning beverage!

GUIDING PRINCIPLES and MISSION SUNDAY: Make sure to join us for a very special worship service on January 21! It is Mission Sunday! We will look at how we are living out the Guiding Principle: *"We will help and serve others in our congregation, our community and the world."* Come to see and learn about the ways that Trinity is changing lives in our congregation, in Rouzerville, and in the world. **This would be a good Sunday to INVITE SOMEONE TO COME TO CHURCH WITH YOU!!!**

- TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR –

Please note: we will no longer collect **GREETING CARDS** for St. Jude's Ranch for Children. They are discontinuing their collections of used greeting cards as they have done for the past 30 years. Unfortunately, they have seen card orders decline over the past four years. At the same time, they have experienced limited volunteers to run the program. They are grateful for the supporters who sent in used greeting cards.

BLESSING BOXES: The boxes on the outside wall beside the church entrance doors are for reaching out to our community with love and kindness. One box will serve as a library and the other as a pantry. It is time to fill them up!! It's easy! Bring what you can and put your donations in the designated box at the rear of the sanctuary and we'll fill the Blessing Boxes as needed. Folks can take what they need and replace it when and if they can. Examples for donations would be any type of book that will fit in the library box. The pantry box will be for non-perishable foods like: granola bars, cereal, cans of soup, individual rolls of toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, diapers, etc. **DURING THIS TIME OF SEVERE COLD AND FREEZING CONSIDER DONATING THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF ITEMS: boxed mac and cheese, granola bars, cereal, instant oatmeal packets, foil packets of tuna, meals in a cup to which you add water, jerky, and other items that won't be hurt if they freeze.** Anything suitable that will keep well and fit in the box. Let's show people we are a caring congregation.

MEANDERING MARTIN!! He is ready for any adventure you'd like to take him on! He is waiting patiently in the narthex. Choose either the paper Martin or the wooden Martin, follow the simple instructions, take along a Martin Luther biography to get to know him better, and show our monk the beauties of God's world. He will not protest.

"NEW NEIGHBOR BASKETS" are now available for pickup at the church any Sunday morning. All you need to do is pick up the basket, deliver it, and have good conversation with your new neighbor. God is sending us out to do a new thing—help us reach out to our community!

Back to BASICS™

GETTING BACK TO BASICS in 2018: Trinity began its Redevelopment process with a set of **Guiding Principles** that was written, agreed upon and set at the May 31, 2014 meeting. As is commonly the case with things like this, as time has passed these guiding principles have slid into the corners of our minds and we don't really think about them very often, if at all. In the New Year 2018 we will be "Getting back to basics" as we make and implement a plan for the future of our congregation in the next stages of our Redevelopment. The **Guiding Principles** are "...the values we hold onto no matter what." (May 31, 2014 minutes of the Redevelopment Team). They are:

- Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.
- We will grow in our faith by praying and studying God's word.
- We will love one another as Christ loves us and welcome all.
- We will help and serve others in our congregation, our community, and the world.
- We will be true to our beliefs and face conflicts with compassion.
- We will strive to bear witness to Christ in our world.



- January 14-20 -

Today 11:45 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation
 Sunday 12:15 p.m. - Remove Holiday Decorations
 Tuesday..... 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Parlor House
 Wednesday .. 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies

- January 21-27 -

Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Youth Class & Adult Forum
 Sunday 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
 Sunday 12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Applebee's
 Monday..... 9:00 p.m. - February Newsletter Items Due
 Wednesday .. 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
 Saturday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - Council Retreat



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$664
Year to Date	\$664
Attendance Last Sunday - 24	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

- Current Income/Expenses - To November 30

Income	\$147,861
Expenses	\$113,033
Above reflects \$100,000 bequest and e-giving offerings.	

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

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

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Ruth Strausbaugh..... Assisting Minister
Hailey Sherman..... Lector
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
Amy Dennis..... Usher
Linda Fleagle Usher
Judi Rice Usher
Amy Dennis & Linda Fleagle Altar Care
Richard Berklite After-Church Lock-up
Earl Duffey & Rusty Kreitz Offering Tellers

- JANUARY 21 -

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Charles Strausbaugh Assisting Minister
Rusty Kreitz..... Lector
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
Joanne Crider..... Usher
June Ecker..... Usher
Marie Seidel Usher
Linda Weddle..... Usher
Amy Dennis & Linda Fleagle Altar Care
Richard Berklite After-Church Lock-up
Richard Berklite & Donna Swauger..... Offering Tellers

Six Marks of Discipleship
Daily Prayer
Weekly Worship
Bible Reading
Service
Spiritual Friendships
Giving

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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.