We will be true to our beliefs and face



with compassion.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 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.

On May 31, 2014 the Redevelopment Team of this congregation drafted Guiding Principles that are intended to help us make decisions as we work together in the renewal of our spiritual lives, our community lives both within our church family and the world, and toward better stewardship of our time, talents and wealth as we learn to become disciples of Jesus Christ. Guiding Principles are those values that we agree to uphold no matter what. Today we talk about and pray about one of our Guiding Principles as we explore the gospel of Jesus Christ and seek to understand how God through Jesus Christ is calling us to grow and go with grace.

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

We seek to be true to our beliefs and face conflict with compassion. Sometimes we hurt one another. Sometimes we hold grudges. Sometimes we do not love one another as Christ loved us. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and with one another.

Turn toward the aisle to face one another.

Assisting Minister leads Organ Side of the Church:

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Pastor leads Pulpit Side of the Church:

Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen. *(pause)*

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Organ Side of the Church:

Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

*PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

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 All Are Welcome (ELW 641) verses 1, 3, and 5

*GREETING

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

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

<u>WORD</u>

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about how some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable, believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause a sister or brother to sin.

L A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)





* GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.

- **P** The holy gospel according to Mark.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY When Peace Like a River (ELW 785)

The assembly stands.

*CREED

- P 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 THE PEOPLE

After each petition the congregation will respond:

G hear our prayer.

Please be seated.

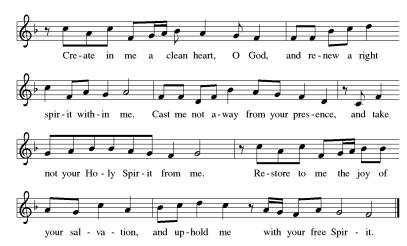
THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

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

THANK AND TELL

*OFFERTORY (Assembly stands.)



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*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 ⅓ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

G Amen.

* SENDING SONG God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again (ELW 536)

*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.

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Mission Statement of Trinity Lutheran, Rouzerville:

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:

TLC is a flourishing, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered home for all.



The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed by Teresa Papoutsis in honor of her grandson, Andrew Mulkerin, on his 4th birthday.

The floral arrangement is dedicated to the glory of God and is placed by Charles and Ruth Strausbaugh in honor of their son Bryan on his 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.

- 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 today at Café del Sol for the fellowship as we enjoy lunch together.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: 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, that the committee felt that we should try a daytime service this year. If you are unable to attend a daytime service, please see Pastor Pam.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to receive annual reports will be on Sunday, February 11, following worship. The fine folks on the Christian Service committee are planning a light lunch of soup and steamers since it is also **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION SUNDAY!** Please plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship

MARK YOU CALENDAR FOR <u>SHROVE TUESDAY</u> <u>PANCAKE SUPPER!</u> Tuesday, February 13, make plans to come and enjoy pancakes for supper and fellowship time!! The food is FREE and so is the fun. Invite your neighbors and people in the community! The first pancake hits the grill at 5:00! We will continue to flip and eat until 7:00.

TIME FOR A CHANGE! Parlor Talk has been meeting at Parlor House for just over a year now. At the last gathering, the group made the decision to move to a new venue and time! We will be meeting on February 8 (the 2nd Thursday) at 11:30 a.m. at Christine's. You are all welcome to come talk about the "topic of the day" and share in the fellowship. We're looking for a new name for the group, too. Got any ideas? Please share with Linda Fleagle!!!

- STEWARDSHIP -

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

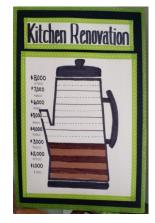
STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: Psalm 111:1 – Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart!

What can we do to open the way for God to transform us into more-faithful steward disciples? Praise and thanksgiving are key! As you go through your day, keep these two phrases in your heart and on your lips: "Praise be to God!" Thanks be to God!" Think of them and say them often. Then see what God can do with you.

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 \$4,335.

BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES are available on the windowsill near the sanctuary entrance. Please use them to make your <u>Kitchen Renovation Donation!</u> 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.

INFORMATION CHANGE: Anyone having a change of address, phone number or email address is asked to notify the office. We are updating our records on February 1.

R3 GENEROSITY ACADEMY: Please pray for our Stewardship Team as they go and learn how to lead our congregation in stronger, more faithful stewardship.

- FAITH FORMATION -

ADULT FORUM: We are studying Adam Hamilton's book "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!

KID TIME SUNDAY SCHOOL: Last Sunday the kids had a science lesson during Sunday School!!!! They learned about the scents of Christmas. The new curriculum we are trying is really great! It sure isn't the "old timey" sit-in-a-chair-and-do-paper-and-pencil kind of Sunday School many of us remember. The kids get to experience how the Bible intersects everyday life! They may do science, cook, craft, create games or art or many other ways that incorporate what they are learning. Each Bible story (which is covered for 3-6 weeks) will feature a primary verse that the kids will be asked to memorize. With the variety of activities and fun, it never gets boring!!!

MY FAVORITE HYMN: We will be singing someone's favorite hymn each Sunday beginning with the first Sunday in Lent, February 18. If you have not gotten to complete a "My Favorite Hymn and Why" card, let an usher know. Fill out your card and return it in the offering plate. You MUST include your name AND the reason this is your favorite hymn!!!

- TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR -

"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!

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. 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.



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 28-February 3 -

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-	Lunch Bunch at Café del Sol			
-	Redevelopment Team			
-	Stewardship Workshop at Evangelical,			
	Greencastle			
-	Wednesday in the Subway			
-	Creative Christian Ladies			
- February 4-10 -				
-	Youth Class & Adult Forum			
-	Holy Communion			
-	Lunch Bunch at China Maple			
-	Stewardship Workshop at Solomon's			
	Lutheran			
-	Wednesday in the Subway			
-	Creative Christian Ladies			
-	Parlor Talks at Christine's			
-	Congregation Council			
-	Dinner at Monterey Pass Pub			
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- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund			
Last Week	\$499			
Year to Date	\$3,906			
Attendance Last Sunday - 29				
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)

(1 Peter 2.4-10)				
Pastor Pam Illick	Presiding Minister			
Hailey Sherman	Assisting Minister			
Eric Leaper	Lector			
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice	Musicians			
Joanne Crider				
June Ecker	Usher			
Marie Seidel	Usher			
Linda Weddle	Usher			
Amy Dennis & Linda Fleagle	Altar Care			
Richard Berklite	After-Church Lock-up			
Amy Dennis & Linda Fleagle	Offering Tellers			
- FEBRUARY 4 -				

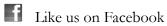
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Melissa Leaper	Usher
Carol Snyder	Usher
Donna Swauger	Usher
Sherri Kayhoe & Carol Snyder	Altar Care
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Six Marks of Discipleship

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.





God's work. Our hands.