



Baptism of Our Lord January 7, 2018

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.

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

Lutherans believe that the bread and wine of Holy Communion are signs given by God that Christ is fully present among us. We invite you to participate in receiving this miraculous presence. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, be assured that even in the words, Christ is present to you. You are welcome to come to the Table to be fed and nurtured with us.

(Communion record cards are available in the pew racks.)

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

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

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

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

☩ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

☩ Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

***PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

***GATHERING SONG** *When Jesus Came to Jordan* (ELW 305)

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the primeval darkness, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for any person living in the chaos and darkness of despair. God created and continues to create new life.

L A reading from Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. forth,

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John’s baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.

📖 A reading from Acts.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙌 **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: Mark 1:4-11**

Mark’s gospel reports the story of Jesus’ baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

📖 The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

🙌 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

📖 The gospel of the Lord.

🙌 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Let All Things Now Living* (ELW 881)

The assembly stands.

*CREED

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

C 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:

C hear our prayer.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

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

THANK AND TELL

*OFFERTORY *(The assembly stands.)*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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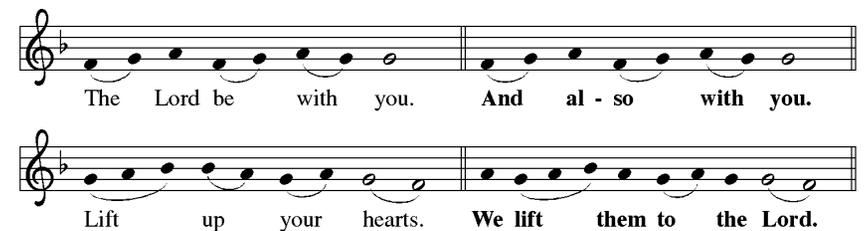
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*OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God,

C receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

☐ In the night in which he was handed over,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen

*LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

Communicants will proceed up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive the wine from the pouring chalice, please pick up an individual cup from the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread from the pastor, proceed to the pouring chalice or the common cup to receive the wine.

Return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. If you would like to have communion brought to your seat, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor come to you.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

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

*TABLE BLESSING *(The assembly stands.)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG** *God, Whose Almighty Word (ELW 673)*

***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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The altar flowers 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.

– 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 China Maple as we resume this activity after a holiday break.



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

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

PARLOR TALK: Thursday, January 11 at 10 a.m. at The Parlor House. Join us for breakfast and discussion topic: “What is God up to in 2018?”

- 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!



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. 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.

- 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? Beginning January 7, 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!

- STEWARDSHIP -

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: Genesis 1:1-2: "In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters."

Where do we come from? For that matter, where did anything come from? These first two verses of the whole Bible remind us that God created all that was, all that is, and all that will be. God made it all, even us, and everything belongs to God. That's the first rule of stewardship.

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.

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 7-13 -

Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Youth Class & Adult Forum
 Sunday 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
 Monday..... 7:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee
 Wednesday .. 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
 Thursday 10:00 a.m. - Parlor Talks at Parlor House
 Thursday 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
 Friday..... 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Monterey Pass Pub & Eatery

- January 14-20 -

Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Youth Class & Adult Forum
 Sunday 10:45 a.m. - Service of the Word
 Sunday 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



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$444
Year to Date	\$42,846
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)

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Earl Duffey Assisting Minister
Charles Strausbaugh 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
Sally Berklite & June Ecker Offering Tellers

- JANUARY 14 -

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
Melissa Leaper, Teresa Papoutsis, Marie Seidel Coffee & Conversation

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.