



**Christmas Eve
December 24, 2017
Holy Communion &
Candlelight Service**

**Trinity 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. Visitor Cards are located in the pew rack. Would you please fill one out if you are visiting tonight and place it in the offering plate? It is our prayer that your worship experience this evening will fill you with God's love and peace.

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 a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

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.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Take a moment to check in to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rouzerville on your device! And please remember to "Like" our church Facebook page!

PRELUDE

Please stand.

CHRISTMAS DIALOG

- P** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
- C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- P** Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.
- C** **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**
- P** For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
- C** **In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (ELW 283)

GREETING

- P** Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia!
The grace and compassion 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, Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2–7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will

practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

- L** Let us read responsively the reading from Isaiah:

- L** ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

- C** ³**You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.**

- L** ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

- C** ⁵**For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.**

- L** ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- C** ⁷**His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

- L** The word of the Lord.

- C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (ELW 290 verse 1)

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11–14

The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.

☒ A reading from Titus.

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,
¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly,
¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Love Has Come* (ELW 292)

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1–20

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be

afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

☒ The gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (ELW 270)

Please be seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. A listing of the current ministries of Trinity are listed in this worship folder.

THANK AND TELL

SPECIAL MUSIC

Please stand.

OFFERTORY: *Away in a Manger* (ELW 277 verse 1)

OFFERING PRAYER

☒ Let us pray.

C Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God,
Creator of all and Source of life,
at the birth of time your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time,
you sent your Word, born of Mary,
to shine in our darkness
and to make us your daughters and sons.

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 birth and life among us,
his death and resurrection,
we await his coming again
when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you,
we may live as your children,
shining with the light of your Son.

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

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The bread of God comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world. Come, eat, and live.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

- **To receive communion**, come up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. After receiving the bread **dip your bread** into the wine in the chalice and then eat the bread. Return to your seat by the side aisle.
- **If you prefer to receive a blessing**, come forward with your bulletin.

- **If you would like to have communion brought to your seat**, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor will 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

CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS: (1 stanza each) 269, 275, 276, 279, 282, 288 289, 296, 300 (see insert)

After all have communed, please stand.

TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

THE GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION: John 1:1–14

- P** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
- ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
- ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.
- ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

THE PRAYERS

- A** Glory to God in the highest,
C and peace to God's people on earth.
- A** Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
- C** Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.
- A** Blessed are you, Wonderful Counselor. You enlighten the heart with steadfast love.
- C** Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.
- A** Blessed are you, Emmanuel. You promise to be with us even to the end of the age.
- C** Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.

- A** Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.
- C** Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.
- A** Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
- C** Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

The minister lights a large candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world of whom John's gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles from the minister's candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another.

REMEMBER: DO NOT TIP A LIGHTED CANDLE!

HYMN OF LIGHT: *Silent Night, Holy Night!* (ELW 281)

1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

BLESSING

☐ May God fill you with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the Magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.
May the Triune God, + bless you and keep you, now and forever.

☑ Amen

The candles are extinguished.

DEPARTURE HYMN: *Joy to the World* (ELW 267)

DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. God is incarnate among us.

☑ Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



*Pastor Pam and the Congregation Council
of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
wish you all the joys and blessings of the
Christmas season now and throughout the
year ahead.*

- SERVING TONIGHT -

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Charles Strausbaugh Assisting Minister
Amy Dennis Lector
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice & Rhonda Rice Musicians
Richard Berklite Usher
Al Bingman Usher
Adrian Kuhs Usher
Melissa Leaper Usher
Anita Bingman, Cindy Sherman, Barbara Stefanic Altar Care
Teresa Papoutsis & Ruth Strausbaugh Offering Tellers

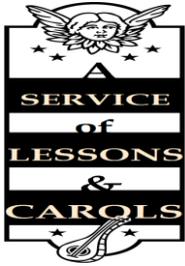


The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed in loving memory of Ann and Elton Mcnew by Sondra and William Musser.

- THANK YOU -

All those who assisted in decorating the church for the holiday season.

YOU ARE INVITED!!!



Sunday, December 31
10:45 AM

Join us as we continue to celebrate the Christmas season with a service of Lessons and Carols. This is a perfect day to sing Christmas Carols to your heart's content!

NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY GAME NIGHT at Pastor Pam and Ed's home. Come anytime beginning at 5:00. Soup and sandwiches are what's for dinner. Bring your favorite munchie to share and your favorite beverage of any kind!! You are also welcome to bring your favorite game. Please RSVP by signing up on the Trinity News Bulletin Board or give Pastor Pam a text or call. Her contact information is in the back of this worship folder.

FAITH FORMATION

There will be no Sunday School or Adult Forum on December 31. Classes will resume on January 7, 2018.

Consider joining the **ADULT FORUM** for a study beginning January 7, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. entitled:

"The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul"

The DVD that goes with the study will show us the places Paul went during his ministry!! Everyone is welcome. The more the merrier!!

There is a great **SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM** for children Kindergarten-Grade 6! We do games, science, cooking, art, storytelling, and all sorts of fun things that help children learn about God's love for them and the world! Join us in the fun on Sunday mornings at 9:30!

ONGOING MINISTRIES OF TRINITY

God is working through the people of Trinity in new and exciting ways! There is a place for **everyone** to generously share their talents, time and treasure in the work that God is leading us to do!

- Support for **Bountiful Blessings**: We collect toilet paper, paper towels, soap, and personal care items in addition to volunteering to distribute these items via Rouzerville Church of the Brethren
- Support for **Pregnancy Ministries, Inc.**: Annual Baby Shower in December for Jesus to collect baby items for the new moms and babies who go through the PMI program. Volunteers are always needed at PMI, can you help?
- **Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Girl Scouts** meet here every week! We also collect **Box Tops for Education** for them!
- **Pets & Blessings**: Annual event the first Sunday of October at Red Run Park to bless and remember the pets who bless our lives with unconditional love.
- **Trunk & Treat**: Trick or Treating for the children in our community is an annual event. We host Trunk & Treat rain or shine!
- **Cards for St. Jude's Ranch**: Save your cards to donate in our collection box! Cards for any occasion are used. Only the front of the card is used and must not contain writing. We cannot accept cards from Hallmark, Disney, and American Greetings.
- **Creative Christian Ladies**: This is a community group of folks who gather to knit or crochet prayer shawls, lap robes, baby items, hats, and all sorts of things that are donated in our community. The men come to socialize!
- **Community Ecumenical Worship**: We partner with various churches in our community for special services. Watch for details about Good Friday Service we will lead with our brothers and sisters at Rouzerville Church of the Brethren.

- **Easter Sunrise Service:** Held every Easter at 7 a.m. at Harbaugh Church Cemetery.
- **New Neighbor Baskets:** Do you have a new neighbor? Let us know so that we can help you get a New Neighbor Basket to deliver to welcome them to our community.
- **Lunch Bunch:** We go out for lunch after worship on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays (also the 5th if there is one) of the month for fellowship time.
- **Wednesday Prayer Day at Subway:** Pastor is at Subway in Walmart in Rouzerville on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. to minister to people who come by. EVERYONE is welcome to stop by for prayer, conversation, a pretzel or a sub! Watch for her reminders and call for prayer requests on her Facebook page! You can request prayer in comments or private messenger.
- **Supporter of ELCA World Hunger:** During Lent 2018, we will be raising money to purchase honeybees that will be sent to places in the world where hunger is a problem. This contribution will help to pollinate crops and provide food and sustainable income for poor families.
- **September Soap Month:** We collect bars of soap that are distributed throughout the USA and the world.
- **Mid-year School Supply Refill:** In January we collect school supplies to donate to Waynesboro Area Middle School to replenish the supplies that are provided for children in need.
- **Blessing Boxes:** This new ministry is visible outside the church building! There is a box for books, and another that serves as a pantry. Anyone can use the Blessing Boxes. It is a “Take what you need, leave what you can” system. Donations for books and non-perishable food and things like individually wrapped toilet paper, soap, individually wrapped breakfast bars and granola bars, etc. are collected on an ongoing basis. In the spring of 2018, we hope to add a bench!
- **Home Communion Teams:** Folks from the congregation visit shut-ins and provide home communion.
- **Vacation Bible School:** This is a great time to open up our church to children in our community to learn about Jesus and his love for us. Volunteers and donations are needed!!
- **Fishers of People:** Each member of Trinity has chosen a person who has become inactive in our church family. They pray for that person. EVERY week we pray for our Fishers of People by NAME during our worship time.
- **Encourager Ministry:** Greeting cards for all occasions are sent out to let folks know that the people of Trinity are thinking of them.
- **Christmas Families:** Each year Trinity provides Christmas gifts and dinner for a family or two in need through Waynesboro Community Human Services.
- **Member of the Greater Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce:** We participate in the **Business Expo** by providing a game for children to play.
- **Member of Rouzerville Business Association (RBA):** We ran the Funnel Cake Fries Stand as a service to our community at Rouzerfest.
- **Member of the Waynesboro Area Fellowship of Churches (W AFC):** This organization gives us the opportunity to work alongside other congregations in our community to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors.

POINSETTIA DISPLAY

The poinsettias on display have been placed as follows:

In honor of -

Alexis Kramer-Foose by Meemaw and Pappy,
Jarrett Hall, grandson, by Richard and Sally Berklite,
Peter Kuhs, son, on his graduation from Gettysburg College, by Adrian and
Charlotte Kuhs,
Jon and Linda Fleagle, grandparents, by Katherine Dennis and Avery and
Jocelyn Bumbaugh,
Kat Dennis daughter by Paul and Amy Dennis,
Avery and Jocelyn Bumbaugh, daughters, by Chad and Karen Bumbaugh,
Pam Lobley by Jim Lobley,
Katherine Dennis and Avery and Jocelyn Bumbaugh, granddaughters, by
Linda and Jon Fleagle.

In memory of -

Charles and Eva Baer by John and Judith Baer,
Blaine and Betty Geesaman and Michael Gordon Foose by Bev and Gordie
Foose and family,
Our family's organ donor angel by the Foose family,
William Sanders, Shirley Perez, and Donald and Elizabeth Fry,, parents, by
Brad and Shirley Sanders and family,
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stoudt, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Strausbaugh, and Mr. Karl
Licht by Ruth and Charlie Strausbaugh,
Terry Sease by Delores Sease,
All dearly loved family members by Sherri Kayhoe,
Norman and Emma Eberly, parents, by Diana Mowen, Barbara Layman
and Terry Eberly,
Norman and Emma Eberly, grandparents, by Kira Mowen,
Flo and Robert Kepner, Sr., Robert Kepner, Jr, and Vera and Donald
Fleagle by Linda and Jon Fleagle,
Bob and Jake Ecker and Calvin and Rhoda Shoop, parents, by John and
June Ecker,
Woodrow and Marie Shindlecker, Michael Shindlecker, Terry Sease,
Rodney Stoops and Matthew Dixon by their families,
Paul Martin by Jim and Pam Lobley,
Charles and Elva Martin and Earl and Grace Duffey, parents, by Earl and
Carolyn Duffey.

*(Note: Those taking poinsettias tonight are asked to inform Carolyn Duffey so she can
check off your name on the list.)*

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- Sundays at Trinity-
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School (K-Grade 6) and
Adult Forum (Grade 7-Adults)
10:45 a.m. - Worship

- Our Mission -

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



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God's work. Our hands.