



*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Holy Trinity
Greenville, Pennsylvania*

*The Baptism of Our Lord
January 9, 2022*

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship. For children who are present in worship, there are coloring and activity pages with crayons available in the narthex. They are located by the coat rack on the bottom shelf of the pamphlet rack. Please return the unused pages, clipboard, and crayons after the service.

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

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Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Liturgy of Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.

The assembly's responses are in bold type.

*(Please remember to turn off your cell phone. Thank you.
We prepare in prayer and holy silence.)*

Significance of the Day: The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God’s bread and wine.

Gathering

Prelude

Selected Epiphany Carols

Greeting and Announcements

(The assembly stands and faces the baptismal font.)

Thanksgiving for Baptism and Affirmation by the Assembly

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

Amen.

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.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into

all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Affirmation of Baptism

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that deny God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

(Water from the font is sprinkled on the assembly during the hymn in remembrance of Baptism. It is appropriate to make the sign of the cross upon feeling the water.)

The Asperges Hymn

We Know That Christ is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(The assembly sits.)

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah:

- 1 But now thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
- 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
- 3 For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- 4 Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.

5 Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
6 I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth –
7 everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

(Psalm will be read responsively by verse)

1 Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
**2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
3 The 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 pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**
5 The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
**6 the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
7 The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
**8 The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**
9 The 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 a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as sovereign for- | evermore.**
11 O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. **(R)**

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

A reading from Acts:

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(The assembly stands.)

Gospel Acclamation *(sung by the cantor)*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His

winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And 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 sits.)

The Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

(As the organ sounds the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.)

Hymn of the Day

When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Prayers of Intercession

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made, responding, God of grace, hear our prayer.

A brief silence.

By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our musicians, our pastors, our worship leaders, our teachers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. We pray for our president, Joe; our governor, Tom; and our local school and municipal leaders. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace, especially Chuck. Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

(The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying, "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

(The assembly is seated.)

Meal

Offering

Music during the Offering Interlude on *Wir Schon Leuchtet* (BUXTEHUDE)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O holy God:
 you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
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.

For as often as we eat this bread
and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Breaking of Bread

They will come from East and West, and from North and South, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

The Communion of the Faithful

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(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Silence for reflection.)

Sending

Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing (Benediction)

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen. (*Sung.*)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Agincourt Hymn

(English ballad)

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Organist Maidene Hackett

Liturgical Deacon Chuck Lanning

Communion Assistant Alyssa Martin

Lector Laura Chesmer

Cantor Billie Hollenbaugh

Altar Guild Marj Stubert

Usher Tammy Daniello

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Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Martin Roth, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes

The Rev. Brian Riddle, Thiel College Campus Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday January 9, 2022 *Baptism of our Lord*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
NO SCS or Confirmation Classes
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday January 10, 2022

Tuesday January 11, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday January 12, 2022

Thursday January 13, 2022

- 8:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Zoom)

Friday January 14, 2022

Saturday January 15, 2022

Saturday services suspended until February.

Upcoming Events

Sunday January 16, 2022 *2nd after Epiphany*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. NO SCS or Confirmation Classes
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday January 17, 2022

Office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday January 18, 2022

- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday January 19, 2022

Thursday January 20, 2022

- 8:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Zoom)

Friday January 21, 2022

Saturday January 22, 2022

Saturday services suspended until February.

Offering Envelopes Available

Offering envelopes for 2022 are still available in the narthex. Please stop and pick up your box. If you see your family members' boxes or a neighbor's and can drop them off, please take them as well.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Rae Johnson	Marie Eaves
Carl Long (husband of Bonnie Long)	Dave Hollenbaugh
David Junk (son of Betty K. and Fred Junk)	Barbara Swartz
Kenneth Snyder (Grandson of Catherine Snyder)	Cathy Anderson (daughter of Betty K. Junk)
Murray Towle (Friend of Jim and Nancy Bittel)	Tillie Schell
Bradley Sike II (Friend of Betty K. Junk)	Bonnie Gratzmiller (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Christian Paris Minetti (Grandson of Gretchen And Gene Minetti)	Henry Heil
Mike Bradley	Donnie Littelle (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)
Fran Black	Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)
Rylan Walberg (friend of the Weaver family)	Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)
Phil Kennedy (friend of John Logan)	Lori McCann
Doug Moon (friend of John Logan)	Jim Shaffer
Judi Moinet	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Irlean Dragen (mother of Billie Hollenbaugh)	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
Sandy Kimmel (cousin of Janet Kunczt)	Carl Long
John and Carrie Brooks (cousins of Janet Kunczt)	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)
Bill Eggar (friend of Barbara Swartz)	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Marie (sister of Henry Heil)

Henry Mueller (husband of Peg Browning)

Chuck Skelley

Maude Ann Fisher (friend of John Logan and Betty K. Junk)

Bill Dunn (brother of Beth and Ed, nephew of Warren and Pat Roth)

Sunny Wilt

Jerry Hall (brother of Rich and Denise Hall)

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)

