



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

*The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 13, 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.

Procedure for Communing: We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

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: Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe tos” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

Gathering

Prelude Chorale on *Lobe den Herren, O Meine Seele* (Walther et al)

Greeting and Announcements

(The assembly stands as the ministers enter.)

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(The assembly remains standing. Silence is kept for reflection.)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Let us pray.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(The assembly sits.)

Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 (*sung with choir and congregation alternating by verse.*)

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

**6 For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(The assembly stands.)

Gospel Acclamation (*choir*)

Alleluia.

Rejoice, and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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

Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Apostles' Creed

**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 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.

Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, musicians, worship leaders, council and committee members and teachers. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. We pray for our farmers, now planning their growing seasons, and their lands, that they receive what they need to replenish and refresh before spring planting. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. We pray for areas of the world in turmoil, especially Russia and Ukraine. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer. Bring consolation to those making hard decisions, including placement in long-term care facilities. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Renew this congregation in our shared mission. As we plan and dream for the future you are preparing, inspire us by the examples of Martin Luther and all the reformers. Bless new projects and new ministry partnerships. We pray for wisdom as we consider the work of our Reformed: Always Reforming committee. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Christ is raised from the dead, and so we cling to the hope of the resurrection. We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you. 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 *St. Agnes* (Haan)

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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When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
 when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:
 We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
 we see God, here by our side, walking our way.
When compassion gives the suffering consolation;
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when we choose love, not the hatred
 all around us:
When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:
 When the goodness poured from heaven
 fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change war into peace;
 when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:

(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

Variation on *Cwm Rhondda*

(Manz)

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon Marj Stubert
Communion Assistant Kris Abraham
Lector Carol McQueen
Altar Guild Alyssa Martin and Family
Usher Debbie Faber

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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

Attendance: Sunday, February 6, 2022, 9:30 a.m. Service: 29 in person, 85 online.
Total: 114.

Altar and Columbarium Flowers

The flowers in the Columbarium have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frederick Logan by John Logan and Family.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday February 13, 2022 *6th after Epiphany*

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. NO SCS or Confirmation Classes
12:00 p.m. Souper Bowl of Caring (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Tuesday February 15, 2022

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

Wednesday February 16, 2022

6:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday February 17, 2022

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Zoom)

Saturday February 19, 2022

Saturday services suspended until March.

Upcoming Events

Sunday February 20, 2022 *7th 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 February 21, 2022

Office closed in observance of President's Day

Tuesday February 22, 2022

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

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

Wednesday February 23, 2022

6:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday February 24, 2022

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Zoom)

Saturday February 26, 2022

5:30 p.m. Saturday services suspended until March.

Souper Bowl of Caring Zoom Link

Please join us at noon -- with a bowl of soup or without -- for the virtual Souper Bowl of caring. There will be games!

(And please remember to drop off your food donation for the Good Shepherd Center at the church!)

Topic: HT Souper Bowl

Time: Feb 13, 2022 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86065199720?pwd=NmpjRWJFdDVrdlVta2RrZS9HZ0Y3QT09>

Meeting ID: 860 6519 9720

Passcode: 311427

ELCA Youth Gathering

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has announced that the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering has been canceled due to the ongoing pandemic, the recent COVID-19 surge and public health considerations.

An announcement today from the ELCA Youth Gathering states: "We know there are thousands of young people who will not get to experience the Gathering, and our hearts break for them. This was not an easy decision, and we ask for your prayers and your grace. We understand the impact this decision will have on our youth, volunteers and planning teams, and we hope to return to Minneapolis for a future Gathering."

The 2024 Gathering will take place July 16-20, 2024. The location will be announced this summer.

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:

Kathy Adams (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)	Sandy Kimmel (cousin of Janet Kunczt)
Carol Seidle (friend of Betty K. Junk)	John and Carrie Brooks (cousins of Janet Kunczt)
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 LITTLE (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)
Rylan Walberg (friend of the Weaver family)	Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)
Phil Kennedy (friend of John Logan)	Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)
Doug Moon (friend of John Logan)	Lori McCann
Judi Moinet	Jim Shaffer
Irlean Dragen (mother of Billie Hollenbaugh)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)
	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

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

Debra Christy (niece of Louise Gilmore)

Bill Eggar (friend of Barbara Swartz)

Marie Bergemann (sister-in-law of Ruth and Henry Heil)

Henry Mueller (husband of Peg Browning)

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)