



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

*The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 20, 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: Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

Gathering

Prelude Variations on *Liebster Jesu, Wir sind Hier* (Bach 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.)

A reading from Genesis:

3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40

(sung with choir and congregation alternating by verse.)

- 1 Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.**
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.
- 4 Take delight | in the LORD,
who shall give you your | heart's desire.**
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what | God will do.
- 6 The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**
- 7 Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.
- 8 Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**
- 9 For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.
- 10 In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.**
- 11 But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.
- 39 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.**
- 40 You, O LORD, will help them and | rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because in you | they seek refuge.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

35 But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" 36 Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

42 So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. 47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

50 What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(The assembly stands.)

Gospel Acclamation *(choir)*

Alleluia.

Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most High; forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

Jesus said:

27 “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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.

You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. We pray for those who lead your church, that they may do so reflecting your love, especially our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors; musicians; council members; worship leaders and committee chairpersons. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled, especially those experiencing life transitions. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. 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 *Freu dich Sehr* (Keene)

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.)

Anthem

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death;
vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,
through God who loves us.
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,
through God who loves us.

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 *Hyfrydol*

(Held)

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon Catherine Mott
Communion Assistant Kris Abraham
Lector Laura Chesmer
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 13, 2022, 9:30 a.m. Service: 48 in person, 85 online.
Total: 133.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Sidney Catherine Richardson on her 17th birthday by her family.

Good Shepherd Easter Request

The Good Shepherd will be distributing bags to 275 families this year. They have requested that, in order to help we supply 15 Easter coloring kits, 100 cans of fruit and 120 boxes of mac and cheese. All items are needed by April 1st. If you are able to contribute, please leave your donations in the box in the Narthex.

This Week at Holy Trinity

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. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Upcoming Events

Sunday February 27, 2022 *Transfiguration of Our Lord*

- 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

Tuesday March 1, 2022

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

Wednesday March 2, 2022 *Ash Wednesday*

- 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
- 6:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday March 3, 2022

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Zoom)

Friday March 4, 2022

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 5, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Prayer Retreat
- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

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:

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

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

Murray Towle (former member of Holy Trinity)

Debra Christy (niece of Louise Gilmore)

Bill Eggar (friend of Barbara Swartz)

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

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)

Garrett Daniello, Army National Guard, (son of Todd and Tammy Daniello, grandson of Georgia Perkins, grandnephew of Bonnie and Carl Long)