

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

*The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 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: God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

Gathering

Prelude

Variations on *Nettleton*

(Meyers 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.

(The assembly turns to face the cross in procession.)

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.

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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from Nehemiah:

1 all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. 2 Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 1 The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
 and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale | to another,
 and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

3 Although they have no | words or language,
 and their voices | are not heard,

**4 their sound has gone out into all lands,
 and their message to the ends | of the world,
 where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

5 It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
 it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
 and runs about to the end of | it again;
 nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

7 The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
 the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

**8 The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
 the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the
 eyes.**

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
 the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
 sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

11 By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
 and in keeping them there is | great reward.

**12 Who can detect one's | own offenses?
 Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion | over me;
 then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
 be acceptable | in your sight,
 O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. (R)**

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(The assembly stands.)

Gospel Acclamation *(read responsively)*

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, and to proclaim release to the captives. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

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

(The reading of the Gospel.)

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

O Zion. Haste

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;
 that God, in whom they live and his move, is love;
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

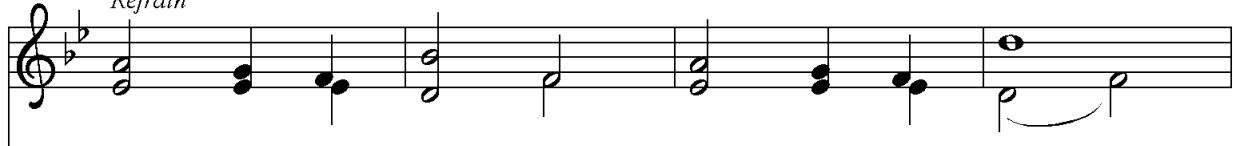
that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



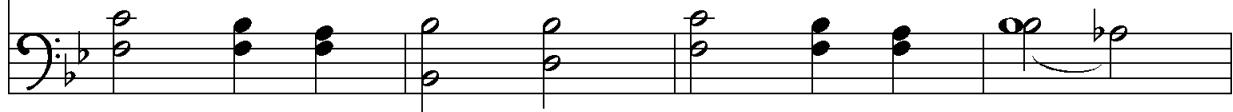
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.
and died on earth that we might live above.
through your neglect, unfit to see his face.



Refrain



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.



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 reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, musicians, teachers, committee members, council members and all who work to bring your word to those in need of your good news. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation. Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn. Bring us together in your everlasting glory. 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

Variation on *Azmon*

(Hobby)

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

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.

(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

Psalm 19

(Marcello)

Serving Today

Presiding Minister	Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist	Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon	Jane McCall
Communion Assistant	Alyssa Martin
Lector	Bonnie Massing
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

Attendance: Sunday, January 16, 2022, 9:30 a.m. Service: 23 in person, 68 online.
Total: 91.

Altar and Columbarium Flowers

The flowers on the Altar have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rusty's mother, Mildred Saverino and Linda's father, George Shafer by Linda and Rusty Saverino.

Annual Reports

The annual reports are being prepared and will be available in the Narthex. If you would like an email with the reports attached please call the church office.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday January 23, 2022 *3rd after Epiphany*

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

Monday January 24, 2022

Tuesday January 25, 2022

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

Wednesday January 26, 2022

10:00 a.m. Seniors for Safe Driving

Thursday January 27, 2022

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

Friday January 28, 2022

Saturday January 29, 2022

Saturday services suspended until March.

Upcoming Events

Sunday January 30, 2022 4th after Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. NO SCS or Confirmation Classes
11:15 a.m. Winter Congregational Meeting
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday January 31, 2022

Tuesday February 1, 2022

6:30 p.m. CCSS
7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday February 2, 2022

6:30 p.m. Special Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday February 3, 2022

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

Friday February 4, 2022

Saturday February 5, 2022

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

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.

Help with Tax Preparation is Available

AARP Tax Aide volunteers will be preparing and e-filing income tax for low income and elderly clients, at the Greenville VFW on Conneaut Lake Rd. There are also sites at the Hickory VFW and West Middlesex VFW. This is a FREE service.

Tax preparation appointments can be made by calling 211, Option 1 starting January 20, 2022.

If you have any problems connecting with 211 try (888) 665-6923, again Option 1.

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)	Marie Eaves
Carol Seidle (friend of Betty K. Junk)	Dave Hollenbaugh
Rae Johnson	Barbara Swartz
Carl Long (husband of Bonnie Long)	Cathy Anderson (daughter of Betty K. Junk)
David Junk (son of Betty K. and Fred Junk)	Tillie Schell
Kenneth Snyder (Grandson of Catherine Snyder)	Bonnie Gratzmiller (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Murray Towle (Friend of Jim and Nancy Bittel)	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)
Fran Black	Lori McCann
Rylan Walberg (friend of the Weaver family)	Jim Shaffer
Phil Kennedy (friend of John Logan)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Doug Moon (friend of John Logan)	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
Judi Moinet	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)
Irlean Dragen (mother of Billie Hollenbaugh)	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)
Sandy Kimmel (cousin of Janet Kunczt)	
John and Carrie Brooks (cousins of Janet Kunczt)	

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

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)