

**First Sunday of Christmas/
The Epiphany of Our Lord**

January 1, 2023



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
EAST BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA**

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

PRELUDE

“What Child is This?”

David Cherwien

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children may come to the front of the sanctuary for a time of faithful learning and worship.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Once in Royal David's City”

ELW 269

***GREETING**

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

And also with you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“JOY TO THE WORLD”

ELW 267

(Verses 1 & 2)

***SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ

our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

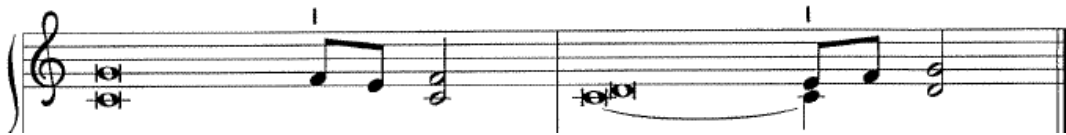
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14 (*sung using tone 6*)



- ¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
**²that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
**⁴Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
**⁶Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**
⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
**¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts.**
¹¹May all kings bow | down before him,
and all the nations | do him service.
**¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**
¹³He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,
and preserves the lives | of the needy.
**¹⁴From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,
and precious is their blood | in his sight.**

Here ends the Psalm.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

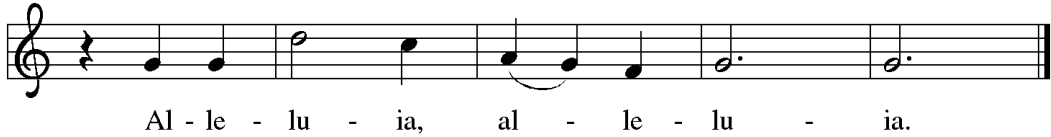
¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had

heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Kid's Cookie Break

SERMON

Rev. Susan J. McCarthy

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"* ELW 282

***NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence.

Guide the whole church with your wisdom, revealing God. Nurture ecumenical and interreligious understanding around the globe, especially in places of ethnic and religious strife. We pray for Lutheran World Relief and other organizations that provide humanitarian aid, disaster relief, and health care.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Restore your glory to the earth, creating God. Protect fragile ecosystems: rain forests, coral reefs, wetlands, prairies, and shorelines. Guide us to treasure the

rich variety of animals and plants that share the world with us, especially those that are endangered. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Bring the nations into the way of justice and peace, righteous God. Strengthen those who work for human rights, equality, and the protection of the most vulnerable. We pray for all in public office, that they may serve with honesty and honor. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Help those who have no helper, delivering God. Rescue any who suffer from abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Deliver adults and children who are caught in cycles of poverty. Transform social systems that enable racism and discrimination of any kind. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Accompany the ministries of this congregation in the coming year, abiding God. Inspire those who lead worship, teach, visit, pray, administer, and serve. Keep us mindful of the needs of others in our communities and neighborhoods, especially those we name before you now, *pause*, and those on our prayer list. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Reveal your promise by the witness of those who died trusting in you, redeeming God. Receive our thanks for their witness and faith, and guide us by their example until we are gathered with them into your eternal presence. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.
Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the incarnate Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us take a few moments to share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.

OFFERING

We give thanks for the Light of Christ come into the world and respond with thanksgiving. We offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions to the Lord in response to Christ's illuminating love and grace in our lives. Thank you for your worship here!

MUSICAL OFFERING “*Melchoir, Caspar, Belthazar*” Gilbert Martin

***OFFERTORY** “*What Child Is This?*” ELW 296
(Verses 1 & 3)

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C **God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

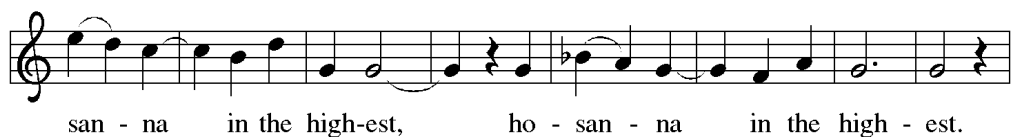
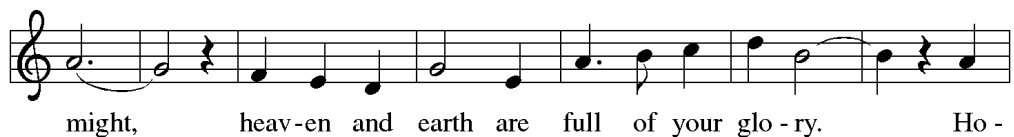
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for the salvation you have granted to us through Jesus, the Word made flesh, the child of Mary; the Light of the world, our Immanuel. Send the Spirit of your Son into our hearts, that as your beloved children we may welcome our Savior who comes to us in his body and blood.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son. Through him 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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

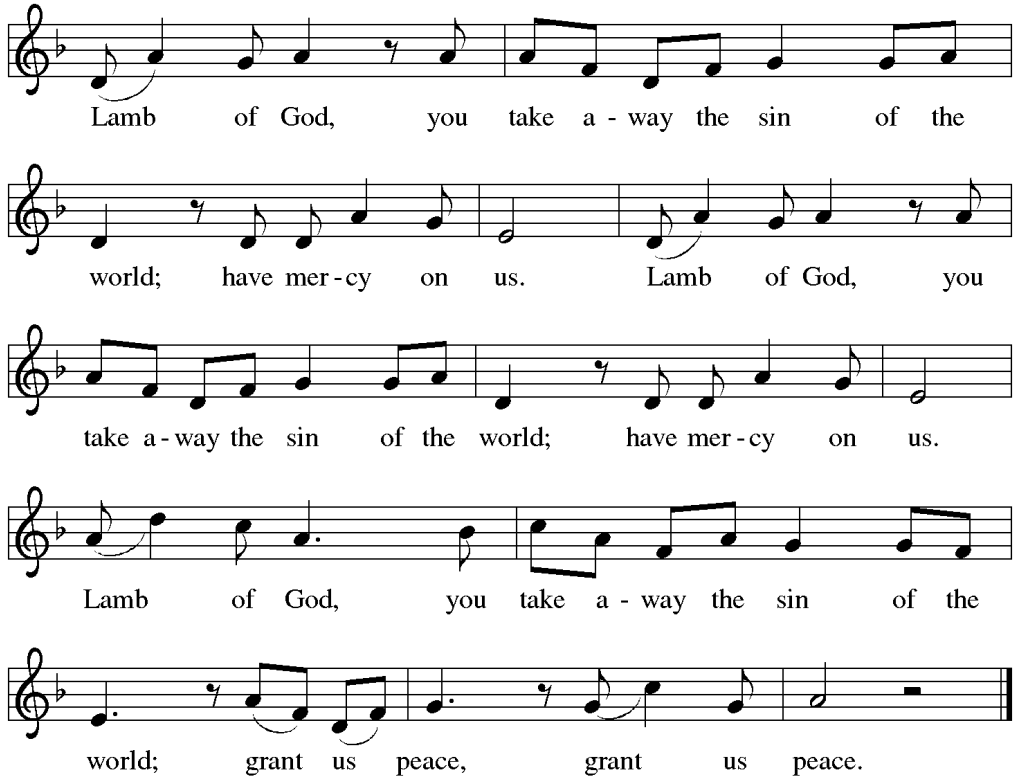
Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Holy Communion will be served in a continuous flow. Please come forward to receive the bread and wine from the ministers. Also available are gluten free wafers, grape juice, and sealed pre-consecrated wafer/juice packets. **Holy Communion Distribution will take place today in the parking lot at 10:30 following our indoor worship time.***

COMMUNION HYMNS

*The congregation is invited to sing during the distribution of Holy Communion.
The hymns begin with:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

"From Heaven Above" (Verses 1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 14) ELW 268

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" ELW 290

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our incarnate Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C **God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***BLESSING**

P God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”* ELW 288

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items pertaining to our shared life of faith and community are announced at this time.

***DISMISSAL**

A Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *“Awake, Awake & Greet the New Morn”* Mark Sedio

Announcements
To Serve God And His Church
During The Coming Week

Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Drive-Through Communion
Sunday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Monday.....		Church Office Closed
Tuesday.....	7:00p.m.	WELCA
Wednesday.....	8:30a.m.	Fellowship @ Graybill's Diner
Wednesday.....	10:00a.m.	Prayer Service
Wednesday.....	3:00p.m.	Fellowship Time
Wednesday.....	4:00-6:00p.m.	Food Pantry
Thursday.....	8:30a.m.	Cleaning Crew #1
Thursday.....	10:00a.m.	Worship & Music
Thursday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Thursday.....	7:00p.m.	Parish Life Meeting
Saturday.....		Social Hall Reserved
Sunday.....	8:15a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday.....	9:00a.m.	Word & Sacrament

Assisting in the Service Today: Assisting Minister: Jim Kline; Lector & Communion Helper: Noelle Kline; Ushers: Jay & Sue Smith, Bob Aims; Altar Guild: Noelle Kline; Hymn Leader: Becky Rinehart.

This morning we offer intentional prayers for those who are cold, the hungry, the homeless, those going through divorce & those kicking unhealthy habits. For whom else shall we pray?

We welcome visitors – It's great to have you with us! Let us know if you'd like to join our mailing list by filling out a slip found in your pew and dropping it into the offering plate. We look forward to getting to know you!

Kids' Cookie Break: Kids in 6th grade and younger are invited to take a break after the reading of the Gospel to head down to the Social Hall for a snack and an activity. They will return to the sanctuary during the sharing of the peace.

Drive-Through Holy Communion distribution will be held Sunday, January 1 at 10:30am. Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the back of church to receive the sacrament from your car.

The Church Office will be Closed on Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year Holiday.

No Bible Study Monday, January 2. We will resume our Zoom Bible Study on January 9.

WELCA will meet on January 3 at 7:00pm in the Social Hall. We will work on preparing the things needed for the SPCA giving project. All women of Trinity are welcome to join us!

Wednesday Prayer Service resumes this Wednesday, January 4 at 10:00am in the chapel. All are welcome! The service will also be posted to Trinity's Fellowship FaceBook page to view from home. You are also invited to join us for **breakfast (dutch treat) at Graybill's Diner** in Abbottstown at 8:30am.

Food Pantry & Fellowship Hour will be held Wednesday, January 4. A time of fellowship will begin at 3:00pm. Food Pantry distribution will be held 4:00-6:00pm. Volunteers are always needed.

Parish Life Committee will meet next on Thursday, January 5 at 7:00pm. Anyone interested in planning activities at Trinity is invited to attend. We are always looking for new ideas.

COCKTAIL HOUR RETURNS - Back by popular demand – Cocktail Hour returns this January for community and connection as we weather the cold, dark days of winter. Plan to gather for conversation and prayer (no agenda) at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom on: Sunday, January 8th and Sunday, January 22nd. Watch your weekly emails for the Zoom link; let Pastor Susan know if you have any questions.

Mission in Motion Committee - New attendees are welcome! We will meet on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 7:00pm in the chapel.

Volunteers Needed to Light the Epiphany Candles - We'll again be celebrating the Season of Light by lighting a candle for each of the weeks in the Sundays After Epiphany. January 8-February 19 we'll mark each week by inviting individuals and/or families to light a candle near the Epiphany Star (Thanks to Bob King for its creation.) and asking them to share how they've seen God's light shine in the world around them. Please contact Pastor Susan or Jen in the church office if you would like to volunteer.

Prayer List Updates: Please take a few moments to review the prayer list. If anyone that you might have added to the list is doing well and can be removed from our current list, please let the church office and/or Bonnie Boyer know.

2023 Calendars: Special thank you to Feiser's Funeral Home for the donation of the 2023 calendars. Please take home a few for your family to use in the upcoming year. They are located in the Narthex and various locations throughout the building.

Your giving makes a big difference in what we accomplish for Christ together here at Trinity. Regular offerings and gifts to the Special Appeal don't go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated. Together we serve God and neighbor as Jesus calls us. Thanks so much for your participation!



If you would prefer to donate electronically, please use the QR code by scanning with your smartphone. Thank you!

December 18, 2022 Worship Totals

Church Service.....	77
Online Livestream Views.....	116
Offering.....	\$3,075.75

**Our church attendance record is maintained for both in-person attendance and online views through Trinity's YouTube page. The ELCA offers guidance for tracking online worship attendance. The number of online views is counted for seven days following the service. Each view is multiplied by 2 (as an average household).

*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
East Berlin, Pennsylvania*

Our Mission: We are a family of Christian disciples committed to making Christ known while loving and serving God and neighbors.

Our Vision: To fulfill our mission, we will:

Worship through liturgy, music, prayer & Sacraments;

Teach God's Word and nurture spiritual growth;

Serve and provide for those in need;

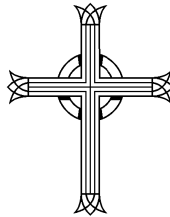
Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

Celebrate with fellowship;

Return with joy what God has given;

Be active in our community and the Church.

Worship, Serve, Celebrate!



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