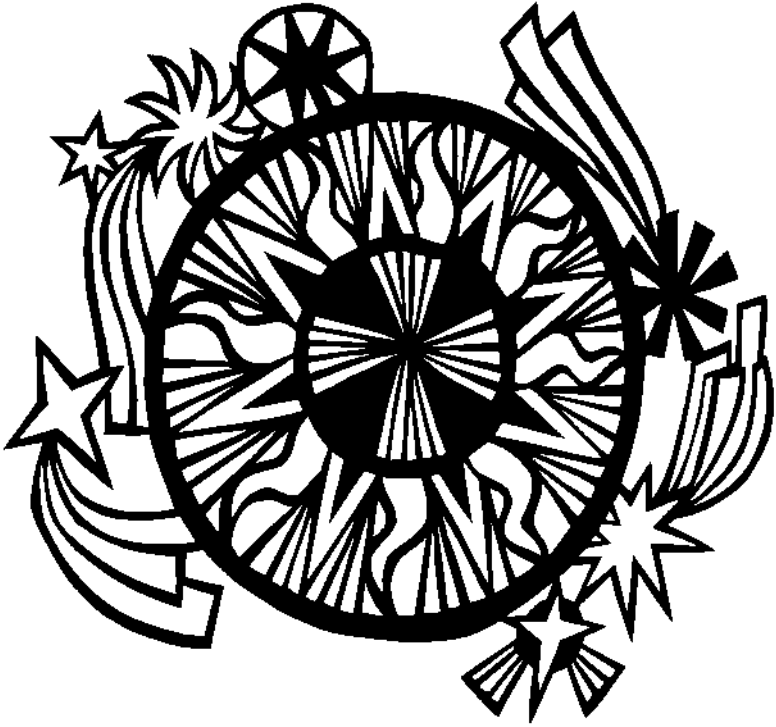


**Trinity Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**



**Contemporary Worship  
Service  
January 4, 2026  
2nd Sunday of Christmas**

**Good Morning and Welcome!** We invite you to worship with us often, and ask if you need any assistance! If you are visiting us today, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex, please include your address and phone number. Please place your offering envelope in the plate in the Narthex. Thank You!

**Remember in your prayers:**

Lynn Wolfgang, Oscar & Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Brandon Stauffer, Betty Moore, Barbara Stewart, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Richard Eck, Becky Yescavage, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Donna Day, Linda Allmendinger, Elaine Dotterer, Jeff Reitnauer, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, John Logan, Carole Mest, Bob McElwee, Tammy Strunk, Mary Snyder, Wendy Bowers, Linda Bewley, Sherri Schaeffer, Tammy Kemp, Mike Wyda, Marcia Auge, Millie Merkel, Sandy Schaffer and Jenn McCarron.

**Friends & Family:**

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Dennis Weller, Tanner Antalosky, David Turner, Scott Thomas, Rev. Michael Ware, Robert McCarron, Glenn Monesmith and Scott McCarron.

**Family of:**

Jean Daily.

**Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:**

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner and Johnne Knepp.

**Our sister congregation**, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.  
(Website: [Kirche-bornaer-land.de](http://Kirche-bornaer-land.de))

**Please note:** Names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, these names will then appear in the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will only be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year. If you wish for names to remain longer, please speak to Pastor Gene, Linda Ritter or contact the Church Office. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list current!

**Members of the Worship Team**

Angie Renninger	Guitar
Kurt Yescavage	Trumpet
Pastor Zaiser	Guitar

**Vocals By:**

Mardell Blanford  
Sharon Renninger  
Janice Sheetz

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**The Altar Flowers** are presented to the glory of God by Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, in Memory of her Mother Helen Grofe Anderson.

**The Bulletins** are presented to the glory of God in Honor of Our Military, keeping us safe and to Our First Responders by Jerry Bryce.

**The Eternal Flame Candle** is presented to the glory of God by LaRue C. Sheetz, in Honor of the Cantata Choir.

- **Opening Song** “All Your Promises” Pg. 3

Announcements, Concerns, Praises: a time for congregation to lift up prayer requests and thanks.

- **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Loving God, we come before you this day to worship and praise you, yet we know that we have not always been the people you've wanted us to be. In our actions, our words, and our thoughts, we have often disappointed you by not loving and forgiving others as you would have us do. We come asking your forgiveness, knowing that you are merciful and loving, even when we are not.

C: **Dear Lord, have mercy on us. Do not count our wrongs against us, but rather forgive us for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Refresh our spirits, so that we can serve you and others as we ought to. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross so that we might be forgiven. For his sake, God does not count our wrongs against us, but rather gives forgiveness and everlasting life to all who believe. Amen.

- **The Greeting**

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

C **And also with you.**

**Worship Songs**      “Micah 6:8” Pg. 35  
                                  “Holy is the Lord”  
                                  “Here I am to Worship” Pg. 22

**FIRST READING:      Jeremiah 31:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
     and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
 proclaim, give praise, and say,  
     “Save, O LORD, your people,  
     the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
     and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
 among them the blind and the lame,  
     those with child and those in labor, together;  
     a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
     and with consolations I will lead them back,  
 I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
     in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
 for I have become a father to Israel,  
     and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
     and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
 say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
     and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
     and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
     and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
     and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
 their life shall become like a watered garden,  
     and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
     and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
     I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
     and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
 says the LORD.

## **GOSPEL: John 1:1-18**

### **Presentation of the Gospel by Heart**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

### **Sermon**

- Apostles Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father. He will come again 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**

**Prayer of the People**

**Communion**

**Closing Songs**      “Let the River Flow” Pg. 30  
                                 “Days of Elijah” Pg. 12

- Mission Statement and Sending**

**P**      People of Trinity, what is our mission?

**C**      We shall, as individuals and as a congregation, strive through  
word, worship, and witness to further the kingdom of God by knowing  
and sharing Christ’s Love in our hearts, in our homes, in His church, in  
the community, and in the world.

- Sending**

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

**C**      Amen

## **December Update on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:**

The latest monthly report from the Treasurers' shows:

- The General Fund has a Negative Balance.

- During November 2025, the General Fund decreased \$2,532 from \$949 to -\$1,583.

Please see the report and additional details including suggested action items from the Finance Committee in the Newsletter, which is available by mail or on the church website.

Questions or input? Kindly reach out to a Finance Committee member as listed in the monthly newsletter, or chairperson Kurt Yescavage.

**Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gift. We thank God for your generosity as always. - Pastor Gene and Erika**

**Thank You All for your very generous Christmas Gift, I greatly appreciate it, so thoughtful and I would like to thank you very truly much for all of your thoughts and prayers these past couple of months. Your support meant so much to me, more than words can say. I am doing well and feel blessed! Karen Smith**

**Heidi Yescavage would like to thank the congregation for the generous Christmas Gift. It was very much appreciated.**

**THANK YOU to Dennis Brooke and Shelly Fullwood and Family for sponsoring the Christmas Tree in Memory of Ruth Brooke and in Honor of Brady, Sallyann, and William Fullwood.**

**Please join us today, for an Encore Presentation of our Christmas Cantata, at 3PM, followed by light refreshments.**

**Please join us on Monday, January 5 at 6:00PM to take down Christmas decorations.**

**TODAY is the deadline for the Annual Report, please submit your report to Karen in the Church Office.**

**The February Newsletter deadline is Sunday, January 18th, please submit your information to Karen in the Church Office.**

**Prayer Listing: Any changes to the prayer listing please see Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene or contact the church office, in order for the change to be made in the February Newsletter.**

**You may sponsor Altar Flowers, the cost is \$32.00 for one vase and \$64.00 for 2 vases, please contact Mary Snyder. If you wish to sponsor flowers and that date is not available, you can always sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for \$40.00. When sponsoring flowers, please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope "Flowers". If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder 610-473-8885 or the church office know. You may also sponsor the bulletins for \$15.00 per week, this helps offset the cost of printing them.**



**Trinity's Gift Card Program** - Gift card orders are accepted before and after the church service the first Sunday of each month and distributed the second Sunday. Order forms for Redners, Giant and Raise Right (for other retail gift cards) are available in the narthex. The Raise Right order form is also available for download on Trinity's website. Payment must be submitted with your order. **Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and include your phone number on your order form.** If you have any questions regarding this fund raising program please see Sharon Kemp, Kathy Kuser or Kurt Yescavage.

**WAWA Hoogie Coupons** Available 1st Sunday of the month at the Scrip Table. Coupons are also available in the church office Monday—Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00PM. Tickets are \$5.00. This project benefits the Social Ministry.

**Scout Troop 511 Hoogie Sales: Orders are due by Tuesday, January 6th and pick up will be Wednesday, January 14th.** 8" hoagies are made from Dan's Deli, **Cost is \$7.00.** There are ham w/onion, ham no onion, turkey w/onion, turkey no onion, Italian w/onion, Italian no onion, cheese hoogie w/onion, cheese hoogie no onion, mayo, Italian dressing, no tomatoes, no lettuce, no cheese. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Winter Weather** In the event of inclement winter weather, news of cancellations or postponements of church activities will be posted on the following: 1) Channel 69 2) Online at WFMZ.com, or log on to the Trinity's website: [www.trinitybech.com](http://www.trinitybech.com)

**Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed to host Coffee Hour for January & February. Please sign up for this time of Fellowship. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**The 2026 General Fund Envelopes are on the table in the Parish Hall, please pick up your envelopes.**

**Bibles are available in the rack in the Narthex for you to reference during worship. You may also take home to reference, please return when you are finished.**

**HOSPITAL INPATIENT STAY:** Please contact Pastor Gene if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, due to privacy laws, the hospital no longer contacts the church.

**Need a ride?** We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can't find a ride. Please contact Pastor Gene 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.

**Trinity's events for the upcoming week:**

Sunday, January 4th-	8:00 Cont. Worship Serv. w/Communion
	9:15 Sunday School
	10:30 Worship Service w/Communion
	3:00 Encore Christmas Cantata
Monday, January 5th-	6:00 Undecorate Church
	6:30 Scouts
Tuesday, January 6th-	6:30 Scouts
Wednesday, January 7th-	6:30 TLC Stitchers
Thursday, January 8th-	6:30 Sr. Choir Practice
Sunday, January 11th-	9:15 Sunday School
	10:30 Worship Service

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:****Sunday, January 11th:**

Ushers:	Cathy Yoder* & Karen Irely
Lector:	Laura Moser
Acolyte:	Mark Sheetz

**CHRISTMAS EVE 3PM STATISTICS**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>
92	\$1,793.00

**CHRISTMAS EVE 8PM STATISTICS**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>
81	\$3,420.00

<b><u>Total Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Total Offering</u></b>
173	\$5,213.00

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 12/28/2025**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship/S.S</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
60/12	\$2,266.00	\$55.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
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**The Community Clothing Rack  
Schedule**

**1st Wednesday**  
Donations Accepted

**2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays**  
Shoppers Welcome

**2nd Thursday**  
Shoppers Welcome  
6:00PM-8:00PM

**5th Wednesday**  
CLOSED

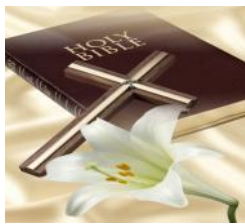
**Hours**  
**1:00PM-4:00PM**

**Summer Hours Only**  
**June-August**  
**9:00AM-12:00PM**

Closed on all major holidays.  
In the case of inclement weather,  
Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.  
CCR is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing  
necessary clothing to the underserved.

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## **Readings for Personal Devotion**



M Exodus  
T Isaiah 53:1-12  
W Matthew 9:14-17  
Th Isaiah 48:12-21  
F Acts 8:26-40  
Sa Psalm 40:6-17

### **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Zaiser, DMin.,  
Pastor

Ms. LaRue Sheetz, Director of Music

Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary

Mrs. Catherine M. Yoder, Sexton

The Members of this Congregation are  
its Ministers

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All Your Promises

By Andrew Smith

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name  
Your words are true, Your mercy does not change  
All Your promises are precious, reviving our faith  
Every one of them will be fulfilled one day

Chorus:

Oh... all Your promises are "Yes" and "Amen" in  
Jesus

Your promises are true.

All Your promises are "Yes" and "Amen" Lord  
Jesus

We'll keep running after You

We will run, we will run and not grow weary  
We will rise upon the eagle's wings  
In the presence of the Lord our spirits will soar  
Till we one day gaze upon our King

Chorus

Bridge:

But my foot had almost slipped, O Lord, I'd  
almost lost my way  
Till I entered the house of the Lord, and heard  
Your sweet Spirit say

Chorus

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Micah 6:8

By Bob Skiar

He has shown you (He has shown you)

Oh man (Oh man)

What is good and what the Lord requires of you

But to do justice (But to do justice)

And to love mercy (And to love mercy)

And to walk humbly with your God.

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Here I am to Worship

By Tim Hughes

Light of the world You stepped down into  
darkness

Open my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus:

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in Heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

Bridge:

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross (repeat)

Chorus

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Let the River Flow

By Darrell Evans

Let the poor man say I am rich in Him.  
Let the lost man say I am found in Him.  
Let the river flow.

Let the blind man say I can see again.  
Let the dead man say I am born again.  
Let the river flow. Let the river flow.

Chorus:

Let the river flow, let the river flow.  
Holy Spirit come, move in power.  
Let the river flow, let the river flow.

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Days of Elijah

By Robin Mark

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word  
of the Lord

And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,  
Righteousness being restored

And though these are days of great trial,  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert, crying,  
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Chorus:

Behold, He comes riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call  
Lift your voice, in the year of jubilee,  
For out of Zion's hill salvation comes

These are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones  
becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of Your servant, David,  
Rebuilding a temple of praise

These are the days of the harvest, The fields are  
as white in the world  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

(Chorus)

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