

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**January 11, 2026
The Baptism of Our Lord**

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 Reithnauer, 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, Scott Thomas, Robert McCarron, Glenn Monesmith, Scott McCarron, Bill Kelsch and Jake Breyer.

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.

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 normally be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year if needed. 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!

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The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God by Howard & Waynette Shafer, in Memory of Loved Ones in the Shafer Family and also by Bob & Diane McElwee, for all of the Blessings bestowed to all of us in 2025.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, wishing everyone good health and continued blessings in the new year.

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

This Morning's Worship Assistants:

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

• (those who are able may stand)

Announcements and Concerns

Prelude

“Nearer, My God to Thee”
S. Landon

- **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage 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

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

C Amen

- **Processional Hymn** WOV# 690
"Shall We Gather at the River"
- **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.



• **Kyrie**

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. C A - men

• **Hymn of Praise 6**

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Listen! You Nations

Refrain

Lis-ten! you na-tions of the world: lis-ten to the Word of the Lord. An-



nounce it from coast to coast; de-clare it to dis-tant is-lands.



1 The Lord who scat-tered Is-ra-el will gath-er his peo-ple a-gain; and

Refrain

he will keep watch o-ver them as a shep-herd watch-es his flock.



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac-es ra-diant-ly hap-py, for the

Refrain

Lord is so gen'-rous to them; he show-ers his peo-ple with gifts.



3 Young wom-en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make



mer-ry. Like a gar-den re-freshed by the rain, they will nev-er be in want a-

gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy: Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach
na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

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• **Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.

P Let us Pray . . .

C O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

- ¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
 or make it heard in the street;
- ³ a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth,
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
 I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

PSALM: Psalm 29

Ascribe to the ¹ LORD, you gods,
 ascribe to the LORD glo- ¹ ry and strength.

² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory ¹ due God's name;**
worship the LORD in the beau- ¹ ty of holiness.

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ¹ glory thunders;
 the LORD is upon the ¹ mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a pow- ¹ erful voice;**
the voice of the LORD is a ¹ voice of splendor.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the ¹ cedar trees;
 the LORD breaks the ce- ¹ dars of Lebanon;

⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip ¹ like a calf,**
and Mount Hermon like a ¹ young wild ox.

⁷ The voice ¹ of the LORD
 bursts forth in ¹ lightning flashes.

⁸ **The voice of the LORD ¹ shakes the wilderness;**
the LORD shakes the wilder- ¹ ness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips
 the ¹ forests bare.
 And in the temple of the LORD all are ¹ crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned a- ¹ bove the flood;**
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- ¹ evermore.

¹¹ O LORD, give strength ¹ to your people;
 give them, O LORD, the bless- ¹ ings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Glo - ry to you, o Lord.

Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Senior Choir Anthem

“Give Me A Song”

Sermon

Installation of Church Council

- **Hymn of the Day** WOV# 647
“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

- **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

- **The Prayer of the Church**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God, in
Christ Jesus, and for all people according to
their needs.

A brief silence.

After each portion of prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy.

C **hear our prayer**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

- **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

- **Our Mission Statement**

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.**

- **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and
be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon
you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

- **Recessional Hymn** LBW# 400
"God, Whose Almighty Word"

Postlude

"Postludium"
C. Nordman

January Update on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:

The latest monthly report from the Treasurers shows:

- The General Fund has a Positive Balance
- During December 2025, the General Fund increased \$9364 from -\$1583 to +\$7781.

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.

Dan & Kathy Kuser would like to thank the congregation for your generous Christmas Gift, it was greatly appreciated.

All active members please make plans to attend a congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2026, immediately following the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the 2025 annual report. There will be a pot-luck luncheon, so please bring a dish to share.

The 2025 Financial Statement sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you would like to receive a Financial Statement, the statements will be distributed on January 25th at the Congregational Meeting.

Please fill out the Communion Cards for 2026 and place in the offering plate. Thank You.

Please pick up your 2026 General Fund Envelopes, they are on the table in the Parish Hall.

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 printing of 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 Hoagie 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 Hoagie Sales: 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 hoagie w/onion, cheese hoagie 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.

Coffee Hour - Volunteers are needed to host Coffee Hour for February. Please sign up for this time of Fellowship. The sign up sheet is 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

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 11th-	9:15 Sunday School
	10:30 Worship Service
Monday, January 12th-	6:30 Scouts
Tuesday, January 13th-	6:30 Scouts
	7:00 Church Council Mtg.
Wednesday, January 14th-	6:30 TLC Stitchers
Thursday, January 15th-	6:30 Sr. Choir Practice
Sunday, January 18th-	8:00 Cont. Worship Serv.
	9:15 Sunday School
	10:30 Worship Service
	w/Communion

Next Week's Worship Assistants:
Sunday, January 18th:

Assisting Minister: Erika Zaiser
Server: Linda Ritter
Ushers: Kay McGowan* & Heidi Yescavage
Lector: Diane McElwee
Acolyte: Diane McElwee

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 01/04/2026

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship/S.S</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
60/15	\$2,837.00	\$65.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	\$50.00	\$50.00

Contemporary Worship Service

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
23	\$1,828.00	0
<u>Total Attendance</u>		<u>Total Offering</u>
83		\$4,665.00

Cantata Encore

<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Total Offering</u>
135	\$85.00

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.

www.StLukeGilbertsville.org

Readings for Personal Devotion



M	Genesis 35:1-15
T	Jeremiah 1:4-10
W	Matthew 12:15-21
Th	Isaiah 51:7-16
F	Acts 8:4-13
Sa	Psalm 89:5-37

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The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Zaiser, DMin.,
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Ms. LaRue Sheetz, Director of Music

Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary

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The Members of this Congregation are its
Ministers

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Saints

days!
it's way;
known,
days!

praise.
pray;
eir own:
praise.

of prayer.
rough flood:
our cares:
is true:

to share.
God.
is theirs!
to you.

Shall We Gather at the River

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1 Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar-gin of the riv - er, wash-ing up its sil- ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev'-ry bur-den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er,



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



When Jesus Came to Jordan

Jesus, Cor

1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

1 Je - sus,
 2 Je - sus,
 3 Je - sus,
 4 Je - sus,

he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.

friend and
 paths un -
 pow'r di -
 to re -

He came to share re - pen - tance with all whomourn their sins,
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:

speak and
 let us
 chang-ing
 all the

to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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And when thou hast shut thy door, pray to the Father . . . — Matthew 6:6

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Albert Hay Malotte

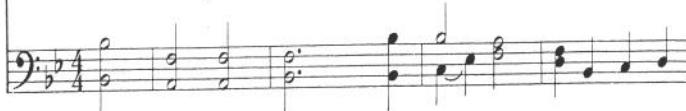
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Matthew 6:9-13

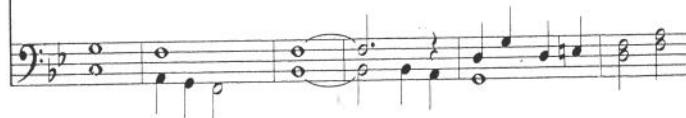
Unison



Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, hal - low - ed



be Thy name. Thy king-dom come,



Thy will be done on earth as it is in



heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly





bread, and for - give us our debts as we for-give our



debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de - liv-er us from



e - vil, for Thine is the King-dom and the Pow-er and the



Glo - ry, for - ev - er. A - men.



Lord's

God, Whose Almighty Word

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1 God, whose al - might - y word
2 Lord, who once came to bring
3 Spir - it of truth and love,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three,

Chaos and
On your re -
Life - giv - ing,
Glo - ri - ous

dark - ness heard
deem - ing wing,
ho - ly dove,
Trin - i - ty,

And took their flight;
Heal - ing and sight,
Speed forth your flight;
Wis - dom, love, might!

Hear us, we hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind;
Move on the wa - ter's face Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
Bound-less as o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,

Sheds not its glo - rious ray,
Oh, now to hu - man-kind
And in earth's dark - est place
Through the earth, far and wide,

Let there be light!

