

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



**Contemporary Worship  
Service  
January 18, 2026  
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany**

**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 and Jenn McCarron.

**Friends & Family:**

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Dennis Weller, Robert McCarron, Glenn Monesmith, Scott McCarron, Bill Kelsch, Jake Breyer, Jerry Jacobs and David Freed.

**Family Of:**

Billy Freed

**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 Knapp.

**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 The Contemporary Worship Team, in Honor of Angie Renninger and also by Mrs. Uta Hahn and The Zaiser Family, in Memory of Son & Brother Hans Hahn.

**The Bulletins** are presented to the glory of God by Greg & Nancy Mest, in honor of the birth of our expected grandsons in 2026.

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

- **Opening Song**     “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” Pg. 10

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**

“Love the Lord”  
 “Holiness” Pg. 23  
 “Hungry” Pg. 25

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands;  
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
 The LORD called me before I was born;  
 while I was in my mother’s womb he named me.  
<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
 he made me a polished arrow;  
 in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
<sup>4</sup> But I said, “I have labored in vain;  
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
 yet surely my cause is with the LORD  
 and my reward with my God.”

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says,  
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
 to bring Jacob back to him,  
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
 for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
 and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup> he says,  
 “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
 I will give you as a light to the nations,  
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
 the slave of rulers,  
 “Kings shall see and stand up;  
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
 because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

## GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

### Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”<sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

### 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**

**Closing Songs**      “Your Love is Deep” Pg. 55  
                          “Trading My Sorrows” Pg. 47

- **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**

## **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.

**TODAY is the deadline for the February newsletter, 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.

**The Church Office will be on closed on Monday, January 19th, in Honor of the Martin Luther King Holiday.**

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 Annual Report is on the table in the Narthex, please take a copy and review it before the meeting.

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 mark your calendars for our annual Talent Show/Cook Off on Sunday, February 15th at 4PM. Sign up sheets and more details to come...

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.

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 to help 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 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: Orders are due by Tuesday, February 3rd and Pick up will be Wednesday, February 11th.** 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](http://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 18th-	8:00	Cont. Worship Serv.
	9:15	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service w/Communion
Monday, January 19th-	6:30	Scouts
Tuesday, January 20th-	6:30	Worship & Music Mtg. Scouts
Wednesday, January 21st-	6:30	TLC Stitchers
Thursday, January 22nd-	6:30	Sr. Choir Practice
Sunday, January 25th-	9:15	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service Congregational Mtg./ Potluck Luncheon

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:**  
**Sunday, January 25th:**

Ushers:	Randy Kehl* & Linda Brunner
Lector:	Sharon Renninger
Acolyte:	Uta Hahn

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 01/11/2026**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship/S.S</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
68/14	\$3,060.00	\$55.00
<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>	
0	\$172.00	



Earn up to 15% on birthday gifts, graduation gifts, dinner out and dinner in!

Give the gift that gives back

If you need a birthday present, Valentine's Day gift, date night dinner and a movie, or groceries for dinner at home, gift cards are always a great choice - whether you shop using gift cards or give them as gifts. It's even more thoughtful because you're giving back to Trinity.



## **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

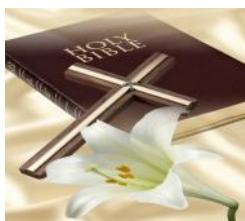
**Hours**  
**1:00PM-4:00PM**

**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](http://www.StLukeGilbertsville.org)

## **Readings for Personal Devotion**



M Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28  
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

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
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Come, Now is the Time to Worship

by Brian Doerksen

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God,    Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
who gladly choose you now  
(repeat from top)

(bridge)

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Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come...   Come...   Come.

Holiness

By Scott Underwood

Holiness, Holiness  
Is what I long for  
Holiness, is what I need  
Holiness, Holiness  
Is what You want from me.

Chorus:

Take my heart and form it  
Take my mind, transform it  
Take my will, conform it  
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

Righteousness, Righteousness  
Is what I long for  
Righteousness, is what I need  
Righteousness, Righteousness  
Is what You want from me.

Chorus

Faithfulness...

Chorus

Brokenness...

Chorus

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Hungry

By Kathryn Scott

Hungry, I come to You for I know You satisfy  
I am empty, but I know Your love does not run  
dry

And so I wait for You, so I wait for You

Chorus:

I'm falling on my knees  
Offering all of me  
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for

Broken, I run to You for Your arms are open wide  
I am weary, but I know Your touch restores my  
life

And so I wait for You, so I wait for You

Chorus

Your Love is Deep

by Jami Smith

Your love is deep  
Your love is high  
Your love is long  
Your love is wide (repeat)

Deeper than my view of grace  
Higher than this worldly place  
Longer than this road I travel  
Wider than the gap You filled (repeat)

Who shall separate us?  
Who shall separate us from Your love?  
Nothing can separate us  
Nothing can separate us from Your love

### Trading My Sorrows

By Darrell Evans

I'm trading my sorrows,  
I'm trading my shame.  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.  
I'm trading my sickness,  
I'm trading my pain,  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord. Yes, yes, Lord.  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord. Yes, yes, Lord.  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord. Yes, yes, Lord. Amen!

I am pressed but not crushed,  
Persecuted not abandoned,  
Struck down but not destroyed.  
I am blessed beyond the curse,  
For his promise will endure  
That his joy's gonna be my strength.

Though the sorrow may last for the night,  
His joy comes with the morning.











