

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



**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 Dave 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 Knepp.

Our sister congregation, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.
(Website: Kirche-bornaer-land.de)

Today we share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite everyone to the Lord's table who recognizes Christ's presence in His holy sacrament. We will be communing using the continuous method this morning. When the time comes, the usher will direct you forward-simply receive the bread from the Pastor and move to the side to the communion server to receive the wine (or grape juice). When you have received both elements, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

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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 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.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Assisting Minister: Erika Zaiser

Server: Linda Ritter

Ushers: Kay McGowan* & Heidi Yescavage

Lector: Diane McElwee

Acolyte: Diane McElwee

- (those who are able may stand)

Prelude

"I Love to Tell the Story"

L. Rogers

Announcements and Concerns**• 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# 652
"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

- **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**

Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ Has Died for Us

CANTICLES

13

Refrain

Keep in mind that Je-sus Christ has died for us and is ris-en from the

dead. He is our sav-ing Lord; he is joy for all a-ges.

Refrain

If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.

If we en-dure with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.

Refrain

In him all our sor-row, in him all our joy. In

him hope of glo-ry, in him all our love.

Refrain

In him our re-demp-tion, in him all our grace. In

him our sal-va-tion, in him all our peace.

• **Hymn of Praise**

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Listen! You Nations



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



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



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!"

© Text: John W. Arthur, b. 1922

© Tune: J. Bert Carlson, b. 1937

• **Prayer of the Day**

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

• P Let us Pray . . .

C **Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹ 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.
² 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.
³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴ 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.”

⁵ 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—

⁶ 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.”

⁷ 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.”

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11

¹ I waited patiently up-¹ on the LORD,
 who stooped to me and¹ heard my cry.

² The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the¹ miry clay,
 and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my¹ footing sure.

³ The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise¹ to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust¹ in the LORD.

⁴ Happy are they who trust¹ in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who¹ follow lies.

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans
for us, none can be com-¹ pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more
than¹ I can count.

⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do¹ not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you
have² not required.**

⁷ And so I said, “Here I³ am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ-⁴ ten of me:

⁸ **‘I love to do your will,⁵ O my God;
your law is⁶ deep within me.’**

⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the⁷ great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O⁸ LORD, you know.

¹⁰ **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have
spoken of your faithfulness and⁹ your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from
the¹⁰ great assembly.**

¹¹ You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas-¹¹ sion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually¹² keep me safe.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

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. John, the first chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

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

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ 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?”³⁹ 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.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² 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).

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Senior Choir Anthem

"Let Me Walk With Thee"
S. Paul

Sermon

- **Hymn of the Day** LBW# 494
"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

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**

C **Amen**

- **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

- **The Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

- **The Proper Preface**

P It is indeed right and salutary...
 (Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding) ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

- **Eucharistic Prayer**

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P 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.

• **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

Music notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". The music is in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The notation consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a sharp sign. The lyrics are as follows:

G 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**Communion Hymn**

LBW# 89

"How Good Lord, to Be Here!"

• **Post-communion Blessing**

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

C **Amen**

• **Post-communion Canticle**

Q Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let ev'-ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proudly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

• **Post-communion Prayer**

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **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# 75

“Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”

• Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Postlude in G Minor”

C. Sergisson

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.

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

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

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

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The Members of this Congregation are its
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Arise, Your Light Has Come!

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Text: Brian Wren
Music: Henry J. G.
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Allelu:

1 Al -
2 Al -
3 Al -
4 In -

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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FESTAL SONG
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Jesus on the Mountain Peak

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Text: Latin hymn
Music: John Go

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Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

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1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult Of our
 2 As of old St. An - drew heard it By the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of

life's wild, rest - less sea, Day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and

sound - ing, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.
 keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! In your mercy,
 Savior, make us hear your call,
 Give our hearts to your obedience,
 Serve and love you best of all.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;
For us he went on high to reign;
For us he sent his Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

*Text: attr. Thomas à Kempis, 1380-1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-1885, alt.
Tune: English, 15th cent.*

DEO GRACIAS
L.M.

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

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1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night; Your
 2 How good, Lord, to be here! Your beau - ty to be - hold Where
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past And hope of things to be, We
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your king - dom come; We

face and gar - ments, like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
 hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
 long to hold the vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.

5 How good, Lord, to be here!
 Yet we may not remain;
 But since you bid us leave the mount,
 Come with us to the plain.

*© Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.
Tune: Mercer, Church Psalter, 1834*

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Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

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1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, Ra - diant are the
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night Through the dark - ness
 3 Sa - ges from the East a - far, When they saw this
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, Yet he wore no

heav - ens high Where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
 beamed a light; All the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
 won - drous star, Went to find the king of na - tions
 di - a - dem; They but saw a maid - en low - ly

All their rays to earth in - clin - ing Beck - on us to
 All their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing As the Christ - mas
 And to of - fer their ob - la - tions Un - to him as
 With an in - fant pure and ho - ly Rest - ing in her

heav'n a - bove, Beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
 star drew nigh, As the Christ - mas star drew nigh.
 Lord and King, Un - to him as Lord and King.
 lov - ing arms, Rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
 Him whose praise the ages sound.
 We too have a star to guide us
 Which forever will provide us
 With the light to find our Lord.

6 As a star, God's holy Word
 Leads us to our King and Lord;
 Brightly from its sacred pages
 Shall this light throughout the ages
 Shine upon our path of life.

