

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**Contemporary Worship
Service
February 1, 2026
4th 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, Tammy Kemp, Mike Wyda, Marcia Auge, Millie Merkel, Jenn McCarron and Greg Mest.

Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Dennis Weller, Bill Kelsch, Jake Breyer and Dave Freed.

Families Of:

Billy Freed, Jerry Jacobs and Fay Bauman.

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)

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 Mrs. Linda Ritter, in Memory of her Mother Erna Weller and also by Mrs. Janice Sheetz, in Honor of her Grandson Mark's Birthday.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God by Diane Morlock, in Memory of Husband Dale, for their Anniversary February 3rd.

The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by Carole Rothermel, in Memory of Erma & Eugene Reidenauer.

- **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 “Every Move I Make” Pg. 15
 “Holiness” Pg. 23
 “Hungry” Pg. 25

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
 and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
 and you enduring foundations of the earth,
 for the LORD has a case against his people,
 and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
 In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
 and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
 and I sent before you Moses,
 Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
 what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
 and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
 that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD
 and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
 with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
 and what does the LORD require of you
 but to do justice and to love kindness
 and to walk humbly with your God?

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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 “Your Love is Deep” Pg. 55
 “Blessed Be Your Name” Pg. 7

- 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**

A Special Thank You to Pastor Gene, Terry Kemp and Dennis Schaeffer for livestreaming the services due to the inclement weather.

All active members please make plans to attend a congregational meeting Sunday, February 8th, immediately following the 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. The Annual Report is on the table in the Narthex, please take a copy and review it before the meeting.

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

The 2025 Financial Statement are now available, if you would like a statement, there is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board, or you may contact Heidi Yescavage or the church office.

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....

Lent is quickly approaching. **Ash Wednesday service will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 7pm.** There will be the imposition of ashes and communion as we mark the start of our lenten journey together. Prior to the service on Wednesday, we cordially invite you to our annual fastnacht social beginning at 6:15 pm.

First Communion Classes will begin on Wednesday, February 25th at 6:15 and will continue each Wednesday evening during Lent. Any young person 10 years of age or older who has not yet received their first communion is eligible to participate in these classes. Please let Pastor Gene know if you are interested.

Soup Supper will be held at 6:00PM each Wednesday during lent prior to the 7PM Worship Service. A Sign Up Sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

We will be collecting non-perishable items for the **Boyertown Area Multi Service** during lent. A list of needed items is printed in the bulletin during Lent. Thank you for your generosity to help.

The deadline for the March Newsletter is Sunday, February 15th, please submit your information to Karen in the church office.

Prayer Listing: If you wish to make any changes to the prayer listing, please contact Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene or the church office, in order for the change to be made in the March Newsletter.

From the Property Committee Hi, I have a request. We have a bee nest at the front of the church. I have seen them flying where the roof meets the bell tower. Do any of you know of an exterminator who would be able to help us? Yes, I already Googled this. There are lots of exterminators listed. But we need one who will work up high. The listings don't say if they will work up high. I can just start calling a bunch of them at random. I thought I would ask you first if you had any suggestions. We are finding them in the sanctuary. We want to get this taken care of before anybody gets stung.

Dennis L. Schaeffer
Property Committee Chairman

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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, February 1st-	8:00	Cont. Worship Serv. w/Communion
	9:15	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service w/Communion
Monday, February 2nd-	6:30	Scouts
Tuesday, February 3rd-	6:30	Scouts
Wednesday, February 4th-	6:30	TLC Stitchers
Thursday, February 5th-	6:30	Sr. Choir Practice
Sunday, February 8th-	9:15	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service Congregational Mtg./ Potluck Luncheon

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Sunday, February 8th:

Scout Sunday

Ushers: Dan & Kathy Kuser
 Lector: Dennis Schaeffer
 Acolyte: Erika Zaiser

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 01/25/2025

(Services cancelled due to inclement weather)

Offerings

General

\$6,501.00

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.



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Monthly Free-will Offerings 2026

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

February 15 – Beacon of Hope

March 15 – Boyertown Area Multi-Service

April 19 – Lutheran Disaster Relief

May 17 – geraniums for Pentecost

June 21 – Save the Children

July 19 – Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

August 16 – American Foundation for
Suicide Prevention

September 20 – Boyertown Area Multi Service

October 18 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

November 15 – Elf Bags (Multi-Service)

December – No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!

**Boyertown Area Multi-Service
Non-Perishable Items Needed:**

1. Paper Towels
2. Tissues
3. Laundry Detergent
4. Shampoo and Conditioner
5. Syrup
6. Pancake Mix
7. Instant Mashed Potatoes
8. Stuffing Mix
9. Hamburger Helper
10. Chef Boyardee Meals
11. Cake/Brownie Mix
12. Jelly
13. Peanut Butter
14. Canned Chicken
15. Canned Mixed Vegetables

Sodium free, sugar free, gluten free and low-fat items are also appreciated for clients with dietary restrictions.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED.

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 Ruth 1:1-18
T Ruth 2:1-16
W Luke 6:17-26
Th Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22
F Philemon 1-25
Sa Psalm 37:1-17

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.

(Or by Appointment)

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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)

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

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.

(continued)

Chorus:

Open up the doors and let the music play.
Let the streets resound with singing.
Songs that bring Your hope,
And songs that bring Your joy.
Dancers who dance upon injustice.

Did you feel the mountains tremble?
Did you hear the oceans roar?
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen One.

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Every Move I Make

By David Ruis

Every move I make, I make in You
You make me move, Jesus
Every breath I take, I take in You
Every step I take, I take in You
You are my way, Jesus
Every breath I take, I take breathe in You

Waves of mercy, waves of grace
Everywhere I look I see Your face
Your love has captured me
Oh my God, this love, how can it be?

La, la, la, la, la, la, la.....

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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

Blessed Be Your Name

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Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-chorus

Every blessing you pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Pre-chorus

Chorus

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name

