

LOVE

Love is *patient*,  
love is *kind*.  
It does not *envy*,  
it does not *boast*,  
it is not *proud*.

1 Corinthians 13:4

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle, PA**

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We want to be a congregation who continues:  
Trusting God  
Loving and Connecting with God and one another  
Reaching out to all God's children

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY/  
PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**  
**February 2, 2025 10:15 AM**

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**Ministers to the World – Congregation of Trinity Lutheran**  
**Mission – *To Share Christ in Word and Deed***  
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## **WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!**

- If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. If you are seeking a church home, please contact the Pastor.
  - Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. All are welcome to the table. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation.
  - The Worship Service will be available on You Tube and the Website after the service.
  - Congregational responses are in bold.
- \* *Please stand*

### **Welcome, Announcements, Opening Prayer**

*We welcome members and families of the Scout troops who meet at Trinity to our worship service today.*

### **Scout Oath**

## **GATHERING**

### **Prelude**

*Jesus, Name Above All Names (CCLI #2823825)*

*Naida Hearn © 1974, 1978 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing*

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*There Is A Redeemer* (CCLI #2823825)

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**\*Greeting:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day:** We pray together: **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Lesson – Jeremiah 1:4-10**

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup> Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 71: 1-6** (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.

<sup>4</sup> **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,  
my confidence since I was young.

<sup>6</sup> **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's  
womb you have been my strength;  
my praise shall be always of you.**

**Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

**Hallelujah! Words of Life!**

*A Gospel Acclamation*

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "Hal-le - lu - jah! Where else would we go? Hal-le - lu - jah! Words of life! Hal-le - lu - jah! Where else would we go? Hal-le - lu - jah! Words of life! Hal - le - lu - jah! Words of life!" Chord markings are placed above the notes: E, A, E, B, E, A, A, B, C#m, E, B, E.

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**\*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.  
Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word,

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

The gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children’s Message**

### **Sermon**

**Time of Silence:** *At our best Trinity is passionate about God. We respond to God’s love becoming still, closing our eyes and opening our heart spaces to God’s presence.*

### **\*Hymn**

*Jesus Messiah (CCLI #2823825)*

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### **\*Apostles’ Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come 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

**\*Prayers of the Church** - *(Each petition ends with "God of grace,". The Congregation responds "hear our prayer.")*

**\*Sign of Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** *(If you are joining us on Facebook, please share Christ's peace with one another in the comments.)*

**An Offering Will Be Taken**

**MEAL** *You are invited to come forward for the traditional distribution of Communion or if you prefer, take a prepackaged kit available from the Usher and remain seated. The Pastor will give instructions to you prior to communing the Assistants.*

**\*Offertory** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (ELW #994)*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

**\*Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

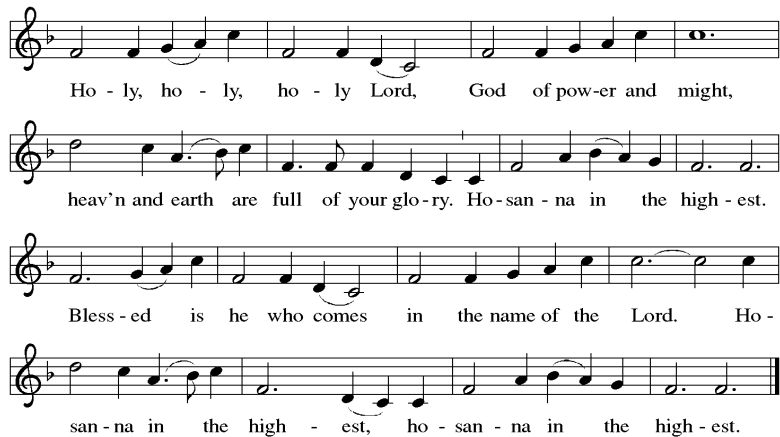
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## \*Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*Words of Institution

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, Jesus 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.

## \*Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**



## **Invitation to Communion**

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**Pew Communion:** *Those who wish to commune from their seats using the prepackaged kits please open them now. Take and eat and drink, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.*

## **Assistants Commune Communion**

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Hymns:

*Let Us Break Bread Together* (ELW #471) vs. 1&2

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown* (ELW #737)

*O Lord, Now Let Your Servant* (ELW #313)

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## **\*Table Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## **\*Post Communion Prayer**

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **\*Benediction**

The Spirit of the triune God ✚ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

## **\*Sending Hymn**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* (ELW #857)

**\*Sending for Service**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God. We will.**

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**SERVING TRINITY TODAY**

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Communion Cups – Josie Thomas

Singer – Wendy Hall

Usher – Alan Shank and Scouts

Greeter – Alan Shank and Scouts

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**TODAY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Gust Barbuzanes, Marie Dean, Sue Deardorff, Mary Effisah, Terry and Laura Ellis, Shirley Freeman, Nancy Freshman, Sally Funk, Sue Gardenhour, Desarie Dean Gregory, Erma Horn, Jake Johns, Tracy Loucks, Cheryl Luger, Doug McCullough, Beth Miller, Lisa Peters, Don Swart, Bud and Donna Wolfe. *The prayer list will be purged at the end of the month. If you wish a name to be retained (other than homebound members) please call or email the office – 717-597-9348/ [tlcsecoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecoffice@gmail.com).*

Each week we also remember four members and friends of our congregation: Tim, Jennifer, Reece and Alexis Barbuzanes; Don Berger; Bob Bowers and Judy Hovey; Michael, Abby and Cameron Catherman.