



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

**TLC Renews**



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

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
January 12, 2025 10:15 AM**

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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  
Installation of Congregational Council  
Presentation of Educational Scholarship**

## **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

*How Firm a Foundation* (ELW #796)

### **\*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**

*Hail to the Lord’s Anointed* (ELW #311)

**\*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 God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Lesson – Isaiah 43:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight

and honored and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

- <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29** (Read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**  
<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.  
<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**  
<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
<sup>6</sup> **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**  
<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.  
<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**  
<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"  
<sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**  
<sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## Second Lesson – Acts 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

### \*Gospel Acclamation

## Hallelujah! Words of Life!

*A Gospel Acclamation*

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Hal-le - lu - jah! Where else would we \_ go? Hal-le - lu - jah! Words of  
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life! Hal - le - lu - jah! Words of life!

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

### \*Gospel: Luke 3:15-22

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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** *Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized (ELW #304)*

### **\*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 "receive 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.)*

**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**

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:

*Speak, O Lord* (CCLI #2823825)

*Keith Getty | Stuart Townend © 2005 Thankyou Music*

*Spirit of the Living God* (CCLI #2823825)

*Daniel Iverson © Words: 1935. Renewed 1963 Birdwing Music; Music: 1935. Renewed 1963 Birdwing Music*

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* (ELW #461)

### **\*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**

*Thy Strong Word* (ELW #511)

### **\*Sending for Service**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERVING TRINITY TODAY**

Director of Music – Sandra Wingert  
Assisting Minister – Charlie Ford  
Communion Assistants – Donna Wolfe and Wendy Hall  
Communion Cups – Josie Thomas  
Singer – Hannah Ford  
Usher – Rob Marsh  
Greeter – Alice Marsh  
IT Ministry – IT Team  
Communion Preparer – Donna Wolfe and Sue Wunderlich  
Media Shout – James Thomas

**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: Doug and Rene´ Swart; Dale and Karen Thatcher; James, Mary, Larson and Josie Thomas; Scott Valentine.