



*Service of
Lessons and Carols*

**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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
December 28, 2025**

Rev. Denise Horn – Interim Pastor

Ministers to the World – Congregation of Trinity Lutheran

Mission – *To Share Christ in Word and Deed*

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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY!

- 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, Facebook and the Website after the service. It is being recorded through Facebook Live.
- Congregational responses are in bold.

* *Please stand*

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction

Through readings and carols, we proclaim the coming of the light. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

Prelude Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful (ELW #283) 4 verses

GATHERING

*Dialogue

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

By day and night he shines for all to see.

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus is the light of our lives.

Sing to God a new song!

A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

***Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Let us pray together: **O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSONS AND CAROLS

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

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

Carol: ELW #843 (3 verses)

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

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

Carol: ELW 279 (4 verses)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

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

Carol: ELW 295 (verses 1,2,5)

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Fourth Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

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

Carol: ELW 296 (3 verses)

What Child Is This?

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-20

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

Carol: ACS 913 (6 verses)

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

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

Carol: ELW 300 (verses 2,3,4,5)

The First Noel

Seventh Reading: John 1:1-14

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

Carol: ELW 288 (3 verses)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

***Prayer of the Church**

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life

cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.

Amen.

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 glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. **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.

***Words of Institution**

Last week we celebrated Communion together, blessing the bread and cup we share today. 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.

***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.

***Invitation to Communion**

God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

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

Who is He in Yonder Stall (Public Domain) 5 verses

In the First Light (CCLI #2823825) 4 verses

Bob Kauflin © 1988 Bridge Building Music, Inc.; Organon Key Music

***Table Blessing**

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

***Post Communion Prayer**

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. **Amen.**

***Benediction**

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy. **Amen.**

***Sending Song:**

Go Tell It on the Mountain (ELW 290) 3 verses

***Sending in Mission**

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you to Scott Valentine for serving in the Pastor's absence.

Please fill out the enclosed Member-Guest Connection Card and place it in the Offering Basket at the rear of the Sanctuary.

SERVING TRINITY TODAY

Director of Music – Sandra Wingert

Assisting Minister – Don Swart

Communion Assistants – Wendy Hall and Carol Swart

Communion Cups – Josie Thomas

Musicians – The Choir

Usher – Rob Marsh

Greeter – Shirley Freeman

IT Ministry – IT Team

Communion Preparer – Alice Marsh

TODAY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Gust Barbuzanes, Debbie Boggs, Marie Dean, Sue Deardorff, Donna, Terry and Laura Ellis, Shirley Freeman, Nancy Freshman, Sally Funk, Sue Gardenhour, Desarie Dean Gregory, Jake Johns, Tracy Loucks, Doug McCullough, Beth Miller, 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.

Each week we also remember four members and friends of our congregation: Terry and Laura Ellis; Charlie, Beth and Hannah Ford; Shirley Freeman; Nancy and Beth Freshman.