

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



**Sunday, January 6, 2019**  
**Epiphany of Our Lord**

# *Welcome to Trinity!*

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **GATHERING HYMN: *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky* (ELW 301)**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Merciful God,

**you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray.**

**Amen.**

This is the good news: Christ who is the light of the world grants ✙ forgiveness and healing of our sins.

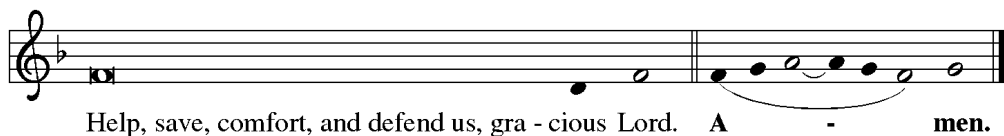
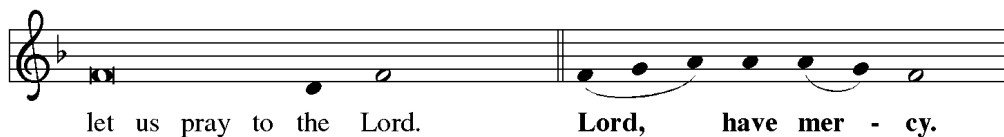
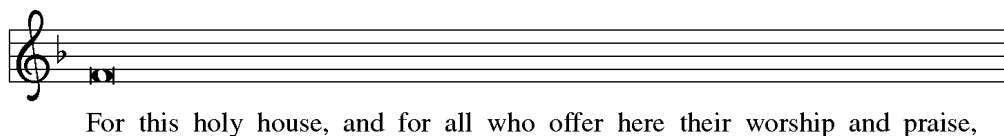
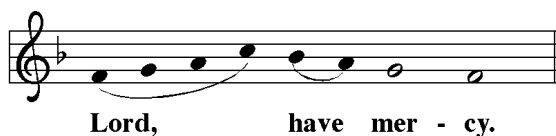
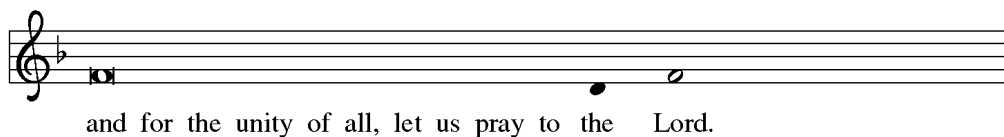
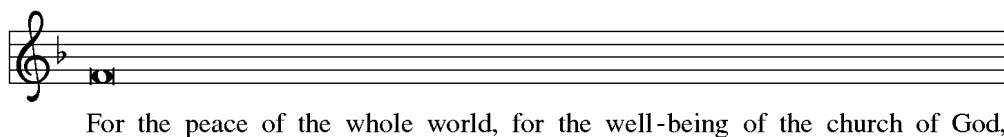
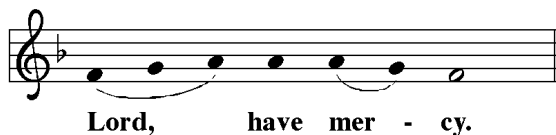
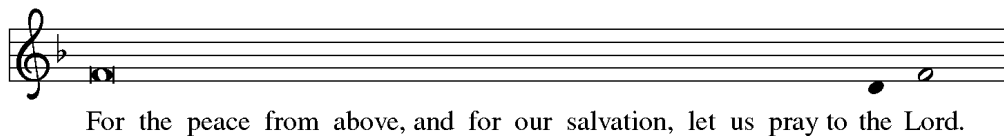
**Thanks be to God!**

## **GREETING**

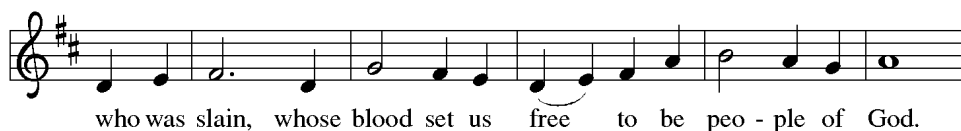
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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# CANTICLE OF PRAISE





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**God, you placed a star in the sky to draw wise folk to the place of Christ's nativity. There you revealed the mystery of your eternal purpose for all humanity: God made flesh, born of Mary, opening to all the world the promise you made to Abraham and Sarah. Empower your church to be like the light of the star, that we may draw the world to the glory of Christ, our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

- <sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.
- <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

*The psalm is sung responsively.*

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,  
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
- <sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your | people righteously  
and the | poor with justice;**
- <sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,  
and the | hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**
- <sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,  
from one generation | to another.
- <sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,  
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup>In his time may the | righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

<sup>10</sup> **May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts.**

<sup>11</sup> May all kings bow | down before him,  
and all the nations | do him service.

<sup>12</sup> **For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**

<sup>13</sup> He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,  
and preserves the lives | of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> **From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,  
and precious is their blood | in his sight.**

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,  
<sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,  
<sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;

<sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

<sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!***

**(ELW 308, v. 1-4)**

## **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 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 INTERCESSION

Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

*A brief silence.*

Drawn into the light of God, we pray for the proclamation of the grace of Jesus Christ. Give us courage and boldness to go forth into the world to tell the good news of what God has done. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Drawn into the glory of creation, we pray for the earth. Sustain every living thing with abundant resources, clean water, and sustainable harvests. Help us to steward all that you have provided. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Drawn into the brightness of God's presence, we pray for the nations of the world. Reveal your compassion and peace for the sake of all who live in the shadow of oppression, violence, and fear. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Drawn into the light of healing mercy, we pray for all who wait for healing and relief of suffering. Give us hope in the promise of new life where pain and suffering will be no more. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Drawn into the dawn of a new day, we pray for the ongoing reconciliation between people. Make us bold to name sin in our lives and unite us in the promise of forgiveness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Drawn into the promise of everlasting light, we pray for those who mourn and give thanks for all the saints who now rest in the brightness of God's presence. Make us confident in our worship as we reflect the light of God with eternal praise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Brief announcements will be made by the presiding minister and thanks given for what our offerings provide towards the church's mission.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY HYMN: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (ELW 182)

*The assembly stands for the presentation of the gifts.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### 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;**

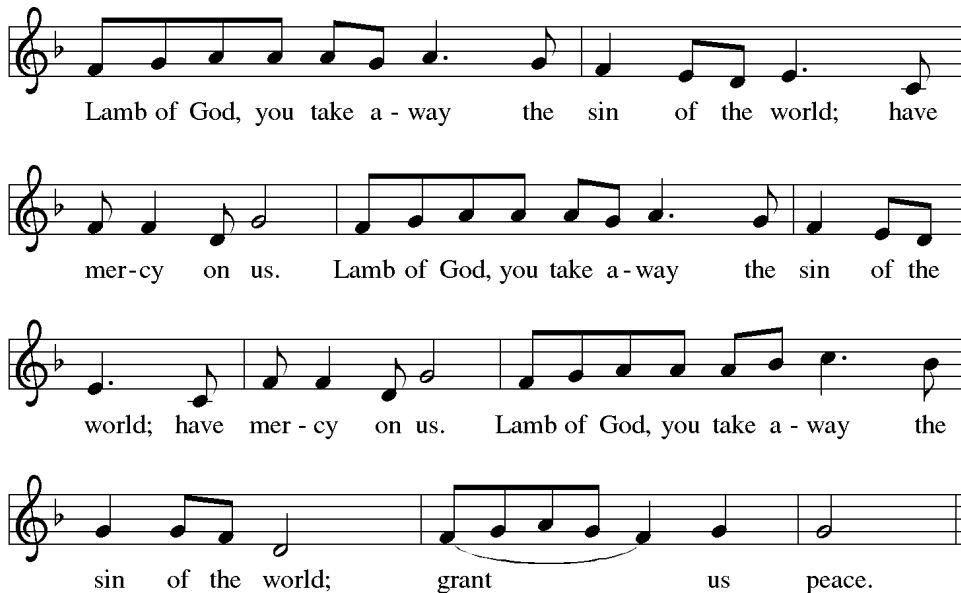
**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**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.

*The assembly is seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



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.

## COMMUNION

*White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

*Reflective music provided for Communion contemplation*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*The assembly stands to receive the blessing.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together.

**Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you in his light and truth and love now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: *As with Gladness Men of Old* (ELW 302)**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Readings for Next Sunday, January 13, 2019 — Baptism of Our Lord**

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**\*\*\*Find the weekly lectionary readings and more at [www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com)**

# Trinity Happenings

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|----------------------|----------|---------------------|
| Sunday, January 6    | 9:00 am  | Worship             |
|                      | 10:15 am | Fellowship          |
| Tuesday, January 8   | 7:00 pm  | Church Council      |
| Wednesday, January 9 | 10:00 am | Women's Bible Study |
|                      | 7:00 pm  | Confirmation        |
| Sunday, January 13   | 9:00 am  | Worship             |
|                      | 10:15 am | Sunday School       |
|                      | 10:15 am | Reading the Bible   |
|                      | 10:15 am | Fellowship          |
|                      | 6:15 pm  | Youth Group         |

**THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS:** Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, and JoAnn Merrill. If there is someone that could be added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at [missjennae@yahoo.com](mailto:missjennae@yahoo.com).

**TRUMPET DEADLINE:** Please submit any items for the weekly Trinity Trumpet *in writing* by 9 am on Wednesday. The Trumpet is emailed at noon each Wednesday.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY:** Trinity will be welcoming new members into our community of faith on Sunday, January 13, 2019. If you would like to officially become "one of us", please talk to Pastor Nate.

**CAMPUS CABINET:** Trinity's Campus Cabinet is open to all! Our Cabinet is currently housed in the church library. Feeling hungry? Need a snack? Been a while since you've been to the grocery store? Come help yourself! Have extras at home to share? Please contribute unopened, in-date non-perishable foods, personal items, and paper goods. The Cabinet is visited regularly throughout the week. We are welcoming contributions of grocery gift cards in larger amounts to restock the shelves as needed, and also gift cards in smaller amounts to share. Items most in need are toilet paper, dish soap, and liquid laundry detergent.

**FAMILY PROMISE IS COMING!** Trinity is hosting Family Promise the week of January 13-20. Sign-ups for set up, take down, dinner hosts, overnight hosts, and Saturday hosts are posted on the Hub in the north entryway. Sign-ups are also available online at <https://tinyurl.com/TELCFPJan2019>.

**LEADERSHIP LAB REGISTRATION:** Youth entering their freshman year of high school through young adult are invited to sign up for this year's Leadership Lab, which will take place July 22-27th, 2019. Please sign up at The Hub by January 15 so that we can start fund raising for this wonderful ministry.

**FUNERAL COMMITTEE:** Death is a part of our faithful journey and Trinity Lutheran needs to create a Funeral Committee to meet the needs of our grieving families. We need a list of people who are able to assist with the funeral luncheon to provide deep Christian care for our members who are grieving. Please consider sharing your time with our families navigating the difficult waters of death. If you have previously expressed interest in this ministry, please sign up again so we can have an accurate list of willing leaders and helpers.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Your 2019 offering envelopes are available for pick-up from the table in the north narthex. If you do not have envelopes and would like a box, please talk to our financial secretary Bev Gossett or contact the church office.

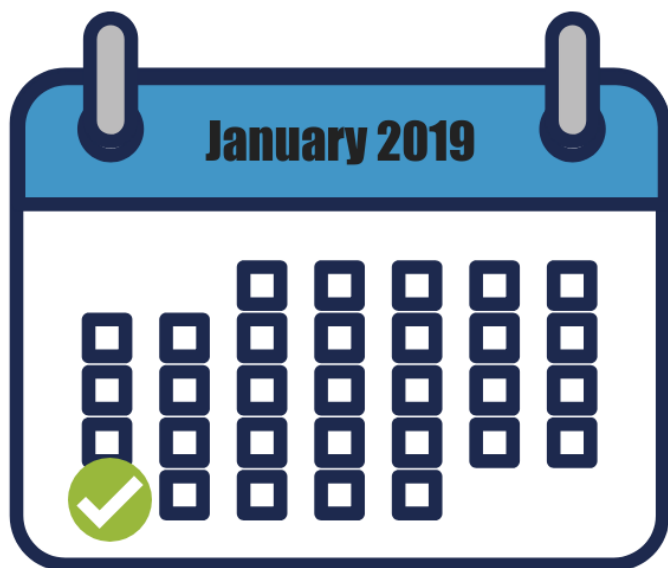
**FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER TRAINING:** Family Promise will be holding a volunteer training session here at Trinity on the evening of Tuesday, January 15, 2019. For more information, please contact the Family Promise office at 307-742-6480 or [director.familypromise82070@gmail.com](mailto:director.familypromise82070@gmail.com).

**WORSHIP SERVER SIGN-UP:** Sign-ups are available to serve in worship during January and February 2019. The paper sheet has been posted on the Hub in the north entryway, and online sign-up is available at <https://tinyurl.com/TELCServersJanFeb2019>.



*What goes up must come down ...*

If you are able, please stay after worship TODAY and help take down the Advent and Christmas decorations. Many hands will make light and quick work!



## **SAVE THE DATE**

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 27, 2019  
after worship

# Serving the Church

**THIS WEEK — January 6, 2019**

**Lector:** Stephen Boss  
**Ushers and Greeters:** Janet Boss  
**Nursery:** OPEN  
**Stewards:** Carolyn Hazlett  
Martin Greller  
**Altar Guild:** Margot Birkholz  
**Fellowship:** Sharon and Phil Rabon  
**Flowers:** OPEN

**NEXT WEEK — January 13, 2019**

**Lector:** OPEN  
**Ushers and Greeters:** OPEN  
**Nursery:** OPEN  
**Stewards:** Carolyn Hazlett  
Martin Greller  
**Altar Guild:** Margot Birkholz  
**Fellowship:** OPEN  
**Flowers:** Judi Weatherwax

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