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*MISSION: Together in Jesus Christ our mission is to serve faithfully, boldly, and joyfully.*

**★ BAPTISM OF OUR LORD ★**

**January 10, 2021**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!** We are blessed to have you with us today for our worship service. Please sign the guest book in the entrance hallway at the usher's stand. Rest rooms are in the entrance Narthex or downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

**COMMUNION PRACTICES UPDATE:**

Due to the safety recommendations made concerning the recent local/state rise in Coronavirus cases, Trinity's Council has decided to suspend celebrating Holy Communion at all worship services for now. We will keep you informed regarding any new decisions made affecting worship practices. We appreciate your understanding.

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT TRINITY!** At parents' discretion, **red activity bags** hang in the Narthex for children to use. **Pack 'n Plays** are available for younger children in the Nave. Carpets, coloring sheets/crayons, and play space are also available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall (near the elevator). Parents may utilize this during worship. Speakers are available to hear the service in the room.

**THE FLOWERS** on the credence tables of the Altar are to the Glory of God, and in memory of Ralph and Sally Roy Friedhofer; Mary and Carl Friedhofer, Sr.; and Jeanne and Carl Friedhofer, Jr., presented by *Michael and Christine Friedhofer*.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers are available for members to take to homebound members or someone celebrating a special day in their life after services.

☆ **Baptism of Our Lord** ☆  
**January 10, 2021**  
**10:00 Non-Communion Service**

Welcome! Today we are using a new liturgical Setting 12 from the new supplemental hymnal *All Creation Sings (ACS)*. *Celebrate* contains the readings and Prayers. *Hymn lyrics are printed in your bulletin to follow along with silently*. P = Pastor; L = Liturgist/hymns performer; **congregation reads aloud all short spoken "C" parts in bold**.

Prelude *When Jesus Came to Jordan* arr. N. Carroll  
Welcome/Announcements/Joys and Concerns  
Joy Sharing/Installation of Congregational Council

**GATHERING**

Gathering Hymn ***Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*** (ELW #304)  
(*Silently reflect on the words as the hymn is performed*)

<sup>1</sup> Christ, when for us you were baptized,  
God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove,  
and yet as urgent as a flame,  
as urgent as a flame.

<sup>2</sup> God called you, "My beloved Son";  
you are God's servant true,  
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,  
God's holy will to do,  
God's holy will to do.

<sup>3</sup> Straight-way and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed the call  
to serve with free and willing heart,  
to give your life for all,  
to give your life for all.

<sup>4</sup> Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;  
your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we  
may perfect freedom find,  
may perfect freedom find.

Invocation

Confession (*Pastor speaks on behalf of everyone—reflect on silently*)

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. God of goodness and lovingkindness,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen**

Absolution

P: Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through †Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace. **C: Amen**

Greeting and Response

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.**

Kyrie L: Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.  
Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy.  
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Hymn of Praise

L: <sup>1</sup>Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth.  
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;  
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

Prayer of the Day

**C: Amen**

Celebrate

**WORD**

(*Readings will be read by the Lector; read bold responses; congregational Psalm parts read silently to yourself as the Lector reads aloud*)

First Lesson

*Genesis 1:1-5*

Celebrate

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

*Psalm 29*

Celebrate

Second Lesson      *Acts 19:1-7*      Celebrate

L: The Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation      **Alleluia...**      (ACS)

*(Reflect on the lyrics silently as the liturgy is performed)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to...      **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel for Epiphany      *Mark 1:4-11*      *(Pastor reads)*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

Hymn of the Day      **Down Galilee's Slow Roadways** (ACS #916)

*(Silently reflect on the words as the hymn is performed)*

L: <sup>1</sup> Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on  
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.  
He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave,  
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

<sup>2</sup> Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn;  
it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form.  
The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice;  
"You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice."

<sup>3</sup> We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.  
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.  
But now beside this water again a voice is heard.  
"You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."

**Apostles' Creed** *(Please follow along silently as Pastor reads)*

P: 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 (C: your mercy is...; C: Amen)** Celebrate

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

**The Lord's Prayer** *(ALL pray aloud)*

**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. C: Amen**

## SENDING

Sending Hymn      **Baptized and Set Free**      (ELW #453)

*(Silently reflect on the words as the hymn is performed)*

L: <sup>1</sup> We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

<sup>2</sup> We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

<sup>3</sup> We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, everflowing, now carry us home.

<sup>4</sup> Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Blessing P: God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you; and  
the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.

**C: Amen**

Dismissal P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *O Living Breath of God* arr. N. Carroll



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**TODAY** we use one of the two new liturgies from *All Creation Sings*, our new ELW hymnal supplement. We also are using one of the 200 new hymns in it. We thank *Nicholas Carroll* for leading us by performing the liturgical parts and hymns. We look forward to being able to use the actual book during worship services post virus.

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS** will be installed at the beginning of the 10:00 service today.

#### **PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF OUR NEXT BISHOP:**

For January 9-10, 2021: Gracious God, For lay leaders discerning Your call to serve Christ and community in their congregation, the Allegheny Synod, and the wider church, pour out your Spirit and lift up their voices so that all may hear the proclamation of Your grace. Amen



**You are the light of the world. —Matthew 5:14**

Let your Christ light shine!



**TRINITY'S COMMITTEES** are being formed for 2021. Every member is invited to join a committee and/or attend a meeting during the year. Share your talents with us in all of our various ministries! To volunteer, please call Trinity's Office at 445-5446.

**ANY MEMBERS OR GROUPS** wanting to use Trinity's facilities or Pavilion should call Trinity's Office (445-5446) to schedule the date and time for 2021, even if you have used it for the same date/event in the past. Sometimes we have multiple requests for the same date. Hopefully you will be able to use the facilities this year.

**SEQUANOTA CONFERENCE CENTER AND CAMP** is offering several mid-week *Simple, Serene, & Small Retreats* for



pastors, leaders, writers, readers, and anyone who needs time away and a quiet setting. Cost: \$250, which includes 4 days and 3 nights lodging with linens and all meals. First two on schedule: January 11-14; February 8-11. Register online at

[sequanota.com](http://sequanota.com) or contact the office at 814-629-6627.

**UNWANTED, UNUSED, AND EXPIRED PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS** may be disposed of locally by means of the PA MedReturn Drop Boxes located at the *Somerset Borough Building (Fire Hall)* on Union Street or to the *Pennsylvania State Policier Barracks* at 142 Sagamore Street in Somerset weekdays. They are safe, free, and anonymous drop boxes. Accepted: Prescribed and over-the-counter solids, tablets, caps, liquid meds, inhalers, creams, ointments, nasal sprays, pet meds. NOT Accepted: intravenous solutions, injectables, and needles. Dispose of your medications in an environmentally-friendly way—do not put them in the trash or flush them.

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**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY:**

<b>THIS SUNDAY:</b> <b>1/10/2021</b>	<b><i>Baptism of Our Lord</i></b> 8:00 a.m. Early Non-Communion Service 10:00 a.m. Non-Communion Service with Council Installation <i>(Christmas Decorations down after worship)</i>	Nave Nave
<b>MONDAY:</b> 1/11	10:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Property Committee	Adult III Adult III
<b>TUESDAY:</b> 1/12	9:00 a.m. Men's Group Fellowship <b>DEADLINE:</b> <i>Sunday Bulletin Information</i>	Adult III
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> 1/13	8-11 a.m. Somerset Food Pantry Drive-Thru	Educ. Bldg. Lot
<b>THURSDAY:</b> 1/14	6:15 p.m. Worship Committee 7:00 p.m. Endowment Fund Committee	Adult III Fellowship Hall
<b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b> <b>1/17/2021</b>	<b><i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i></b> 8:00 a.m. Early Non-Communion Service 10:00 a.m. Non-Communion Service/TLC Band	Nave Nave

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**PLEASE WATCH BULLETINS ("THIS WEEK AT TRINITY")** as we add/deduct meetings, services, etc. from our schedule. Please use your bulletin for the service order, practice social distancing, wear masks if possible, wash hands/use hand sanitizer, etc. to be safe, while we carry on our church body tasks. Please help provide safety for all attending in person during these difficult times. We welcome you to worship either in person or online!

**ORFF ENSEMBLE AND HANDBELLS** will be taking their customary rehearsal and performance hiatus (break) between the church year seasons. Please watch the bulletins for dates of rehearsal resumptons, which take place after Sunday worship services.

**THE LUTHERAN LETTER** has gone digital. If you would like to receive this Allegheny Synod newsletter in your "In Box" regularly, click on [LutheranLetter@alleghenysynod.com](mailto:LutheranLetter@alleghenysynod.com), or send your email address to [michelle.bossler@alleghenysynod.com](mailto:michelle.bossler@alleghenysynod.com)

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:**

Sunday, January 3, 2021 In-Person Worship Attendance: 45

**TLC BAND with Don Robinson, Leader** will be providing our accompaniment on **Sunday, January 17** at the 10:00 a.m. blended service.

**OUR DAILY BREAD regular print** devotionals for the months of *December, January, and February 2020-2021*, and **large print** ones for the months of *January, February, March 2021* are on the Narthex tables, Chapel kiosk, and in the Office for your use in your home devotions and prayer time.

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS (regular print)** for **January, February, March 2021** are available in the Narthex, Chapel kiosk, and Office for you to pick up for your at-home devotions. Large prints did not arrive.



**TRINITY'S MEN'S GROUP** meets every Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. in Adult III across from the Office (Child Care has been using the Fellowship Hall space for learning). We welcome any men that would like to join us for this coffee fellowship.

**JANUARY USHERS** are needed. Please call *John Minnich* at 445-7660 if you are willing to help usher.



**February Newsletter Article Deadline:**  
**Monday, January 18**

**TRINITY'S CHILD CARE** has been having a Country Meats Snack Stick fund raiser. The pork sticks are \$1.00 each. Numerous kinds are available. If you would like to purchase any, they are available in either the Child Care Office or Trinity's Office weekdays.



The VISION of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church:  
 As thankful people of God anchored in the Gospel our vision is to reflect Jesus  
 in reconciliation, inclusion, diversity, and stewardship.

### *Trinity Worship Leadership*

INTERIM PASTOR	<i>Pastor Douglas R. Knupp</i>
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	<i>Nicholas Carroll</i>
LECTOR	<i>Kathy Mitchell</i>
ALTAR GUILD	<i>Lana Miller, Chair; Shelby Bailey; Jo Balsley; Lori and John Heiple</i>
COUNTING TEAM	<i>George Stein, Captain; Betty Anderson; Melanie Miller</i>
SOUND TECHNICIAN	<i>Mark Persun</i>
USHER(S)	<i>Douglas Fanale</i>
DRIVER(S)	<i>John and Becky Minnich</i>

### *Trinity Staff Members*

Office Manager	<i>Ann Voytish</i>
P/T Computer Secretary	<i>Darlene Schafer</i>
Full-Time Sexton	<i>Douglas Fanale</i>
Part-Time Sexton	<i>Frank Kyle</i>
Child Care Director	<i>Jody Jurgeovich</i>
TLC Band Leader	<i>Don Robinson</i>

### **Coming Events, Meetings, and Deadlines as of Bulletin Printing:**

- ◆ On Break: Bells/Orff instrument Rehearsals/Worship Accompaniment
- ◆ Christmas Decorations down—after services Sunday, January 10
- ◆ Finance Committee—Thurs., January 21, 6:30 p.m., Adult III
- ◆ **2020 Personal Giving Statements** will be available for pick up on  
 Sunday, January 24 in the Narthex (and Fellowship Hall if Adult  
 Sunday School is in session by then)

**CURRENT CANCELLATIONS:** Adult Sunday School Classes, Confirmation Sunday Classes, Marys and Marthas, Loving Jesus study group—watch bulletins for their schedules to resume.