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



**CHRISTMAS 2 and EPIPHANY CELEBRATED ★**

**January 3, 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, presented by *Gail Lambert*.

**THE FLOWERS** on the stand in the Chancel are in memory of mother and father, Marian and Roy Walker, presented by *daughters: Dorothy, Hazel, and Ruth*.

**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. The Chancel flowers will be delivered to the donors.



## **2nd Sunday of Christmas and Epiphany Celebrated ☆**

**January 3, 2021**

### **10:00 Non-Communion Service**

Welcome as we celebrate our Savior's birth and observe Epiphany, January 6. Today we begin using a new liturgical Setting 12 from the new supplemental hymnal *All Creation Sings (ACS)*. *Celebrate* contains the readings and Prayers of Intercession. *Hymn lyrics are printed in your bulletin to follow along with silently.* P = Pastor; L = Liturgist/ hymns; **congregation reads aloud all short spoken "C" parts in bold.**

Prelude                      *We Three Kings*                      arr. E. McLean  
Welcome/Announcements/Joys and Concerns  
Joy Sharing

### **GATHERING**

Gathering Hymn    ***Brightest and Best of the Stars***    (ELW #303)

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

L:    <sup>3</sup> What shall we give him, in costly devotion?  
      Shall we bring incense and off'rings divine,  
      gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
      myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

<sup>4</sup> Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
      vainly with gifts would his favor secure;  
      richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
      dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

<sup>5</sup> Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
      dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
      Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
      guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

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

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

### **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                      *Jeremiah 31:7-14*                      Celebrate

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

Psalm                              *Psalm 147:12-20*                      Celebrate

Second Lesson                      *Ephesians 1:3-14*                      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      **Matthew 2:1-12**      (*Pastor reads*)  
(*Printed below, not in the Celebrate insert*)

<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.

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

Homily

Hymn of the Day      **When a Star Is Shining**      (ACS #915)  
(*Silently reflect on the words as the hymn is performed*)

L:    <sup>1</sup> When a star is shining, over eastern hills,  
when the air is silent, and the clamor stills,  
when the night is waiting, and the old hopes rise,  
then the time has ripened and the heart grows wise.

*Refrain:*

Lead us on, lead us on, to a morning where the promise shines.  
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<sup>2</sup> Where the world is waiting for an unknown day,  
where a voice forgotten cries, "Prepare the way!"  
Where an earthly power make the heart turn cold,  
there the gifts are offered—incense, myrrh, and gold. (Refrain)

<sup>3</sup> Lead us on, O Day-star, in the quiet night;  
guide us through the shadow with your gentle light;  
show us in a manger our redemption's sign;  
bring us to a morning where the promise shines. (Refrain)

**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 **Jesus, the Light of the World** (ACS #914)  
(Silently reflect on the words as the hymn is performed)

L: <sup>1</sup> Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
“Glory to the newborn king,” Jesus, the Light of the world. (Refrain)

Refrain: We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

<sup>2</sup> Joyful, all you nations, rise; Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Join the triumph of the skies; Jesus, the Light of the world;  
(Refrain)

<sup>3</sup> Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world.  
(Refrain)

<sup>4</sup> Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the Light of the world.  
(Refrain)

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 *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky* arr. N. Carroll



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## Wednesday, January 6, 2021— Epiphany of Our Lord

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.  
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**TODAY WE BEGIN** use of one of the two new liturgies from *All Creation Sings*, our new ELCA hymnal. We also will be using two of the 200 new hymns in the hymnal. We thank *Nicholas Carroll* for helping to make the new hymnal purchase possible. We look forward to being able to use the actual hymnal during worship.

**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)

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

For January 2-3, 2021: Gracious God, You revealed Your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, the life that is light for all people. Let your light shine in, through and with those discerning your call as Bishop of the Allegheny Synod, revealing their gifts to guide and lead us in Your ways. Amen

**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.



***“The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –  
on them light has shined” (Isaiah 9:2)***

Seven hundred years before the incarnation of our Lord Jesus, the prophet Isaiah spoke these words to comfort God’s people. Isaiah spoke to a people who were under the shadow of invasion from Babylon and who would see Jerusalem destroyed. It was a dark time for the children of Israel.

In those dark days, God’s Word proclaimed that hope and salvation are coming. Isaiah is saying that the darkness cannot stop the light of our God. No matter how dark the day, God is bringing light and his salvation into the world.

There have been some days that seemed pretty dark in 2020. We have lived in the shadow of the pandemic. We have seen natural disasters, civil unrest, and political strife. It has left us feeling out of control and that the ground is shifting under our feet.

The Word of God that offered hope to God’s people thousands of years ago, has the same message for us today. No matter what darkness or shadow we find ourselves in, God is with us. God will never leave us alone. Our Lord Jesus promises us that he will be with us until the end of the age (Matthew 28:20) and that when he comes again, he will take us to himself (John 14:3). Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38-39).

Life can be hard. But we know that the brokenness, the sin, and the darkness of this world does not have the last word. The end of all things is the victory of God in Christ Jesus. The end of all things is the God who is going to cast out the darkness and heal our hearts and mend our souls.

That God is with us now. We celebrate at Christmas that our Lord loved us so much that God would not sit by and watch us suffering. But the Creator of all things became flesh and lived among us. The God who brought all things into being, would not leave us to our suffering. But became flesh and to walk with us so that we might know we are never alone. As we contemplate the baby in the manger, we see the one who is Emmanuel. God with us.

God is with us and that makes all the difference. Christmas celebrates that God would not leave us to our suffering. But he stepped into our existence and our lives to show us a better way. In Jesus we see the way of love. We see the God who would stop and nothing to save us from sin, death and the devil. But also, God goes to any and all lengths to make us his own. We matter to the God who made heaven and earth.

As we look at the brokenness and darkness of this world, let us hear the Word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” The light of God, Jesus Christ has come into this world. As we look to the manger, and later look to the cross, we remember that Christ Jesus is the light of the world and there is no darkness that can overcome him.

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless  
you and yours this Christmas,  
The Allegheny Synod Office Staff—  
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and brought Gifts**

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**THIS SUNDAY:** *2nd Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany Celebrated*  
**1/3/2021** 8:00 a.m. Early Non-Communion Service Nave  
 10:00 a.m. Non-Communion Service Nave

MONDAY: 1/4	10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning Bible Study	Adult III
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**TUESDAY:** 9:00 a.m. Men's Group Fellowship Adult III  
1/5 **DEADLINE:** *Sunday Bulletin Information*

WEDNESDAY: 8-11 a.m. Somerset Food Pantry Drive-Thru Educ. Bldg. Lot  
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**NEXT SUNDAY:** *Baptism of Our Lord*

<b>1/10/2021</b>	8:00 a.m.	Early Non-Communion Service	Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Non-Communion Service with Council Installation	Nave

*(Christmas Decorations down after worship)*

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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!

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS** should try to be present next Sunday, January 10 at the beginning of the 10:00 service for the annual installation of Council members.

**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 resumptions taking place after Sunday worship services.

<b>ATTENDANCE LAST TWO SUNDAYS/CHRISTMAS EVE:</b>	
Sunday, December 20, 2020	In-Person Worship Attendance: 55
Thursday, December 24, 2020: 91	Sunday, December 27, 2020: 27

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**GIFTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN** to the Memorial Fund in memory of  
Robert "Bob" Holt by: *Tom and Cindy Wickham*  
*Nancy Shaffer*

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN** to the Geothermal Project in memory of Robert “Bob” Holt by *Bob and Kathy Reed*.

**TLC BAND with Don Robinson, Leader** will be providing our accompaniment on **Sunday, January 17** at 10:00 a.m. worship. We sincerely thank them for providing music for our Christmas Eve services.

**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 yet.

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



**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). 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.

*Happy New Year*  
**2021**



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>John Minnich</i>
ALTAR GUILD	<i>Lana Miller, Chair; Shelby Bailey; Jo Balsley; Lori and John Heiple</i>
COUNTING TEAM	<i>Betty Anderson, Captain; Melanie Miller</i>
SOUND TECHNICIAN	<i>James Baker</i>
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DRIVER(S)	<i>John and Becky Minnich</i>

### *Trinity Staff Members*

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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
- ♦ Property Committee—Monday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. in Adult III
- ♦ Worship Committee—Thurs., January 14, 6:15 p.m., in Adult III
- ♦ Endowment Fund Committee—Thurs., January 14, 7 p.m., F. Hall
- ♦ February Newsletter Article Deadline: Monday, January 18
- ♦ 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)