

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Baptism of Our Lord  
January 12th, 2025

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304 E. Ferris Street  
Galesburg, IL 61401

*“the welcome place”*

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## +++GATHERING+++

**Prelude**.....“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways” .....Michael Burkhardt

**Welcome & Announcements - Please Sign Friendship Registry**  
*The red ELW hymnal and the purple ACS hymnal are in the pew racks*

### Call to Worship

There are some days  
when I need the reminder  
that I belong to God.  
Do you ever feel that way?

**Yes. We do.**

**The world can be a harsh place;  
we often need that reminder.**

Well then, let us care for one another.  
Let us speak the truth we each need to hear.  
Church, you belong to God.  
You are God’s beloved.

Friend, you belong to God.  
You are God’s beloved.

Let us worship the God who knows our names.  
**Let us worship the God who calls us beloved. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn, ELW (red) #732..... “Borning Cry”**  
*(Stand)*

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Holy Creator of all that exists,

blessed be your name throughout the ages.  
Before the beginning of time you separated  
waters from waters making Earth and all stars.  
To the dry land, you give rainfall and mist.  
To the seas, you give deeps and currents.  
To the creatures and plants, you give the water of life.  
**Praise to you for water.**

Your Spirit churned over the waters and into the hearts of your  
people,  
rescuing us from floods and legions.  
To the thirsty, you give a drink  
of cold water.  
Into the repentant, you pour the cup of salvation.  
For the destitute, you offer a pool of healing.  
**Praise to you for water.**

Through the baptism of your Son,  
by his body washed in the waters of the Jordan River,  
you baptized the waters of all the Earth.  
We bathe in water blessed by Jesus.  
We drink the water blessed by Jesus.  
The water of your creation frees us,  
teaches us, and binds us to you.  
**Praise to you for water.**

Make us grateful for the gifts of healing water,  
beautiful water,  
flowing water,  
nourishing water.  
Make us thirsty, O God, for your living water,  
in the name of the one by whose water and blood,  
we live and move and have our being,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **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.**

# Kyrie

ACS (purple) Setting 12, pg. 31-32

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

# Glory to God

ACS (purple) Setting 12, pg. 31-32

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Beloved God,

Through the pages of scripture, you have sprinkled your love for us like an echoed refrain.

Despite its repeated truth,

we too often allow that good news to roll off of us like water, barely allowing it to touch us.

Make today different.

As we read your Word aloud,

let the truth of your love for creation seep into our bones.

May we hear your echos of “beloved” deep within us

and respond with overflowing joy.

We are here.

We are listening.

**Amen.**

*(Sit)*

**+++WORD+++**

## **Poem, “The Bravest Thing We Can Do”**

Trust your belovedness.

Let it be a protest,

an act of resistance,

a song of celebration.

Trust your belovedness in a world that is rarely satisfied.

Wear it like a badge of honor.

Speak it as confidently as your last name. Tattoo it to your heart.

When outside forces

chip away at your sense of self,

when life asks you

to hand over the keys,

remember the water.

Remember creation.

Remember how it was good,

so very good.

Let that truth hum through your veins.

Sing it so loud

that it drowns out the weariness of the world, for the bravest thing we can ever do

is trust that we belong here.

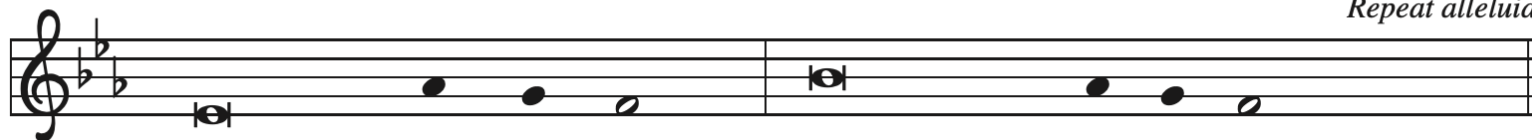
(Stand)

### Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*



Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

### Gospel: Luke 3:21 – 22

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 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.**

(Sit)

### Children’s Message

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand)

Hymn of the Day, ACS (purple) #916..... “Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

### Affirmation of Faith

**I believe that the God I see in scripture is a God of love.  
I believe that God created me and delights in that creation. I  
believe the psalmist who says,  
“I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”(Psalm 139)  
I believe that, just as God called Jesus “beloved,”  
God extends this same term of endearment to us.  
I believe that no matter our earthly challenges,**

**nothing could strip me of that sacred title.  
I could fail every test, miss every goal,  
drop every ball,  
and I would still be God's beloved.  
Therefore, I cling to this promise like a rock in the storm.  
I anchor myself with this good news,  
allowing the anxiety of the day to roll over me  
as best I can,  
because I know where I belong.  
I am a child of God.  
I am beloved.  
I strive to live this way.  
Amen.**

*(Sit)*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

God of baptismal waters,  
There are a million other places we could be right now, but we  
chose to be here.  
We needed to be here.  
We needed to hear, once more, that we are created in your  
image—fiercely loved and uniquely called.  
We needed to hear your words of affirmation because the world is  
an exhausting place. Over and over again we are surrounded with  
reminders that we should be doing more, we should be doing  
better, we should be working harder. The list of “coulds” and  
“shoulds” is so long that we can lose ourselves in them.  
But then we come to your sanctuary and we hear you say that  
you delight in us. And all of the  
sudden, things fall into place once again.  
Loving and claiming God, help us to see ourselves the way you  
see us.  
Give us the grace and the tenderness to love ourselves as you  
love us.  
Remind us that we are worthy of Sabbath, worthy of grace,  
worthy of love and belonging.  
In silence, we lift up the prayers that we carry for ourselves in this  
moment. May you hear these words and draw near to us, O God.  
Pause for a moment of silent prayer.  
Gracious God, we are not the only ones who need your care and  
affirmation. So today we also ask for the wisdom to give  
compassion to our neighbors—friends and strangers alike. Teach

us how to be advocates for others so that all might know that they are a beloved child of God.

In particular, today we pray for W.T., Debbie, Duane, Karen, Sherry, and the people of L.A. We pray for those who have passed, especially Annabelle and Don.

Be with them.

Renew their spirits.

Remind them, just as you remind us, that they all are loved by you.

And until your promised day when joy outweighs weariness, we will return to the water's edge.

We will continue to look for you in our midst,

and we will continue to affirm belovedness in one another.

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **+++MEAL+++**

**Offering Music** .....Carol of the Baptism.....George Brandon  
*Sr. Choir*

*(Stand)*

## **Offering Prayer**

Holy God,

we bring these gifts of bread and wine,

signs of your abundance and our trust in your promises.

As you bless and transform them,

root us in your joy,

strengthen us to follow your lead,

and remind us that we belong to you.

In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give our thanks and praise

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**



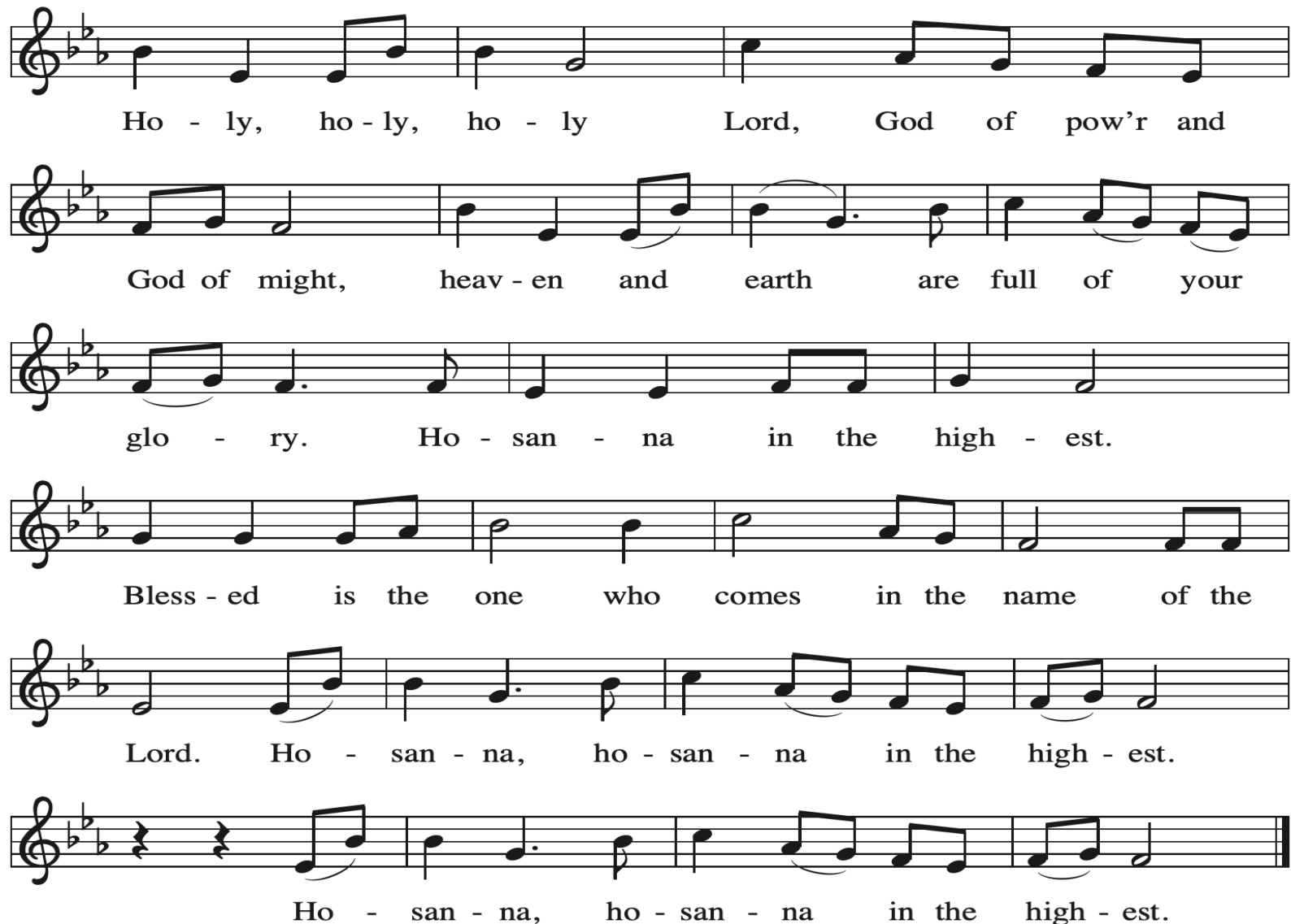
It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, holy and gracious God.

From the beginning, you have called us beloved.  
You spoke light into the darkness  
and led your people through wilderness and water.  
You gave us rituals to mark your presence  
and prophets to speak your truth.  
When we strayed, you did not abandon us,  
but came to us in Jesus—  
a child named and claimed,  
revealed to the nations,  
and baptized into the fullness of your love.

With Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anna,  
the Magi, and all who long for your joy,  
we join our voices with the heavenly hosts  
and with the church on earth, singing:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

ACS (purple), Setting 12, pg. 36



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In this holy season, we remember Jesus—  
how on the night he was betrayed, he  
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:  
“This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

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 in remembrance of me.”

In this meal, you meet us in our joy and our weariness,  
binding us to your love and to one another.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this bread and cup,  
that through this meal, we may be strengthened  
in our sacred rituals, guided by your light,  
and rooted in the joy of being your beloved.  
Bind us together as one body,  
sent forth to share your love with all creation.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the  
time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the  
power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

The joy of Christmastide is here:  
a joy that roots us in sacred rituals,  
guides us to follow God’s lead,  
and reminds us of our belovedness in God.  
This table is a place of joy, grace, and belonging.

So come to this Table.  
 Come with your faith and your doubt.  
 Come with your questions and your hopes.  
 Come with your grief and your love.  
 Just come, because there is room for you here.  
 This is Christ's table. All are welcome.

*All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given a wafer in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward.*

(Sit)

**Distribution of Communion**

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

ACS (purple), Setting 12, pg. 40



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Communion Music.....I was There to Hear .....Mark Sedio  
 Your Borning Cry*

**Post Communion Hymn ELW (red) #451..... "We Are Baptized"**

(Stand)

**Prayer After Communion**

Joyful God,  
 you have fed us with your love and called us your beloved.  
 Send us out, trusting in your joy,  
 to share your light and care for all creation.  
 Through Christ, we pray.  
**Amen.**

**+++SENDING+++**

**Blessing**

Family of faith,  
as you leave this place,  
you go into a weary world—  
so speak tenderly.  
Do the good that is yours to do. Choose connection.  
Hold onto hope.  
And remember  
that Christ took on flesh for you. You are God's beloved.  
So go rejoicing.  
The world needs it.  
**Amen**

**Sending Hymn ELW (red) #543 .....“Go, My Children”**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Trust Your Belovedness.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude .....Go, My Children, With My Blessing.....Keith Kolander**

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***As you leave, please take a moment to greet one another.***

**Today's Radio Broadcast was provided by Tad & Marilyn Yarde**

*In memory of loved ones from our families*

**Worship Participants**

Audio: Matt Warner

Video: Bill Sime

Ushers: Norm & Linda Tippey, Harold Watters

Communion Setup: Janet Page

Assisting Minister: Isaac Triplet

Reader: Annie Maier

Wine Servers: Marilyn Gehring, Janet Page

Acolyte: Henry Gray

Closing Duties: Harold Watters

Coffee Fellowship: Danny & Mary Lou Lindberg

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

Organist: Bette Mohr

## Announcements

**Coffee Fellowship** is immediately after service

**2025 Annual Meeting is on January 19<sup>th</sup>, immediately after service.** There will be no Coffee Fellowship or Sunday School. Copies of the 2025 Annual Report are available in the Narthex.

**TLC's Well-Being Group will meet this week on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm,** after the Potluck, for a talk with Patt Sutor about Knox County TRIAD. All are encouraged to attend!

**Prayer List:** If you or loved ones need prayers, please fill out the salmon-colored form located on the bulletin table in the Narthex, and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate.

### **Name**

W.T. Meyers  
Friends & Family of Annabelle  
Burgland  
Debbie  
Duane Anderson  
Friends & Family of Don  
Swedlund  
Sherry  
Karen

### **Prayer**

Prayers for Healing  
Prayers for Peace  
Prayers for Comfort & Peace  
Prayers for Healing  
Prayers for Peace  
Prayers for Healing & Recovery  
Prayers for Healing & Recovery

## **This Week at Trinity**

Sun, Jan. 12th	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
Mon. Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Knox Co. Gen. Society
Tue., Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	The Tie That Binds
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm	Potluck
	1:00 pm	Well-Being Group
Sat, Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	TLC evening worship

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday  
Cell phone: 618-803-8778  
Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191  
Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion  
Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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**Vision Statement**  
**Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ**

**Mission Statement**  
**Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.**

**Welcome Statement**  
At Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe God's grace is extended to everyone. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness. We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace, and love in all the earth.

- Our Guiding Principles**
1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
  2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
  3. We invite and welcome everyone.
  4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
  5. We serve local and global communities.