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304 E. Ferris Street Galesburg, IL 61401

"the welcome place"

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Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

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

(Stand)

Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

Gathering Hymn, ELW (red) #665....."Rise, Shine, You People"

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.**

Glory to God

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



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Sit)

First reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness. in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it? ¹⁰ I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

(responsively by whole verse)



¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful!

² Their delight is in the law [|] of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching [|] day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹ do not wither;

everything they ^I do shall prosper.

⁴ It is not so[|] with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council [|] of the righteous.

⁶ For the Lord knows the way [|] of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed.

Second Reading: : 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

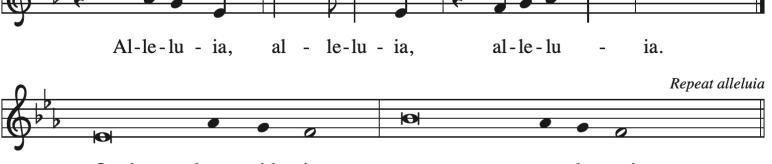
¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation



Our hearts burn with - in us

as you open to us the scriptures.

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Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Sit)

Children's Message

Sermon

(Stand)

Hymn of the Day, ELW (red) #725....."When the Poor Ones"

Apostle's 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.

(Sit)

Prayers of Intercession

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way, especially Sherryl, Brenda, Duane, Suzi, Morris, and Robin, and those who have passed, especially, David, Steve, Chris, and Anna. Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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Offering Music...... "Hommage to MendelssohKarl Osterland on Houston"

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **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 to the Lord our God. **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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 full of are your glo Ho - san _ na in the high est. _ ry. _ Bless - ed the who in the of the is one comes name Ho Lord. ho - san - na in the _ san - na, high - est. Ho ho - san na in the high - est. san - na,

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **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

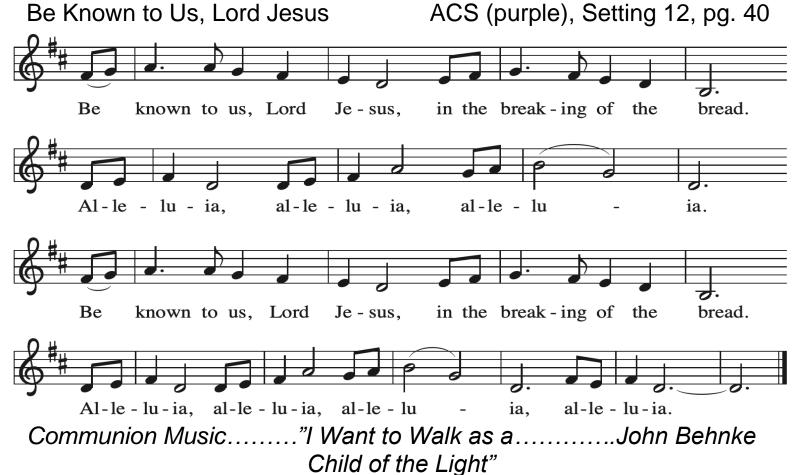
The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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



Post Communion Hymn ELW (red) #479..... "We Come to the Hungry Feast"

(Stand)

Prayer After Communion

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

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Blessing

Sending Hymn ACS (purple) #984....."May the God of Hope Go With Us"

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Today's Altar Flowers were provided by Roger & Melissa Williamson

In honor & in thanks to God of our love and happy marriage

Today's Radio Broadcast was sponsored by Mike & Marilyn Gehring

in loving memory of our daughter, Katie Axline, on her birthday.

Worship Participants

Audio: Sarah Brakenbury Video: Bill Sime Ushers: Lucia Crawford, Roger & Melissa Williamson Communion Setup: Hillary Hoffman Assisting Minister: Nick Elders Reader: Annie Maier Wine Servers: Sandra Woods, Erin Crawford Coffee Fellowship: Brian & Jennifer Robinson Closing Duties: Bill Sime Acolyte: Noah Crawford Organist: Bette Mohr

Announcements

Coffee Fellowship is immediately after service

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.

<u>Name</u>

The friends & family of David Uhlmann Duane Anderson Sherryl Brenda Johnson The friends & family of Steve Youngquist The friends & family of Chris Youngquist The friends & family of Anna Engholm

Suzi Kuehn

Morris Tammen Robin

Prayer **Prayer**

Prayers for Peace

Prayers for Healing Prayers for Healing & Recovery Prayers for healing & recovery

Prayers for peace

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Prayers for strength, healing & recovery Prayers for strength & healing Prayers for healing

This Week at Trinity

Sun, Feb. 16th	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	5:00 pm	PRISMS
Tue, Feb. 18 th	7:00 pm	Committee Meeting
Wed, Feb 19 th	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs, Feb 20 th	12:00 pm	Potluck
Sat, Feb 22 nd	5:00 pm	Grace evening service

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 1st & 3rd 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

Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
We invite and welcome everyone.
We engage all generations in education and ministry.
We serve local and global communities.