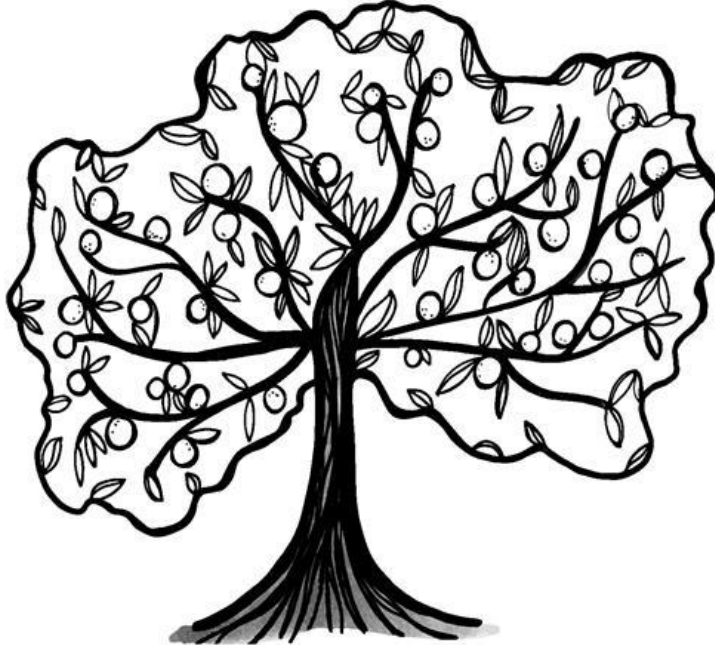


You're Welcome...



Epiphany 6: February 16, 2025



THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY E.L.C.A.

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The Liturgy of Holy Communion

9:00 AM



GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude: *Partita on “Duke Street”* (Chorale, Quatuor, Trio, Larghetto, Carillon);
Charles Callahan

Confession and Forgiveness

(please stand)

P. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

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

(Please kneel or sit.) (Silence is kept for reflection.)

P. Merciful God,

C. 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

P. God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C. Amen

The Entrance Hymn: #434 JESUS SHALL REIGN

Apostolic Greeting

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.

Hymn of Praise (stanzas 1 & 5 only)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning.

The Prayer of the Day

P. Living God,

C. 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

(Be Seated)

WORD

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They 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.

⁸They 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. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 (sung responsively with the cantor)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | 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 |
do not wither; everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so | with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | 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.**

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We 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. ¹⁶For if the

dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

(stand)

The Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:17-26

P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C. Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

¹⁷He came down with them 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. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then 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. ²³Rejoice 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.

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

The Sermon: Rev. Mark Luscombe

[Silence for reflection follows the sermon.]

(stand)

The Hymn of the Day: #726 LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD

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

The Prayers

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

(please kneel or sit)

(after each petition, please respond)

A. God of grace, **C. hear our prayer.**

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

C. Amen

P. The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C. And also with you!

MEAL

The Offertory: Celebration Choir- *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Offertory Hymn: *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The Offertory Prayer

P. God of grace,

C. 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

The Preface Dialogue: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface for Epiphany

P. "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....join their unending hymn."

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P. Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might. In the night in which he was handed over, 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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

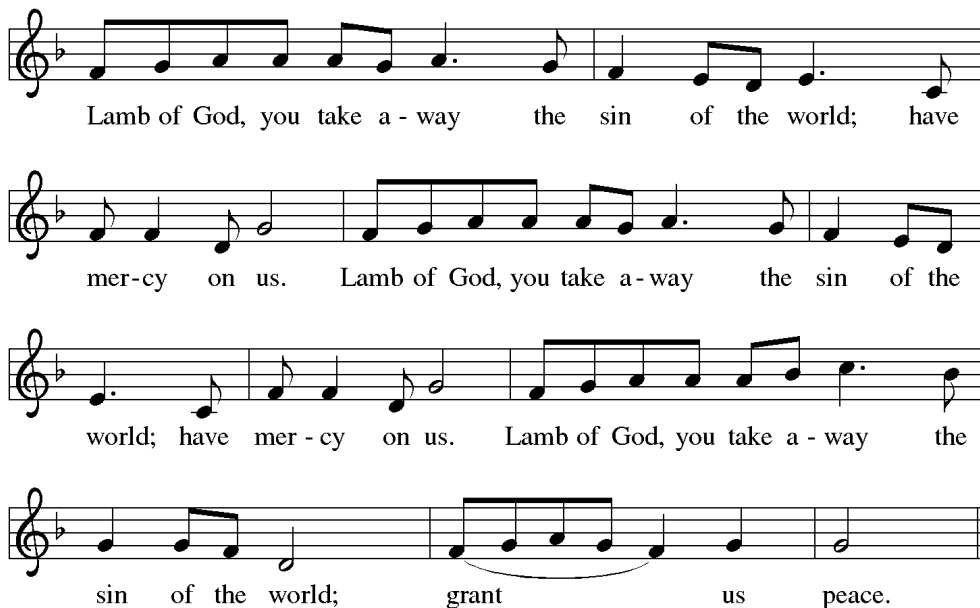
P. Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C. 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

The Fraction

P. Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

Agnes Dei – 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.

[Please be seated at the conclusion of this hymn.]

The Distribution

(All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing. If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful.)

#723 CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

#754 JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU

#710 LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE

#449 WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED

#806 O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD

The Blessing of Communicants

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen

The Post Communion Prayer

P. Nourishing God,

C. 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

The Benediction

P. The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C. Amen

The Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Live in hope.

C. Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: *Postlude No. 2 in D Major*, Denis Bédard

We welcome Murray Foreman. Thank you for your musical leadership today.

OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

ASSISTING MINISTERS

9:00 Ed Quirke

LECTOR

9:00 Norm Wangman

COUNCIL TEAM

9:00 Kathryn Baltz, Christy Boos

ACOLYTES

9:00 CH: Ava Morgan

AV

Live Stream

Launder Linens: Patrice Mull

Deliver Flowers: Winnie Gerlach

ALTAR GUILD

9:00 Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart

USHERS

9:00 Curtis & Christy Boos, Bill & Lori Spitzer

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR
FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:**

† To the glory of God.

Prayers of the People

Mark Mull – 983 Lincoln Hgts. Ave. Ephrata, PA 17522

Joyce Hooper and family – Joyce’s husband Jim died January 31.

309 Bank Hill Rd. Wrightsville, PA 17368

Kurt Fassnacht – 40 Curtis Dr. Red Lion, PA 17356

Brian Sweigart – The Gardens at Stevens, Rm 204, 400 Lancaster Ave. Stevens, PA 17578

Gloria Hall – Ephrata Manor, Skilled Care

John Duing – Bob & Ann Snader’s friend

Duke & Bonnie Leeper – friends of Mike and Judy Williams

Jill Puleo – Cheryl Plummer’s cousin

Carl Rentschler – 116 Barn Owl Rd. Lititz, PA 17543

Colleen Kresge – friend of Lori Spitzer

Sheldon Garman – Friend of Mike & Judy Williams

Henry Perella – great-nephew of Judy Williams

All people affected by war

Victims of natural disasters

Shut-ins of the Parish

President Trump and leaders of this nation, leaders and policy makers of every nation

All outreach ministries, serving those in need



If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please contact the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish to be on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please contact the church office.

CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstance making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

Alexander Mulvenna

COL. Eric Bowers

Jim Weik

Brent Stever

John Surdich

Emmalyn Mulvenna

Dan Wierbiki

Heidi White

Alan & family

Ava Berkosky

Janet Brunner

Jacob Hinkle Jr.

Johnny White

Dori Hoch

Amy Pasili

Andrew Campbell

Karen Woerner

Jacob Connelly

Cindy Stahl

Theresa Cimino

Michael Spenrath

Kim Harnish

Sue & Denis Rowe

Grant Hummer

Kim Burke

Tony Perella

Rick Gerhard

Crystal Perry

Martha Becker

Eric Mortorell

Mike & Claudia Belden

Wyatt Geisthweit

Hank & Pat Kajetzke

Chris and Karen Payonk

Les Doremus

Terry Gehman

Alysha Fassnacht