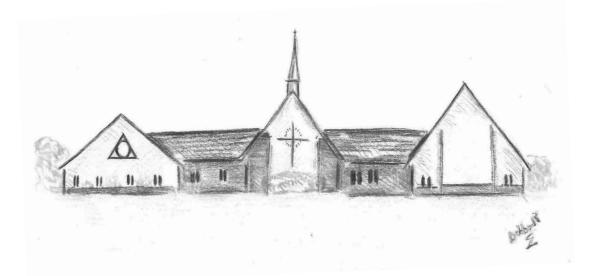
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 23, 2025



<u>OUR MISSION:</u> To make disciples for Jesus Christ, to baptize and to teach the faith, that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ and become responsible members of His church.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG BotB 180



The initial petition of this song is based on the language of Ephesians 1:18, while the second part draws on the account of Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:1–5. That event, in turn, is the basis of the threefold *Sanctus* that has become a traditional element in Christian worship.

TEXT and MUSIC: Paul Baloche, 1997 Text and Music © 1997 Integrity's Hosannal Music (admin. EMICMGPublishing.com) OPEN THE EYES Irregular

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ¹/₄ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

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

OPENING HYMN W&P 90

Majesty

Jack Hayford, 1980

Jack Hayford, arranged by Eugene Thomas, 1980



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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- P Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

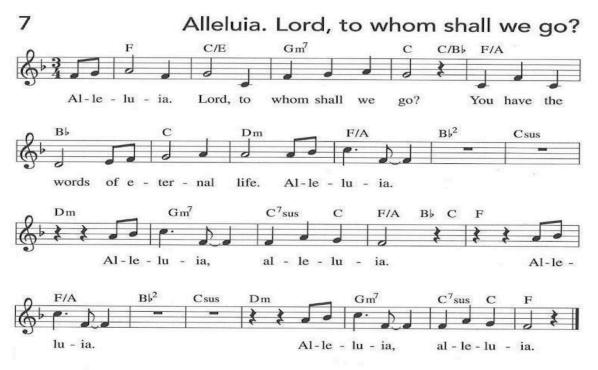
- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

- L ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. С ² For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; L dwell in the land and find safe pasture. С ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire. ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, L and see what God will do. С ⁶ The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun. L ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes. С ⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
- L ⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.
- C ¹⁰ In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.
- L ¹¹ But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.
- C ³⁹ But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.
- L ⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.
- P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-28

- P The holy gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

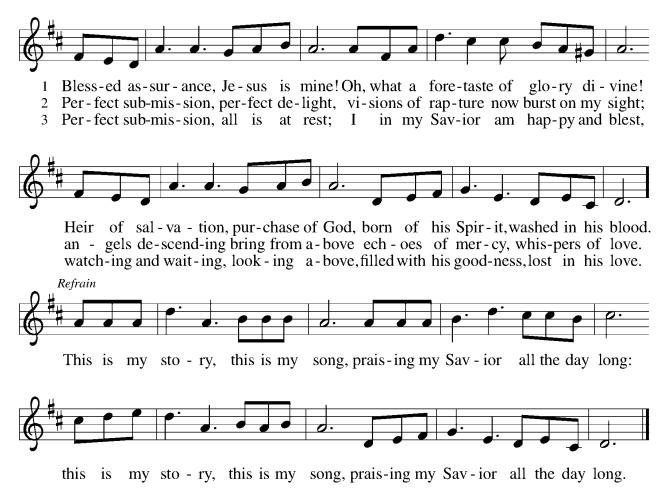
P Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

SERMON HYMN ELW 638

Choir sings a refrain after verses 2&3

Blessed Assurance



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

С 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

- L Let us pray.
- With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.
 A brief silence.
- L Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- L As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- L We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- L We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Joe & Diane.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Alex, Clayton, Pat, Vince, Sandra, Nancy, Rhiana, Ed, Bill, Tim, Carl, Susan, Paula, Dennis, Rachel, Tom, Joan, Jane, Peggy, Anna, Marita, Tilly, Heather, Charles, Steve, Rick, Mike, Brandon, Bob, Dale, Michael, Kylar, Carly, Mary, Leslie, Susan, Sherry, Richard, Brenda, Lynne, & Jeff. For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength. Meg & Julie

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

God of Grace,

- C hear our prayer.
- L Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. God of grace,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- L We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

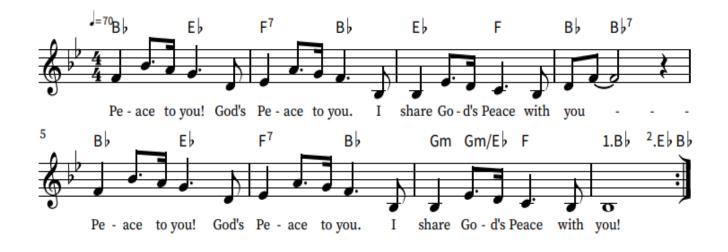
C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.
- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

Peace



P Please be seated.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

OFFERING

God has blessed us in so many ways. We offer our gifts as a demonstration of our gratitude. And we pray God will use these resources to help us address the needs of our neighbors.

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P Please rise.

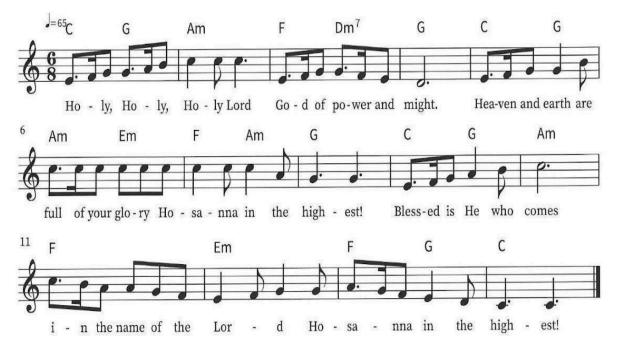
OFFERING PRAYER

- P 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.
- C Amen.

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.
- P 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; who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

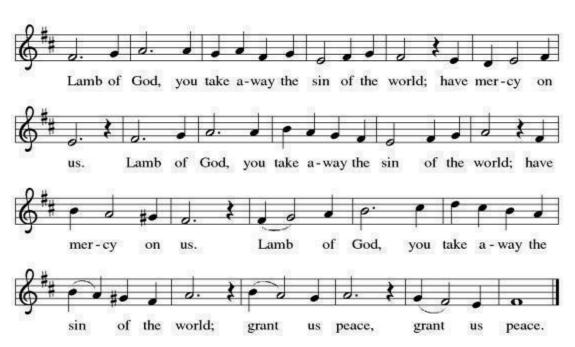
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

 C 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. Amen.

P Please be seated until the invitation.



LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

- P The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- C Amen.

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services. A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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,

C Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

C Amen.

SENDING SONG W&P 94



DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in appreciation for all TLC ministry members and the work that they do by Jenny Anderson.



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Announcements:

- Welcome to all who are visiting us today. Please complete a purple visitor's card (found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for taking the time to worship with us today.
- No Adult Faith Formation today.
- SUBMITTING SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS When submitting information for a verbal announcement on Sunday, please make the announcement BRIEF, two or three sentences. If you have submitted something that is longer than that to appear in the Trumpet or bulletin, please do not submit it for the announcements; pare it down to the critical information and direct people to the Trumpet and/or bulletin for additional information. Thank you.
- Open Flower Dates: 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 9/21, 10/19, 12/21
- The Trinity Christian book club which meets the first Monday evening of every month at 7pm at the Empire Family Restaurant in West Norriton is starting a new book on March 3rd. The book is 'He Gets Us' by Max Lucado. If you plan to attend, please contact Peter Schell or join us at the restaurant. We meet at 5:30 for dinner and fellowship; our discussion starts at 7PM. We would love to have you join us!!
- Attention All Readers. The Trinity book club is reading "The Dictionary of Lost Words" by Pip Williams this month. Please consider joining us on March 4th at 11am in the narthex to chat about the book and socialize. It is not required that you finish the book. For more information contact Heddy Martorelli.
- Save the Date! The Annual Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, March 4th. Tickets now on sale in the Narthex after worship, at the Food Drive and Online with the QR code found on the flyer in your mailbox. Hope to see you there! Please see Lynn Chialastri if you are interested in selling tickets, cooking, serving or helping with clean-up.
- On March 5th Juliet's lunch will be held at Longhorn Steakhouse at noon. If you would like to attend please text Marilou Doughty at 610-496-5511.
- SAVE THE DATES!!!!! The Country Fair is Friday night June 27th and Saturday June 28th. Start saving your items to donate to attic Treasures and the book sale. Start thinking about how you might be able to help us this year. Want to join the planning Committee? See Marilou Doughty. Volunteer to help Friday or Saturday. Want to donate a basket for the basket raffle or even items for us to make a basket for you? See Beth Keenan. This is our biggest church fundraiser, and we look forward to all of the fun!!!
- Council Corner Please welcome Lois Lindeman to our kitchen! She had come to Trinity looking for a place to make her jams. Those of you who use the kitchen regularly will notice Ron has created space for some of her equipment to be stored. Her website is https://www.cannedfreshbylois.com/ Lois is a delightful lady who has had a table when we had vendors at the Country Fair. She is now renting the use of the kitchen to create her products. We'd like to thank Kim and Ron for making this possible.
- For Pastoral emergencies please call 610-584-8411 extension 2 and leave a message for Pastor Nelson. This voicemail is being monitored for emergencies.



Serving Today 2/23	
Lector	Becky Shadle
Greeter	Emma Birkmire
Communion Assistants	Jen Castor & Lynn Chialastri
Ushers	Michael Martorelli & Ann Dungan
Coffee Hour	Karl Schafer & Lynn Chialastri
Building Opener	Ann Dungan
Altar Guild	Ann Dungan
Counting Team	Becky & Jeff Shadle, Sharon Wilson
Serving Sunday 3/2	
Lector	Francesca Burnett
Greeter	Sally Jeffries
Communion Assistants	Ann Dungan & Alma Nowmos
Ushers	Wilmer Cressman & Lori Peltier
Coffee Hour	Meg Smith/Clean Up Needed
Building Opener	Karl Schafer
Altar Guild	Linda Stone
Counting Team	Rick & Chris Cole, Joan Woodruff



This Week at Trinity

Sunday, February 23 10:00 AM – Worship 11:30 AM - Strategic Planning Meeting 1:00-3:00 PM - Food Drive **Monday, February 24** 8:30 AM -2 PM -Trinity Country Nursery School 6:30 PM - Aerobic Rhythmics – Hall **Tuesday, February 25** 8:30 AM -2 PM -Trinity Country Nursery School 6:30 PM – Church Council Wednesday, February 26 8:30 AM -2 PM -Trinity Country Nursery School 6:30 PM - Aerobic Rhythmics - Hall 7:00 PM - Evening Prayer - Zoom **Thursday, February 27** 8:30 AM -2 PM -Trinity Country Nursery School 10 AM - Trinity Soup Kitchen – St. John's Norristown 1:00 PM -TAG Cards & Games - Narthex 7:00 PM -Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Friday, February 28 8:30 AM -2 PM -Trinity Country Nursery School Saturday, March 1 8:00 AM – Car Club – Narthex

Upcoming Events at Trinity

March 4th Pancake Supper 5-7 pm <u>March 5th</u> Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm



Sunday March 2 at 11:15 Am in the Parish Hall Called by Faith: Caring for Creation Guest Speaker: Joy Baxter

Join us for a presentation: "Called by Faith: Caring for Creation". In Genesis 2:15, God calls on us to care for God's creation. How do we do that? In this presentation, we will explore the interconnections between our faithful missions of feeding the hungry, caring for the poor, racial justice, and creation care.

Joy Baxter is an ELCA Creation Care Ambassador who will provide information about the changing climate and environment, and help us to make connections between faith and climate.



Questions? Contact Michael Martorelli at 610-584-0731.

Chef's for Gemma 2025

Friday, April 4th brings another exciting evening at Chef's for Gemma! The menu looks fabulous. And of course, it's to benefit the children.

As always, auction items are needed and we could use your help. Items like: sports tickets, gift cards from your favorite salon, restaurant, or store. How about that designer bag with the tags on that just isn't your style, a round of golf, or a day at the zoo? Maybe a basket of your own design. Needed this year are new items in the \$25 range, including wine, that is for sale in grab bags. Contact Kathleen Schafer (call or text 484-437-0018) with questions and for printed information to provide to a donor.

Save the date cards available in the Narthex.

For tickets (it will be delicious!) bidpal.net/chefs2025



Shrove Tuesday Community Pancake Supper March 4 5–7 pm \$5 per Person \$20 per Family Gluten Free Options Available

Tickets Available for Purchase:

- Sundays at the 10 am Worship Service
- Sundays from 1–3 pm at the Food Drive
- Online using the QR Code
- Call the Church Office
- During TCNSK Dismissal on February 26.



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> Questions? bethb@trinityfairview.com

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