

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

January 30, 2022 9:30 AM – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany





Rev. Luther Zeigler Pastor

WELCOME

to Holy Trinity

Reconciling in Christ

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—



regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today!

Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

We love having children worship with us! At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

Prayer Requests: Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

Emergency Pastoral Contact: If you need a Pastoral Visit, or you're experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact Mark in the Church office and he will provide you with the Contact Pastor information during daytime and after work (emergencies) hours. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704.

Donate to Holy Trinity: You can place your offering in the offering plate by the entrance of the sanctuary. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you. To give online, visit www.elexiogiving.com/App/Giving/htelc OR scan this QR code with the camera app on your phone.



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All Worship Services are livestreamed and available to watch on YouTube after the service ends.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, George Parseghian,

Sarah Meier, Judy Hollister, Byrl Short.

Homebound: Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin.

Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends

Mary Roberts (Heidi Morrison's sister-in-law), Dave Bly (Sue Althof's brother), Sharon Connors (Bonnie & Larry Sanders' daughter), Stephanie & Chuck Pelesky (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Estelle Lewis (Paulette Sirois' sister), Tony Marques (Paulette Sirois' friend), Pastors Steve and Stephanie Malcom (Jessica Feeley's friends), Sue Fischer (Lois Kfoury's cousin).

Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

LECTIONARY (Readings)

This Week: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Next Week: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]; Psalm 138; 1

Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

LAST WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Attendance for Sunday, January 30: 78 (in-person) + 36 (online) = 114

Offering: \$3,490.95

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, February 2 9:30 AM: Bible Study THURSDAY, February 3 8:00 AM: Property Team SUNDAY, February 6

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

WORSHIP ASSISSTANTS

Jonathan Bock Jon Koelker Dick Topping Julie Kath & Russ Hilliard

Pianist Guitarist Bass Guitar Lectors

Mark Donahue & Franklyn Vosburg
Sound System and Live Stream

Paul & Lauren Gianino Counters

Announcements

Worship Service: The liturgy and prayers today were inspired by "Made in God's Image" from ReconcilingWorks, an ELCA affiliate that advocates for all marginalized people.

Guest Preacher: Please welcome The Rev. Dr. Bill Barter to the pulpit today. Pastor Bill is an Associate to the Bishop (New England Synod, ELCA) and is a Safe Church Specialist.

Donations: There are two opportunities to donate. Monetary donations can be made in the special envelope provided. They will be equally split between Seacoast Outright, a support organization of LBGTQ+ youth, and Ascentria Care Alliance's Afghan Resettlement Program in NH. Please make monetary donations payable to Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, put them in the RIC Celebration donation envelope provided with the donation card and place them in the donation basket in the Gathering Area. Please be generous!

Gifts-in-kind for the Afghan Resettlement Program in NH are also collected today. Please also complete the donation card, put them in the RIC Celebration envelope and drop them into the donation basket in the Gathering Area. Please put the actual gifts-in-kind in the "Afghan Resettlement / Ascentria" box there. Holy Trinity Church, Seacoast Outright and Ascentria Care Alliance are 50l(c)(3) organizations.

CAT Survey: WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK. Three questions have been written on the white board outside of the kitchen. The Transition Team is collecting the answers to these questions. We ask all folks attending services at Holy Trinity to answer these three questions so that we can process the data and present it to the congregation. If you have not attended services in person, the three questions are as follows:

 What Brought you here to Holy Trinity? What Makes Holy Trinity right for you? What will keep you coming back?

Mitten Tree: A tree will be in the Narthex and clothes pins will be available. I am hoping that we will have plenty of warm mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and even socks to distribute in our local area. The tree will remain up until February 20. Items will be distributed on Monday, February 21. Thank you so much for your anticipated generosity.

Contemporary Choir Rehearsals are starting up again. Meet with Jon Koelker on *every other* Tuesday at 6:00 PM in our Sanctuary. Our next rehearsal is Tuesday, February 8.

Weekend at Calumet March 4-6, 2022: Due to the ongoing uncertainty with the pandemic, we are going to push off the Women's Retreat for another year. However, Calumet is open and the Conference Center rooms are still available. Calumet is asking for masks to be worn inside common areas and eating in the dining hall is more socially distant. The cost of a room in the Conference Center is \$210 for the weekend. Rooms vary in the number of beds from 2-5, with 2 rooms with 1 bed each for a lower fee. Fee for the meal plan (Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch) is \$64 per adult and \$32 per youth (ages 7-17). Children 6 and under eat and stay for free. So grab your family or a friend and enjoy what Calumet has to offer. Please contact Julie@calumet.org or call 603-539-4773 to reserve your room. Other questions-carsonsl@maine.rr.com

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - Sunday, January 30, 2022 — 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship

P: Today we celebrate that Holy Trinity has become a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We proclaim with joy and love the great diversity of God's Creation, and we welcome and affirm all people here, no matter your gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, nationality, or differing abilities of body or mind. We likewise stand firmly against all forms of prejudice that make people feel less than who God lovingly created them to be. Whomever you are, we are delighted you are here as we gather together for worship.

C: Amen.



Confession and Forgiveness

—Please stand as able—

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
 - —A brief silence—
- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.
- P: Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
- C: Amen.



Greeting

- P: May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Message

—Please be seated—

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

First Reading

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Canticle of Christ's Goodness

- P: Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you;
- C: you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
- P: Often you weep over our sins and our pride,
- C: tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.
- P: You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,
- C: in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
- P: Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life;
- C: by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
- P: Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
- C: through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.
- P: Your warmth gives life to the dead,
- C: your touch makes sinners righteous.
- P: Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us;
- C: in your love and tenderness, remake us.
- P: In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness,
- C: for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us. Amen.

Gospel

Please stand as able

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 4:21-30

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' " ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

Sermon

—Please be seated—

Please welcome guest preacher, Rev. Bill Barter to the pulpit. Rev. Bill Barter is associate to the bishop, with geographic responsibility for congregations in Maine. Rev. Barter is also a Safe Church Specialist.

Nicene Creed

P: Let us confess our faith using the Nicene Creed.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

—A brief silence—

P: Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We lift all those whose work puts them in harm's way for the sake of others, especially first responders and those serving in the military who are stationed around the world. Allow all people to return home safely and keep them close to you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We give thanks for the gifts, witness, leadership and faith of our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ; we pray that we will continue to grow as a church centered in the gospel and committed to the inclusion of all people; and we ask to be delivered from the dynamics of bias, fear, power and privilege that discourage participation and equity in this church and in society at large. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. —A brief silence— God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop
Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop
James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone
Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos
Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and
the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria
Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Blessing of the Reconciling in Christ Stole

Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in an appropriate, social distance gesture (wave, smile, peace sign, etc.) and say "Peace be with you."

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offering plate is located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. After the service, please make your offering there.

Offertory Hymn

Church Choir

God of Love, We've Known Division



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Offertory Prayer

P: Together, let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

Amen.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

While we gather during the Pandemic, we will receive communion with a pre-filled communion cup and wafer. Communion cups can be found on the table in our Gathering Area. Please lift up your pre-filled communion during the Words of Institution as the Pastor makes the blessing.

Dialogue

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.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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

C:

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Creator 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

We will now take Communion. As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood.

P: Body of Christ, given for you.

Blood of Christ, shed for you.

Sending of Communion

P: Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation:
Bless those who go forth to carry your Word and sacrament to our sisters
and brothers who are homebound. In your love and compassion, nourish
and strengthen them with hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Communion Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Ministry Minute from the Transition Team

Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

Benediction

P: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

C: Amen.

Please be seated. Please stand when the Chorus Director signals the congregation to stand and sing.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

- Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.
 Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.
- Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed?

 We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
- God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Seek God's boundless diversity in all.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Please stay after worship for a special concert from the New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus. The program for this concert can be found on the next page.

Thank You!!!

- To the New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus for their joyful music on this significant day. John McGeehan, President. Luc Andre Roberge, Artistic Director.
- To Rev. Tim Krick for his guidance and leadership, and as Holy Trinity's pastor during the process of becoming an RIC congregation.
- To donors for your gifts to Seacoast Outright and Ascentria's Afghan Resettlement Program in NH.
- To the Groleau Financial Group at Thrivent for underwriting the NH Gay Men's Chorus concert today and for substantial gifts to Seacoast Outright and the Afghan Resettlement Program in NH. They have offices in Freedom, NH and Massachusetts.
- To Thrivent Financial for its Action Team start-up grant and organizing kit for today's Celebration, as well as their financial gift matching the contributions of the Groleau Financial Group.
- To Mark Donahue, Holy Trinity's Office Coordinator, for his significant skills and time in communication and coordination during the RIC process.

~~From the RIC Team: Steve Bauer, Christina Dolcino, Matt Nania, Glenn Oswald, Jo Whiting

New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus

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Brothers in Song

Words and music by Lon Beery

Throw Open Your Shutters! (A Festive Madrigal)

Words and music by Amy F. Bernon

Old New Hampshire

Words by Dr. John F. Holmes Music by Maurice Hoffman Arranged by Gary Finger

Standing on the Side of Love

Words and Music by Jason Shelton

Rise Up

Words and Music by Cassandra Batie and Jennifer Decilveo Arranged by Mac Huff Soloist: Harry Clerk



When the Spirit Says Do

Words and Music: African American spiritual Arranged by Mark Freundt

Truly Brave

Words and music by Sara Bareilles, Jack Antonoff, Billy Steinberg, and Tom Kelly Arranged by Mac Huff

Stars I Shall Find

Words by Sara Teasdale Music by Victor C. Johnson

Not-Your-Average Teenager in Love

Words by John Cavicchia Music by Doc Pomus & Mort Shuman

Shut Up and Dance

Words and Music by Ryan McMahon, Benjamin Berger, Nicholas Petricca, Sean Waugaman, Kevin Ray, And Eli Maiman Arranged by Andy Beck Soloists: Dr. John McGeehan & Rob Marino

Best Day of My Life

Words and Music by Zachary Barnett, James Adam Shelley, Matthew Sanchez, David Rublin, Shep Goodman, and Aaron Accetta
Arranged by Andy Beck