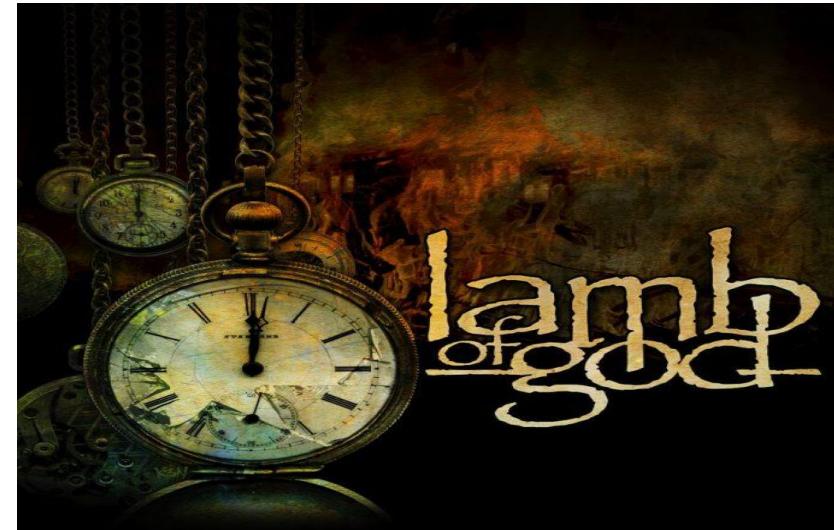


## Announcements

- Trinity's **Weekly Bible Study** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday via Zoom. Next session will be January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM - **Meeting ID: 822 8031 9117 Passcode: 709073**
- Trinity's **Adult Sunday School** meets every first and third Sunday at 9:45 AM. Next session will be February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Trinity's **Children Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 11AM
- Trinity's **Food Pantry** will be Friday, February 13th, 2PM – 3:30PM
- Trinity's **Church Council Meeting** will be Thursday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM
- Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** meets monthly. Next mtg February 7th at 10AM.
- Trinity's **Fish-Fry fundraiser** will be Saturday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 12PM - 4PM
- Trinity's **Annual Congregation Meeting** will be Sunday, January 25th following service
- Trinity is selling "**Faith Over Fear**" T-Shirts in 3 different designs. Short-sleeved: \$20; Long-sleeved: \$23.
- Visit our **Gifts & Talents Wall** in the Fellowship Hall. Share how you would like to use your gifts and talents to serve the church. This will help us plan for new ministries in 2026.
- Trinity's **Pew Rededication** fundraiser... Legacy Name Plate - \$500 for the center aisle, \$300 for the window aisle.
- You may pay your Tithes & Offerings online at [www.trinityjerseycity.com](http://www.trinityjerseycity.com) OR text **GIVE** to 844-930-5787 from your mobile phone
- For pastoral care call Pastor Dianne Lewis at 201.435.9807**

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 18, 2026 ~ 11:00 AM



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# Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church!

**We are glad you are here!**

*We welcome all who have gathered here today. We hope that you joining us in prayer and praise lifts your heart, binds up your wounds, nourishes your soul, and helps you to follow Christ in the week ahead.*

*Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). For more information about the ELCA, visit [elca.org](http://elca.org).*

*Trinity believes that Grace is the promise of eternal life and the forgiveness of our sins FREELY given by God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. We are made new creatures in this holy promise. At Trinity, we joyfully celebrate the gifts that God has given us, share in each other's sorrows as broken human beings, and we give thanks to God for this community that allows us to be ourselves and love one another, the world, and God.*

*At Trinity, we celebrate the communion meal each Sunday. The meal is the heavenly bread given by God through Jesus Christ and served at the table to all those who believe. The meal is not Trinity's table, it is not the Lutheran table, but it is God's table, and God invites ALL.*

*If you are interested in staying connected with Trinity, please fill out the card in your pew and place it in the offering plate and we will be in touch!*



## *In Our Prayers*

**We Hold In Prayer:** Deidre Reed, Marion Moody, Sherwood Lewis, Jackie Hopkins, Cherise E. Hall, Edwin Reed, James E. Manley III, Sam Williams, Sr., Janis Bryant, Raquel Richardson-Hogan, Annie Lewis, Ernestine Dunbar, Rex Reid, Tristian Dunbar, Valerie Small, Alvin Mangru, Hose Parmes, Joyce Willoughby, Dudley Griffith, Johnees Pinkney, Leroy Houston, Lisa Holbrook, Gary Holbrook, Bhaskaran Veettil, Karthy Veettil, the Nicholson family for the loss of John Nicholson Jr., the Thompson family for the loss of Ella Thompson, and Dianne Inniss Patch and family healing from a house fire.

We pray for the growth of Trinity Lutheran Church, its members, friends and family who are in need of your strength, comfort, and love. We remember the victims of COVID-19 and HIV-AIDS throughout the world, and all those who suffer from violence.

**Flowers** are given to the Glory of God

**Music Director:** Sean Manuel

**Worship Assistant:** Janet Walker

**Lector:** Charles Blue

**Acolyte:** Miracle Fulton

**Crucifier:** Mark Johnson

**Bible Carrier:** Symone Fulton

**Communion Assistant:** Janet Walker

**Altar Guild:** Joyce Graham

**Ushers:** Joyce Graham

## \*† Post Communion Blessing

(After all have returned to their places:)

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

## \*† Post Communion Canticle

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;  
your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the  
salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all  
people. A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory  
of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now  
and will be forever. Amen.*

## † Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

~~Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. Amen.~~

## † Welcome, Acknowledgment of Visitors, and Announcements

## \*† Benediction

## \*† Hymn: "I'm Goin'-A-Sing" TFBF 109

## \*† Dismissal

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## Order of Service

~ Gathering ~

## \*† Welcome

## \*† Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: **Amen**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: **Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection, and self examination.)*

P: Holy God,

C: You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. **Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

\*† Hymn: "I Believe I'll Testify" TFBF 225

\*† 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.

\*† Kyrie

A: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: **Lord, have mercy,**

A: *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

C: Amen

\*† Words of Institution

\*† Lord's Prayer

**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**

† Holy Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take  
away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us  
peace.*

† Communion Hymn: "Fill My Cup, Let It Overflow"

TFBF 127

**\*† Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have  
first given us – ourselves, our time, and our  
possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them  
for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus  
Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

*~Meal~*

**\*† 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.*

A: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

P: *It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name*  
*and join their unending hymn:*

C: *Holy, holy, holy Lord.*

*Lord, God of power and might.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

**\*† Hymn of Praise**

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood*  
*set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and*  
*wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory*  
*are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*  
*Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of*  
*all creation. Blessing and honor and glory and might be*  
*to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of*  
*victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has*  
*begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**\*† Prayer of the Day (see Celebrate insert)**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

*~God's Word ~ (see Celebrate insert)*

**† First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7**

**† Psalm: 40:1-11; refrain, Ps. 40:8**

**† Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

**\*† Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter

C: *Glory to you, Glory to you, Glory to you, O Lord*

## Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: *Praise be to you, Praise be to you, Praise be to you  
O Christ*

† Choir Anthem: "He's So Real"

† Lay Sermon: Annette Megargel Morris

† Sermon Hymn: "I Believe I'll Testify" TFBF 225

~ *Prayer* ~

\*† The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.\*

On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
He will come again 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 the People (see Celebrate insert)

\*† Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C: And also with you.

\*† Offering Canticle

~~Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all,  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
Give us a foretaste of the feast to come.~~

## I'm Goin'-a-Sing

1 I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing.  
I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing.  
I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

2 I'm goin'a pray when the Spirit says pray.  
I'm goin'a pray when the Spirit says pray.  
I'm goin'a pray when the Spirit says pray,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

3 I'm goin'a moan when the Spirit says  
moan.  
I'm goin'a moan when the Spirit says moan.  
I'm goin'a moan when the Spirit says moan,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

4 I'm goin'a shout when the Spirit says  
shout.  
I'm goin'a shout when the Spirit says shout.  
I'm goin'a shout when the Spirit says shout,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

## I Believe I'll Testify

1 I believe I'll testify while I have a chance,  
I believe I'll testify while I have a chance,  
I believe I'll testify while I have a chance,  
for I may not have a chance anymore.

2 I believe I'll clap my hands while I have a  
chance,  
I believe I'll clap my hands while I have a chance,  
I believe I'll clap my hands while I have a chance,  
for I may not have a chance anymore.

3 I believe I'll sing this song while I have a  
chance,  
I believe I'll sing this song while I have a chance,  
I believe I'll sing this song while I have a chance,  
for I may not have a chance anymore.

4 I believe I'll shout for God while I have a  
chance,  
I believe I'll shout for God while I have a chance,  
I believe I'll shout for God while I have a chance,  
for I may not have a chance anymore.

## **Come And Go With Me to My Father's House**

1 Come and go with me to my Father's house,  
to my Father's house, to my Father's house.  
Come and go with me to my Father's house,  
where there's joy, joy, joy!

2 It's not very far to my Father's house,  
to my Father's house, to my Father's house.  
It's not very far to my Father's house,  
where there's joy, joy, joy!

3 Jesus is the way to my Father's house,  
to my Father's house, to my Father's house.  
Jesus is the way to my Father's house,  
where there's joy, joy, joy!

4 Jesus is the light in my Father's house,  
in my Father's house, in my Father's house.  
Jesus is the light in my Father's house,  
where there's joy, joy, joy!

## **Fill My Cup, Let It Overflow**

Refrain:

Fill my cup, let it overflow  
Fill my cup, let it overflow  
Fill my cup, let it overflow  
Let it overflow with love  
2x

Lord, let me be your instrument  
Spreading sunshine in the land  
Let all see your works in me  
Help me live the best I can  
[Refrain]

It' my desire to live for you  
And to always walk upright  
Give me strength to face each day  
Stay with me through each dark night  
[Refrain]