



**LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

JANUARY 4, 2026



OUR MISSION
Christ has called us together to do God's Work.

Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont
is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of
race, creed, age, national origin,
cultural background, sexual orientation, class,
physical or mental ability.

WELCOME

Lector Good Morning. My name is Joe Bolitz. A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are gathering at BT@R for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together. Today we observe the Epiphany. Everything you need to follow along with the worship service can be found in your bulletin. Please join us for fellowship following the gathering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC *O Holy Night* - Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Patti Ditzel, violin

GATHERING WORDS

Pastor Come people of God, turn your hearts and minds to the light of Christ. Let us be ready to welcome the events and the people who may become turning points in our lives. We welcome with eyes and hearts open, ready to see God present in our world; in the people we meet and in the things we do.

Assembly **We have carried through the seasons of our lives everything that has brought us here to this place. Come, you are welcome here.**

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR AND CARE CANDLES

The assembly stands as they are able.

The Altar and Care candles are lit.

The people of God have a human face. We laugh, we weep, we wait in hope. We lift our eyes and stub our toes, we love, and struggle, we fail, we stand and always we stand on trembling ground. But God is God and Jesus is the Christ, and the Spirit will lift up our feet. God is in the center; God is at our endings. Nothing lies beyond the love of God in Christ.

GATHERING HYMN Hymnal 303

Brightest and Best of the Stars

1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
 5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
 low lies his head - with the beasts of the stall;
 Shall we bring in - cense and of f'rings di - vine,
 vain - ly with gifts - would his fa - vor se - cure;
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.

Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorm - ing,
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorm - ing,

guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

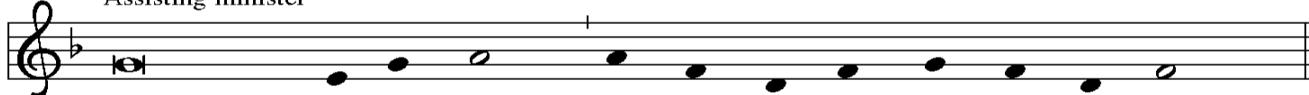
Leader Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

Pastor May our eyes be wide open to see the glory of life in all its forms.
 May our hearts be open to experience life in the glory of diversity.
 May our minds be filled with light and hope as we walk the ways that bring fullness of life to all.

Assembly Amen. May it be so!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

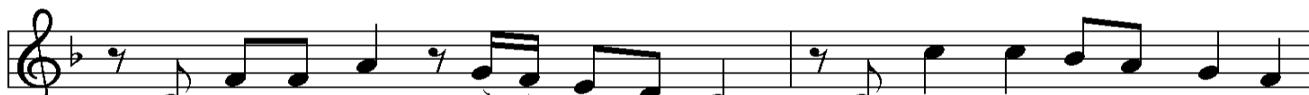


Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The assembly may be seated for the readings.

A READING Isaiah 60:1-6

Lector A reading from the book of Isaiah.

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together; they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

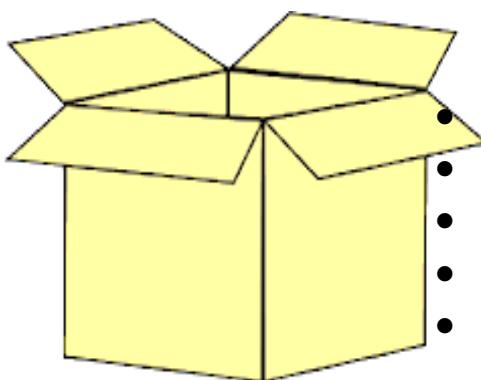
⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

EPIPHANY GIFTS IN A BOX



- A blend of 25% kindness,
- 25% patience,
- 25% forgiveness,
- 20% hope, 5% brilliance –
- open in a spiritual emergency and breathe deeply

PSALMODY Psalm 72 Michael Joncas

Ev-'ry na-tion on earth will a - dore you, Lord;
ev-'ry na-tion on earth will a - dore you, Lord.

1 O God, with your judgement endow the king;
with your justice endow the king's son.
With justice he will govern your people,
your afflicted ones with right judgment. **R**

2 Justice shall flow'r in his days,
lasting peace 'til the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
from the river to the ends of the earth. **R**

3 The kinds of Tarshish and the Isles offer gifts,
those from Seba and Arabia bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him their homage,
all nations shall serve him. **R**

4 He rescues the poor when they cry out,
the afflicted with no one to help
The lowly and poor he shall pity,
the lives of the poor he will save. **R**

Psalm 72 is a prayer for leadership shaped by God's own heart. It imagines a ruler who governs not for self-interest or power, but for justice, compassion, and peace. The psalm begins with a simple request: "Give the king your justice, O God." True leadership—whether in a nation, a congregation, a family, or a life—is not something we manufacture. It is something we receive, again and again, from God.

At the center of the psalm is God's concern for the vulnerable: "May he defend the cause of the poor... give deliverance to the needy... and crush the oppressor." This is not abstract righteousness. It is justice with dirt under its fingernails—justice that notices the poor, listens to the weak, and refuses to look away from suffering. Psalm 72 reminds us that God measures faithfulness by how the least are treated.

For Christians, Psalm 72 ultimately points beyond any earthly ruler. No human leader fully lives up to this vision. The psalm awakens our longing for the reign of God—made visible in Jesus—where mercy triumphs over cruelty and love outlasts every form of oppression. It also turns the question back to us: How do our lives reflect this prayer? Where are we called to act with justice, defend the vulnerable, and embody God's peace?

As a devotion, Psalm 72 invites us to pray boldly—for our leaders, for our community, and for ourselves. It calls us to trust that God's justice is still at work in the world and to live as people who help that justice take flesh, here and now.

A READING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

Lector A reading from the world around us *To Name the Year* by Kenneth Patton.

Forever is lived one moment at a time. This time, as long as it lasts, is as much as eternity. It is a piece of eternity. No time past was richer than this time.

No time in the future will be more than this time.

We have all of time there is, during this time that we have.

No day is more brief than another day.

The number of years we have yet to live does not make this present year short or long.

It will be as fulfilled as we fill it.

Each year should be the best year we have yet lived.

Each year we are more learned in the ways of life.

Each year we are wiser than the year before.

Each year our eyes know better the sights to seek.

Our ears listen with a finer tuning...

This new year is one year older than the last.

The earth is more abounding in its growth.

The creatures have moved another step in their unfolding.

Humanity has left us one more year of art for our contemplation.

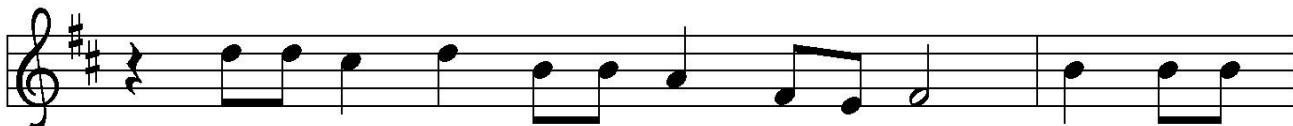
History is one more year resonant with lessons.

The sunrises are one year more familiar and promising.

The sunsets are one year less fearful, and the peace of the night is proven.

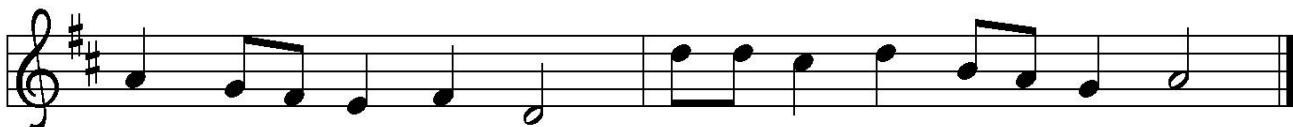
The assembly stands as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Musical notation for the first part of the Alleluia acclamation, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



Musical notation for the continuation of the Alleluia acclamation, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes.

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12 (*Inclusive Text*)

Pastor Reading from the Holy Gospel + as written to us by Luke.

Assembly Glory to you O God.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
 for from you shall come a ruler
 who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Pastor This is Good News from the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated for the Sermon.

THE SERMON

While "power" has many definitions, a common framework in leadership and organizations highlights three key types: Positional Power (from your title/role), Relational Power (from your network/trust), and Expertise Power (from your knowledge/skills). These types show how influence stems from formal authority, personal connections, or specialized competence, with positional power often being the weakest, while relational and expertise power build influence and trust.

The assembly stands as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymnal 301

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky,
2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far,
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem,



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us, which forever will provide us with the light to find our Lord, with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray with its message so appealing, is the word of God, revealing Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.

Music: DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLÅ, Danish, 19th cent.

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The assembly may sit or kneel for prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING *The offering plates are at the front and back entrances.*

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OFFERTORY MUSIC *Gesu Bambino* - Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN Hymnal 302

As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earthly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

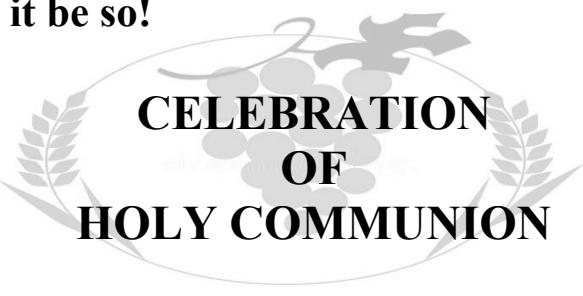
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Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader Let us pray. We are grateful for our life and the courage we are given to live it. Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity. Let our faith be expressed in good causes. Let our belief in the future find full expression in our daily attitude of mind.

Assembly Amen. May it be so!



CELEBRATION
OF
HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Assembly Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor God's hope is in us.
 Lift up your hearts.

Assembly We lift them up to God.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

Assembly It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Pastor O God, Mystery of winter skies,
we look for you in these shorter days
for opening our eyes to see your beauty;
for parting the wide heavens to send your gentle light;
for offering your word to take our mortal flesh.
Jesus was promised by those who shared your dream of peace;
John the Baptist cleared the way with words of desert fire;
Mary and Joseph accepted his coming with tenderness and faith;
we know that he draws near again to show us who we really are
with honesty and love. Now we take up the song of hope
that we might awaken to his coming among us
and the world be touched by the footfall of his glory:

A musical score for a hymn, likely 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord'. The score consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff contains the lines 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff contains 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.'

Pastor On 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.

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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

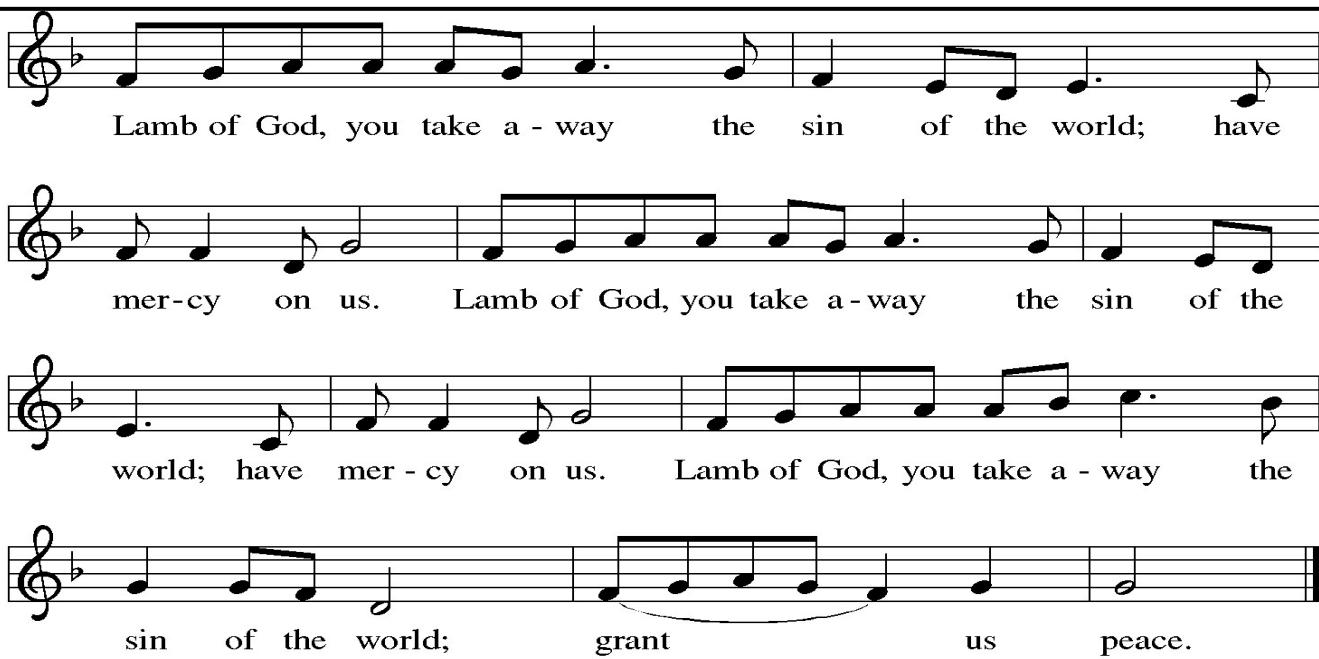
Pastor We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**Assembly God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

THE INVITATION

Pastor Come to this table of grace. Here there are no barriers, no requirements, no tests of worthiness. No matter your faith, your doubts, or your background – All are welcome, all are loved, all are fed. Come, taste and see the goodness of God.

ALL ARE INVITED TO SHARE BREAD AND WINE

All are welcome to come and receive the bread and wine. There are gluten free wafers; ask the Pastor or Communion Assistants to provide one to you. A chalice of wine will be offered to you - simply touch the wafer to the wine. If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward simply let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.



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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

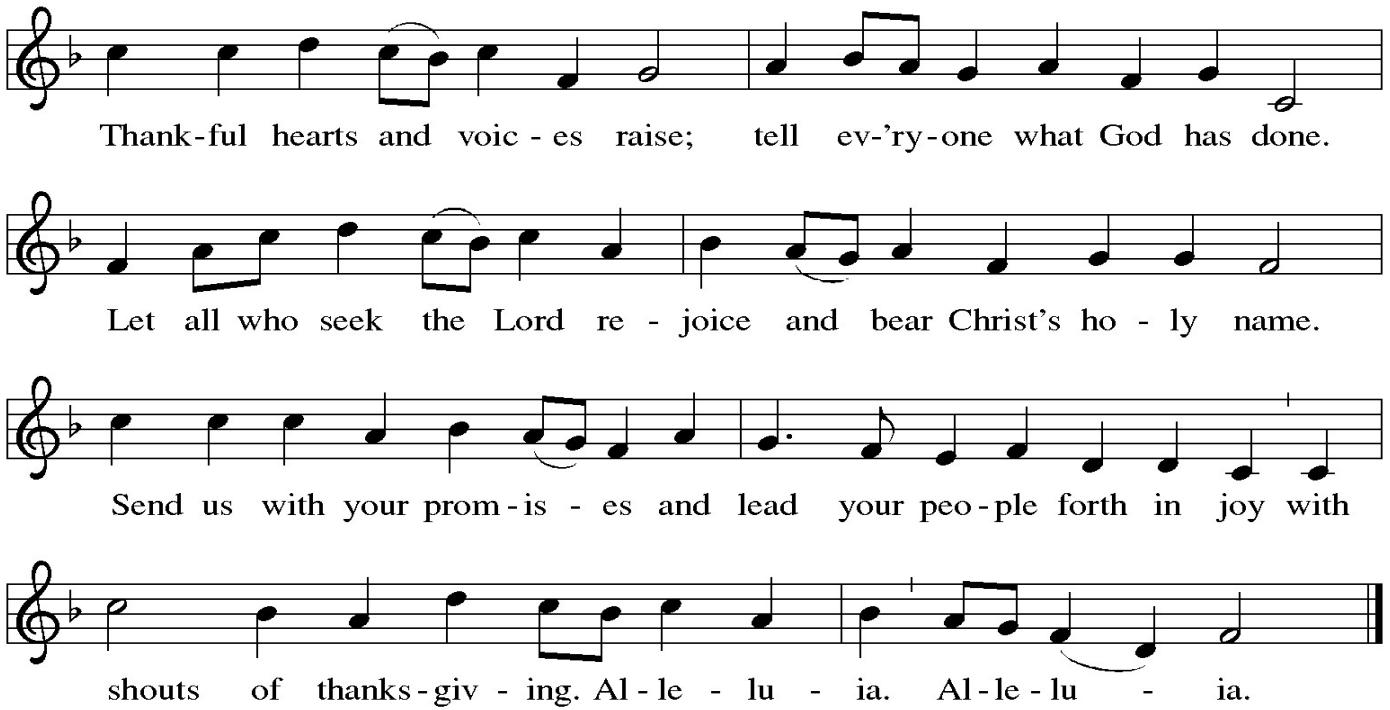
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader We thank you, generous God
abiding in every part of the city,
In each other, and in the stranger, who waits with us
for a place at the table of life.
May we also learn the way to make room for all.

Assembly Amen.

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev'-ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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PARTING WORDS

Leader Let us take on this week's life
with renewed hope and imagination...
With faith to face our challenges,
With love that casts out fear,
With hope to trust tomorrow,
Assembly We accept this day as the gift it is:
a reason for rejoicing.

The Altar Candles and Care Candle are extinguished.

Beloved people of BT@R

As we step into this new year, may the God who was faithful yesterday walk with us tomorrow. May Christ be our light when the way feels uncertain, our peace when the world feels heavy, and our courage when love calls us beyond what is comfortable. May the Holy Spirit stir our hearts with compassion, strengthen our hands for service, and knit us together as one community rooted in grace, rich in mercy, and bold in hope. Go into this new year blessed and sent – to love deeply, to forgive freely, to seek justice, to practice kindness, and to trust that God is already at work among us.

SENDING HYMN Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free, by the truth lives you tell now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our our your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
 Shine on me, me,

WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor And now may the blessings of God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit be upon us, and upon this congregation.

And may the love that we share bring strength and joy to our hearts, and the peace of this community be with us until we meet again.

Assembly Amen! May it be so!

Thank you for worshiping with us at BT@R today.
We are grateful for your presence and pray that you were blessed
by the service.



FELLOWSHIP

Morning coffee and tea are now served.

You are invited upstairs to Laros Hall to share in this time of fellowship.

You are invited to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home with you
to share with another member of your family, or with a friend



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Total Christmas Price Index (CPI) Even with its small basket of goods and services, the PNC Christmas Price Index is not immune to the rising costs in the broader U.S. economy, as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index. **\$51,476.12 (+4.5%)**

CHRISTMAS PRICE INDEX

On the First Day of Christmas, My True Love Gave to Me...

A Partridge in a Pear Tree \$420.18 (+13.5%)

Buying a Partridge in a Pear Tree for your true love this year? You'll pay 13.5% more for it than last year. But don't blame the bird. Its pear tree home – impacted by land, labor and fertilizer costs – is entirely responsible for the growing price tag.

Two Turtle Doves \$750.00 (0.0%)

The Two Turtle Doves didn't raise their price this year, but at \$750 they're still a surprisingly expensive gift on True Love's list. It's a good thing they prefer telephone wires to pear trees.

Three French Hens \$346.50 (0.0%)

The hens demanded a modest raise in 2024, but they're status quo this year. They're still \$346.50 and still the cheapest group of birds True Love has to track down.

Four Calling Birds \$599.96 (0.0%)

If consistency were a virtue, these calling birds would be the most noble gift in the index. Their price hasn't changed since 2014.

Five Gold Rings \$1,649.90 (+32.5%)

Inflation, Fed rate cut expectations and a declining U.S. dollar have sent investors racing for gold and other precious metals. The subsequent 32.5% increase in the price of the Five Gold Rings may have you racing to other options this holiday season.

Six Geese-A-Laying \$930.00 (+3.3%)

Geese are loud creatures – honking for all manner of reasons and likely no reason at all. That's why their modest 3.3% increase feels so uncharacteristically quiet this year.

Seven Swans-A-Swimming \$13,125.00 (0.0%)

The swans had the decency not to raise their price in this economically turbulent year. They just weren't decent enough to drop the \$13,125 price tag or relinquish their spot as the most expensive group of birds in the index.

Eight Maids-A-Milking \$58.00 (0.0%)

Tied to the Federal Minimum Wage, the Eight Maids-a-Milking remain priced at \$58 this year.

Nine Ladies Dancing \$8,856.88 (+3.5%)

Sometimes being third is great. Just ask the Nine Ladies Dancing, who keep raising their price – another 3.5% in 2025 – and their status as the third most expensive item on True Love's shopping list.

Ten Lords-A-Leaping \$16,836.14 (+8.1%)

The lords leapt the swans as the most expensive gift in the index a few years back and apparently nobody told them there's nobody left to leap. They're tacking another 8.1% on True Love's bill in 2025 as live entertainment costs continue to rise.

Eleven Pipers Piping \$3,797.48(+2.2%)

If it's cheap entertainment ideas you seek from the index, well, there are no options. But the Eleven Pipers Piping are the most affordable, with their price tag jumping just 2.2% this year due to the rising cost of performers.

Twelve Drummers Drumming \$4,106.08 (+2.2%)

Being the last item on the shopping list means sometimes you are forgotten. But we haven't forgotten the drummers, and they haven't forgotten to price in the increased cost of performers this year – another 2.2% in 2025.

True Cost of Christmas in Song \$218,542.98 (+4.4%)

This represents the total cost of all the gifts bestowed by True Love when you count each repetition of the song, totaling 364 presents. Spreading cheer throughout the year in 2025 costs 4.4% more than in 2024.

"Core" Index (Excluding Swans) \$38,351.12 (+6.1%)

This version of the CPI removes the most volatile gift from the index - the Swans-a-Swimming.



Till We Meet Again

January 4, 2025 - Worship 9:30am

Council Highlights

- Kenda Riley was hired as Business Manager & will begin working January 5, 2026. She will be paid \$15,000 per year.
- Council continues to look into the matter of hiring a livestream coordinator.
- Work on the elevator resumed this week.
- Bricks were delivered and installed for the patio wall this past week.

Scholarships

The Irene Todd Scholarship was created from a bequeathment from a former Rosemont church member to establish a scholarship for the purpose of forwarding our mission in service to our church family and the broader community. Each year Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont grants a scholarship to a student who has demonstrated academic competency as well as compassion and caring through service to his or her church and community. Students selected will receive \$1500 towards an Undergraduate, Bachelor's, Associate's or Trade School degree from an accredited institution.

The BT@R Skills and Trade Scholarship was created when an anonymous donor generously gave \$3,000 to annually be dispersed to a qualified student or students to attend school to further their education to pursue a skilled or trade profession.

Applications for both scholarships are on the bulletin board, can be received via email by contacting the church office or picked up at

Today's Worship Ministers

January 4, 2026

Acolyte – Joe Bleier

Altar Guild – Dolores Kennedy, Pat Little, Mary Bender, Donna Mackaravitz

Assisting Minister – Sandy Butch

Coffee Hour Hosts: Tracy Schellhaas, Joni Schmidt, Loree Kuhns, Cheryl Achey, Diane Case

Communion Assistants –

Helga Rimonneau, Joan Erb

Counters – Karen Koch, Sue Strawn, Dagny Danga-Storm

Flower Delivery – Karen Favinger

Greeters – Ron & Sandy Horwath

Key Attendant – Barry Sterner

Lector – Joe Boligitz

Ushers – Jean Finn, Kathy Gerhard

January 11, 2026

Acolyte – Jimmy Bleier

Altar Guild – Ron & Sandy Horwath, Joan Erb

Assisting Minister – Sandy Butch

Coffee Hour Hosts: Kathy Remaly, Jody Fliter, Mary Mann, Kathy Pecuch, Carol Lopez

Communion Assistants – Kenda Riley, Dagny Danga-Storm

Counters – Diane Case, Cheryl Achey, Mickey Curry

Flower Delivery – Christine Horoschock

Greeters – Mary Bender, Kevin Remaly

Key Attendant – Barry Sterner

Lector – Joe Bleier

Ushers – Rich Romig, Joan Erb

12/24/2025 Offering: \$5,622

Attendance: 245

12/28/2025 Offering: \$4,708

Attendance: 55

the guidance office at Liberty or Freedom High School. Applications are due April 30, 2026.

Bear Creek Camp

Bear Creek Camp is a ministry of the Southeastern and Northeastern PA Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Located on almost 3,000 acres in the Poconos, Bear Creek Camp offers summer residential youth camp. Check out the brochure on our entrance bulletin board or online at www.bearcreekcamp.org. Blessed Trinity at Rosemont has camperships available. Contact Donna Machin for more information: 484-515-0535, donnamachin522@hotmail.com

This Week at BT@R

Sunday, January 4th: Epiphany

9:30am Worship

Monday, January 5th:

7:00pm Dart Team (Emmanual EC)

Wednesday, January 7th:

9:00am Christian Service Women (Community Service Room)

Sunday, January 11th: Baptism of Our Lord

9:30am Worship

11:00am Congregational Council Meeting (Community Service Room)

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