



– *Matthew 4:12-23*

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Year A

• January 22, 2023 •

9:00 a.m. Service

(In-person & Zoom)

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Arendtsville, Pennsylvania



Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**\* GATHERING SONG**

ELW # 307

***‘Light Shone in Darkness’***

1. Light shone in darkness at the world’s creation,  
Bathing in beauty nature’s revelation.  
All that has being, cry in adoration,  
“Praise for the light. Amen!”
2. Light shone in darkness at the new creation;  
Christ rose in glory, won for us salvation.  
Sing, earth and heaven, hymns of jubilation,  
Praise for the light. Amen!
3. Light shines in darkness till the full creation;  
Christ’s body, groaning, suffers tribulation,  
Longs for God’s justice, global transformation,  
Prays for the light. Amen!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939. Music: Mark Sedio, b. 1954.

**\* GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### **THE READING: Isaiah 9:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **\* GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fourth chapter:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the  
Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them,

“Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

Pastor Ben Siebert

#### **\* CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainably. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. Provide healing and comfort to those who are troubled by illness, especially those on our prayer list and those we silently name in our hearts. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
**Amen.**

**\* PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Let us share signs of peace as we greet one another.*

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

#### \* OFFERTORY: 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'

ELW # 186



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

#### \* OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior.  
Amen.**



\* **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.

**SENDING**

\* **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

\* **SENDING SONG**

ELW # 798

***'Will You Come and Follow Me'***

1. "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
2. "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"
3. "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
And do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

4. “Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found  
To reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”
  
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949. Music: Scottish traditional.

**\* DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\* Postlude**

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**The Ministers of Worship & Service**

Presiding Minister	Pastor Ben Siebert
Pianist	Andy Pelc
Organist/Pianist	Ellie Vranich
Choir Director	Amanda Hollabaugh
Children’s Choir Director	Josie Pelc
Children’s Choir Accompanist	Andy Pelc
Administrative Assistant	Kathy Singley
Altar Guild	Bob & Jan McQuaid
Head Usher	Jim Ridinger
Ushers/Greeters	(Volunteers)
Lector	Amanda Kane
Acolytes	(Volunteers)
Sound Technician	(Volunteer)
Head Counter/Offering Counters	(TBD)

**The Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Jenni Kane, by her family.

**Welcome Visitors:** It is a pleasure having you join us for worship today. If you would like to offer any comments on your worship experience at Trinity or have any type of request, please consider sending us a note to P.O. Box 309, Arendtsville, PA 17303 or office@trinityarendtsville.org.

**Giving from 12/1/22 – 12/31/22**

Current	\$9,878.10
Building	1,385.50
Benevolence	539.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,803.10</b>

– Thank you for your offering contributions! –

**MTD & YTD Income/Expenses as of November 2022:**

	<u>November 2022</u>	<u>YTD 2022</u>
Income	\$20,231.55	\$112,782.97
Expenses	11,971.43	164,973.70
<b>Excess Income/Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 8,260.12</b>	<b>(\$ 52,190.73)</b>

**Weekly Attendance for December 2022:**

Dec. 4 - **52** Dec. 11 - **44** Dec. 18 - **38** Dec. 24 - **75** Dec. 25 - **18**

**Calendar for 1/22/23 – 1/29/23:**

Sunday 1/22	EIMI Confirmation Class (Trinity) 6-7:30 pm
Monday 1/23	UACT Youth Committee Meeting (Zion UCC) 6 pm Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday 1/25	Senior High Youth Meeting (Trinity) 7 pm
Thursday 1/26	Adult Bible Study (Trinity) 6 pm Congregational Council Meeting 7 pm
Sunday 1/29	<b>Annual Congregational Meeting 10:15 am</b> EIMI Confirmation Class (Trinity) 6-7:30 pm

**Sunday School.** Sunday School classes for all ages meet at 8 a.m. each Sunday.

**Children's Choir** practices each Sunday from 8 to 8:15 a.m. in the Social Room. All youth are welcome to participate.

**Services Available in Person and via Zoom.** All are invited to join together in person or online (via Zoom) each Sunday to share in worship together. Regular worship with one service and singing is held at 9 a.m. (Masks are optional for participants of indoor worship and ministries.) For the appropriate link or additional information for worship, if participating by Zoom, go to the website at: trinityarendtsville.org.

**Sermons and Worship Resources Available.** Sermons are available via Trinity's podcast. Just search for "Trinity Lutheran Church: Arendtsville" in iTunes or find them on our Facebook page. The Trinity website also offers resources for worship. Go to: [trinityarendtsville.org](http://trinityarendtsville.org).

**Devotional Booklets Are Available.** The regular and large print *Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets for the first quarter of 2023 (January through March) are available. They can be picked up from the usher's table or in the literature rack at the front entryway.

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**OFFICIAL NOTICE:**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

• **JANUARY 29, 2023 at 10:15 a.m.** •

On **Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023**, following the 9 a.m. worship service, the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held. We will gather together to review the reports for 2022, celebrate our successes, discuss the challenges of 2022, and learn what is planned for 2023.

*Mark your calendars now to attend!*



# • PRAYER LIST •

January 22, 2023

## **Our Prayer List**

James Altland & Beverly  
Dayton & Blake Biesecker  
Bob & Doreen  
Doug Bower  
Bonnie Breeding  
John Brown  
Reynolds Christman  
Tim Clarenbach  
Camden Colangelo  
Charles Costella  
Bonnie Dean  
Ginger Deaver  
Stella M. Fox  
Janelle Garber  
Sally Gardner  
Sue Garretson  
Rev. Bob & Pam Gray  
Harold & Gayle Griffie  
Dorothy Gulden  
Jon Hall  
Clarissa Hammar  
Donny Hartzel  
Mandy Hartzel  
William Helwig  
Maddie Hill  
Patti Hockensmith  
John Holcomb  
Jay & Mary Jackson  
Harold Kint  
Catherine Leider  
Kaedyn Lentz  
Braden Leonard  
Matt Livelsberger  
Dave Martin  
Cole McCowen  
Gary Lee McDannell  
Nancy McFeaters

Cathy Miller  
The Millers  
Rev. Eugene Moore  
Ike Moore  
Anna Jane Moyer  
David Owsley  
Geraldine Phillips  
Stephanie Phillips  
Ferd Prehn  
Jennifer Rauscher  
Chuck Ritter  
Glenda Rose  
Amanda Rustad-Fogle  
Kevin Sanders  
Carl A. Seils  
Charlotte Seitz  
Drew Seitz  
Christine Sell  
Charlotte Sites  
Brave Michael Smith  
Mike Sobotor  
Sue Stuffle  
Mike Trostel  
Kitty Unrue  
Shelly Vought & Family  
Todd Waddell  
Wilma Walker  
Jude Walz  
Judy Wegley  
Everly Grace Williams  
Bob Wright  
Dan Wright  
Cathy Yadlosky  
Donald & Linda Yingling  
† *Family & Friends of  
Ann Eicholtz*

**Our Long Term Prayer List**

Max Abraham  
Bradon & Jace Arter  
Dorothy Carey  
Gage Cordero  
Alyssa Eastridge  
Kristi Ebbert  
Luci Hartman  
Tina Hollabaugh  
Creta Jacobs  
Anthony Kane  
Crystal Kettle  
Jason King  
Sam MacPherson  
Joanne May  
Revs. Terry & Susan McCarthy  
Shirley Menges  
Lorenzo Moreno

Roy 'Chip' Plank III  
Dick & Phyllis Price  
Larry Riley  
Daniele Serro  
Brian Smith  
Laura Starner  
Ida Staub  
Peggy Swartz  
Dori Tillett  
Robert Vogelsong  
Barry Warrenfeltz  
Derek Wolfe

★ *Grant Bailey, Jordan Trostel,  
and All Our Service Men  
and Women*



***Prayer List Submission Guidelines***

*Names on "Our Prayer List" will run for four weeks, unless otherwise requested. Those names with an ( \* ) have been on the list for four weeks. If you wish to have them stay on, please let us know or the names will be moved to the "Long Term Prayer List." Names on the "Long Term Prayer List" run indefinitely. **Let us know when they should be removed.** To place someone on the list, fill out the following form and give it to an usher, place in the offering plate or give it to the church office.*

**Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Which List?** \_\_\_\_\_ *Our Prayer List* \_\_\_\_\_ *Long Term*

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Worth the Risk

Perhaps Peter, Andrew, James, and John had heard rumors of this wandering preacher Jesus. Maybe they had been growing restless for some time in their lives as fishermen. It's possible they sensed that something was shifting in the world around them. They could have been fed up with the brutality of the Roman Empire and were looking for a leader to bring about change. Maybe they longed for something more, for a better way of living and loving and being. Maybe they were just so taken aback by this invitation to drop everything and follow that they couldn't help but say yes. We don't know their reasons for joining the Jesus movement that day, but there was clearly something so compelling about this kingdom of heaven (Matthew 4:17) that they were willing to drop their nets, risk everything, and not look back.

Perhaps we too hear in the gospel today a renewed invitation to get swept up in this kingdom, a call to drop old ways of being and embrace a life of following Jesus. Maybe this vision of the kingdom catches us when we witness ancient scripture finding new life in our hurting world. Perhaps we glimpse the possibilities of the heavenly kingdom when communities of unlikely people gather to share bread and wine at the same table, and when we see the hungry being fed, the suffering being cared for, the lonely finding welcome, the oppressed finding freedom. Suddenly, we know that this is God at work.

As Jesus reminds us, the kingdom of heaven is not a far-off kingdom. It draws near to us, breaking in around us perhaps in the moments when we least expect it. And when we catch sight of it, we just might never be the same. A world where the sick are healed, the hungry are fed, the outcasts find belonging, and ordinary days are filled with holy purpose? That's a kingdom worth risking everything for.



## Announcements for January 22, 2023

- ✝ **TODAY: EIMI Confirmation Class** will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Trinity. *Next Class: Jan. 29* at Trinity.
- ✝ **Jan. 25: Senior High Youth Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at Trinity for youth in Grades 9 through 12. *Join us and invite a friend!*
- ✝ **Jan. 26 and Feb. 2: Adult Bible Study** is being held on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. at Trinity. Join us this Thursday, Jan. 26, as we gather together to share the journey of faith. All are welcome to attend.
- ✝ **Jan. 29: Annual Congregational Meeting** to be held following the 9 a.m. worship service next Sunday, Jan. 29. Please plan to attend and have the opportunity to review the 2022 annual reports, learn of the successes and challenges of 2022, and learn what is planned for 2023.
- ✝ **Feb. 1: Church Women United** will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 11:30 a.m. at Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Road. Chaplain Angel Perez, director of Adams Christian Prison Ministries, will be the guest speaker. Luncheon (\$4) will be provided. Special welcome to newcomers.
- ✝ **Feb. 15: See *What's Cookin'!*** On Wednesday, Feb. 15, all youth from Pre-K to Grade 6 are invited to gather at Trinity from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for another great evening of *What's Cookin'*. The youth will have the opportunity to enjoy a light meal together, hear a Bible-themed lesson, and participate in a special activity. Bring a friend! *(See bulletin boards.)*
- ✝ **Reminder! ... 2022 Annual Reports Due.** For those needing to submit your activities summary for your committee or ministry for the 2022 Annual Report booklet, report(s) are **DUE**. If questions, please contact the church office.
- ✝ **2023 Work Schedule for Pastor Ben.** Pastor Ben's new work schedule will be as follows for 2023: **Full Days** – Sunday and Tuesday; **Evenings** – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (each as needed); **Day Off** – Friday.
- ✝ **Thank You! ...** The Outreach and Service Committee would like to thank everyone who donated hats, gloves, scarves, and socks to Bonnie's Mitten Tree. Your generosity enabled the committee to share with three local organizations: Arendtsville Intermediate School, Upper Adams Food Pantry, and the Gettysburg Homeless Shelter. The organizations expressed their gratitude for the donations. *Thank you for keeping Bonnie's compassionate endeavor going!*

# Let's Heat Up TLC!



No matter how much warmth we have in our hearts, we still need a little help heating up TLC after an emergency boiler replacement following last winter that cost approximately \$24,000!

Please consider helping to heat a room or simply helping to bump the thermostat up a degree or two! Every dollar donated will go to offset these unexpected costs and will free up funds for other church needs!

## **Sure! I'll help heat things up!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Giving Envelope Number

Here's the room I'll heat: (Check One)

\_\_\_ Entire Church \$5,000

\_\_\_ Sanctuary \$1,000

\_\_\_ Social Room \$800

\_\_\_ Adult Sunday School Room \$600

\_\_\_ Nursery \$500

\_\_\_ Kitchen \$250

\_\_\_ Parlor \$100

\_\_\_ Basement \$50

\_\_\_ Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank You!*