

## “And also with you”

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,” the presiding minister greets the assembly gathered for worship. “And also with you,” the assembly responds.

After the prayers of intercession and before the offering, the presiding minister says, “The peace of Christ be with you always,” and the assembly responds, “And also with you.” Then worshipers physically (handshakes, kisses, peace signs, waves, nods, hugs, fist bumps) and verbally share the peace of Christ with each other. “Peace be with you!” “And also with you!” “The Lord be with you!” “And with you!”

After the offering is gathered and the table is set for communion, thanksgiving is offered. This includes the minister chanting or saying, “The Lord be with you,” and the assembly once again responding, “And also with you.”

These three opportunities for mutual blessing remind us we cannot be right with God without being right with our neighbor. These greetings, built into worship, offer Spirit-spaces where we are nudged to “be reconciled to your brother or sister” (Matt. 5:24).

It can be downright difficult to share God’s peace in worship. Just as in families, as brothers and sisters in Christian community we know each other well enough to inflict pain. The resulting anger and hurt can cause the words of God’s peace to stick in our throats.

Fortunately, as Christian community, all saints and sinners, we know that when exchanging God’s peace is difficult, it is then that the exchange is most important. We remember the exhortation of Jesus to reconcile. We remember the command to love one another. God’s Spirit troubles our conscience, pushing us past hurt and anger and pushing us toward forgiveness and reconciliation.

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## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2017

6:30 PM



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In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We, too, are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

## Worship Participants

Every Member .....Ministers  
 Elizabeth Hess.....Pastor  
 Ralph Grove.....Saturday 6:30 PM Organist  
 Cindy Finnegan.....Sunday 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Organist

### Lectors

Marty Jo Stellabotte.....6:30 PM  
 Todd Wilkins.....8:15 AM  
 Steve Ketcham .....10:45 AM

### Acolytes

Parker Tennis.....6:30 PM  
 Josh Gutshall.....8:15 AM  
 Henry Lohsl .....10:45 AM  
 Debbie Simpson.....Flowers

### Ushers

Jim Frederick, Jonnie Frederick.....(Saturday 6:30 PM)  
 Ron Eamigh, Russ Burda.....(Sunday 8:15 AM)  
 Joe Luciano, Ted Williams.....(Sunday 10:45 AM)

Weekly Offering – February 5, 2017

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Attendance:144

## Trinity Member

Jim Aungst  
 Judy Baird  
 Tyler Bennett  
 Amy Bush & Baby Zoe  
 Russ Burda  
 Carol Callis  
 Craig Cameron  
 Tina Chestney  
 Debbie Conway  
 Paul Hamilton  
 Kathy Hatch  
 Kristina Henderson  
 Bob Hofmann  
 Jarod Kutz  
 John Kutz  
 Arlene Leonard  
 Jaden Rhode  
 Sarah Minnoia  
 Ken B. Myers  
 Ray Nycum  
 Dave Olinyk  
 Gene/Joyce Otto  
 Margaretta Perry  
 Arlene Roessing  
 Ruth Ann Saleme  
 Doug Simons  
 April Shackelford  
 Alaina Stevens  
 Emily Thompson  
 Daniel Thompson  
 Michelle Thompson  
 Bert Watchey  
 Donna Williams  
 Nancy Yeager  
 Church Health Team

## Shut-In Members

Jo Ann Boyd  
 Chris Burda  
 Bob Nearhoof  
 Mary Olinyk  
 Joan Rhiver  
 Joan Stout  
 Robert Streightiff  
 Bev Thompson

## Family & Friends

Baby Allison

Jim Andrews  
 Elisabeth Armstormg  
 Janet Aungst  
 Michael Baughman  
 Baby Blade Beckwith  
 Kris Bennett  
 Michael Bennett  
 Dee Bernicki  
 Blade  
 Mrs. D. Brown  
 Casey Bondarenka  
 William Burda  
 Pat Burk  
 Ron Clawson  
 Baby Cowan  
 Danielle  
 Denise  
 Rodger Ecker  
 Haley Gehret  
 Krista Gerheim  
 Shyann Gooma  
 Ann Gosnell  
 Jack Grassmyer Child  
 Dianna K. Green  
 Richard Gunsallus  
 Mark Haigh  
 Bob Hamilton  
 Ann Hanczaryk  
 Jody Haring  
 Don Haslam  
 Pastor Peter Helmers  
 Joe Hershel  
 Linda Hess  
 Doris Hollingshead  
 Robert Hutchison  
 Don & Martha Johnson  
 Glories Kimmel  
 Richard M. Kolbe  
 Jim Kutz  
 Lynette Latchford  
 Janelle Lehr  
 Rose Marlett  
 Matthew Martz  
 Kirin McCaulley  
 Dylan McGilvary  
 Mike McGraw  
 Nick Merritts  
 Benjamin Metzger  
 Charles Miller  
 Kate Mimmich

Brenda Murray  
 Sharon Myers & Family  
 Caydan Noel  
 Beth Noye  
 David Oswalt  
 Bill Peterman  
 Joe Pacifico  
 Bess Patton  
 Ann Pryfogle  
 Lucille Rodell  
 Joe Roub  
 Nancy Roessing  
 Carl Ruckinger  
 Jim Settlemyer  
 Jessie & Justin Shackelford  
 Patricia Slone  
 Connie Sooy  
 Elaine Stetser  
 Gayle Streckland  
 Darlene Sterner  
 Becky Thompson  
 Ann Van  
 Nina Wallis & Children  
 Joy Woodring  
 Ben Yohn

## Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown  
 Jason Buck  
 Nathan Frank  
 Justin Patz  
 Peter Quinn  
 Jason Smith  
 Eric Sweet

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY!**

Sunday	8:15 AM	Worship
Feb. 12	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:20 AM	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 AM	Worship
	11:45 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Monday	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Sewing Class
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Healthy You Program
	6:00 PM	Crochet Group
Wednesday		
Thursday	9:00 AM	Prayer Breakfast
Friday	10:00 AM	Healthy You Program
Saturday	6:30 PM	Worship

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS**

**M 7:30-8:30 PM**

**T 9-10 AM, 7-8 PM**

**W 7-8 PM**

**\*Call 943-7488 for more info.**

Please also continue to keep the service men and women who are serving our country, Trinity, our council, and Pastor Hess in your prayers.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**6:30 PM**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRE-WORSHIP MEDITATION:**

**PASTOR:** Let us read together Mark 12:28-31 (the Jesus Rule)

**ALL:** **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.**

**PASTOR:** Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

**PRELUDE**

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Loving God,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN #433 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray....

**C: Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**FIRST LESSON** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

**L:** A reading from Deuteronomy

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**L:** The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM** 119:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
**who walk in the law of the Lord!**

<sup>2</sup>Happy are they who observe his decrees  
**and seek him with all their hearts!**

<sup>3</sup>Who never do any wrong,  
**but always walk in his ways.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #429 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P:** Mark 12:28-31

**C: Love God, Love others.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*Congregation Stands**

**THE FLOWERS** on the altar this week are presented by Marla & Tom Hammond in loving memory of their Parents, Verna & Lawrence Whitfield, & Ruth & Roy Hammond.

**THE BULLETINS** are presented by Vickie & Jake Knisely in loving memory of Parents, Walter & Sara Koller.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church.** We are grateful you are joining us today for worship. All who are baptized and receive communion in their home church are welcome to commune with us. In Christ's name we welcome our visitors and ask you to please introduce yourselves to Pastor Hess.

**Sequanota Lutheran Camp** has announced its 2017 summer schedule, so it's time for Trinity members, including our young people, to start thinking about which sessions they'd like to attend.

Parents and youth can go online at [www.sequanota.com](http://www.sequanota.com) to learn what's being offered this year. We also have some schedules on the table by the cry room.

**Mark your calendars!**

The next Sunderman Memorial Concert will be on Sunday, April 30, at 3:00 in the sanctuary. The concert will feature the following quartet:

Genaro Medina and Lela Tsinadze serve as concertmaster and principal viola, respectively, of the Altoona Symphony. In addition, they each concertize extensively and maintain a private teaching studio. Jeremy Klapper, violin, is a member of the Altoona Symphony, a former member of the Houston Symphony, and is currently a practicing pathologist at UPMC Altoona. Kim Cook is professor of cello at Penn State University, and is recognized as an international concert artist.

As always, the concert will be free, and refreshments will follow. The public is very welcome to attend. Invite your friends!

**OFFERING** (PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE PEW REGISTER)  
(THE USHERS BRING THE GIFTS FORWARD )

**\*THE PRAYERS**

A: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

A: Lord in your mercy

**C: hear our prayers**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make his face shine on you

and be gracious to you

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace

C:   
A - men

<sup>4</sup>You laid down your commandments,  
**that we should fully keep them.**

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
**that I might keep your statutes!**

<sup>6</sup>Then I should not be put to shame,  
**when I regard all your commandments.**

<sup>7</sup>I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,  
**when I have learned your righteous judgments.**

<sup>8</sup>I will keep your statutes;  
**do not utterly forsake me.**

**SECOND LESSON** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are fellow workers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

L: The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the Fifth Chapter,  
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

P: *The Gospel of the Lord*  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## FOR THE CHILDREN

### SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** #480 “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

### \*APOSTLE’S 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**

### \*PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

*Each of you shall bring such a gift as he can in proportion to the blessing which the Lord your God has given you” Deuteronomy 16:17*