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**Second Sunday after Epiphany** 

**January 15, 2023** 



Service of Holy Communion 9:30 am

**Trinity Lutheran Church** is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** We invite you to join us regularly for worship and in a variety of activities and opportunities in our congregational life. If you are new here, we welcome you; if you are a member of longstanding, we celebrate your gifts and your ministry among us. Our order of worship is printed on the following pages of this bulletin.

**MISSION STATEMENT -** The Mission Statement of Trinity Lutheran Church is to nurture faith through proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ by word, sacrament, deeds and loving relationships, to ALL people.

**VISION STATEMENT** - As proclaimers of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Vision of Trinity Lutheran Church is to maximize our gifts and resources to reach out with God's love and serve the global community.

**NURSERY** - This congregation encourages ALL children to participate in worship. They learn more about worship and faith by being part of it than anything else. If you or your children need a break, a nursery is located in the lower level of the church building, and is accessible from either stairway. During worship, the nursery is self-service.

**COMMUNION PROCEDURE** - The communion table of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is open to all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus is truly present in the forms of bread and wine. Please follow the ushers' instructions at the time of distribution. Children who have not yet received first communion instruction are welcome to come forward with their families to receive a blessing.

Communion will be by distributed by individual disposable cup. The communicant stands before the Pastor to receive the bread, then receives the cup of wine held by the assisting minister. Grape juice is also available (wine is red/ grape juice colorless). Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request. Simply tell the pastor at the time of communion.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated weekly throughout the year. No one is ever required to participate in the sacrament, but it is offered to nourish and sustain God's people. This is in accordance with Lutheran teaching:

Background 35A: The Church celebrates the Holy Communion frequently because the Church needs the sacrament, the means by which the Church's fellowship is established and its mission as the baptized people of God is nourished and sustained. This practice was reaffirmed in 1989 by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We continue to need "consistent pastoral encouragement and instruction relating to Holy Communion...pointing up Christ's command, his promise, and our deep need." For a variety of historical reasons, Lutherans in various places moved away from the weekly celebration of the sacrament.

Application 35C: Participation in the sacramental meal is by invitation, not demand. The members of the church are encouraged to make the sacrament a frequent rather than occasional part of their lives. (Excerpts from: The Use of the Means of Grace, Principle 35)

## Sunday January 15, 2023

#### INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us

#### **COMMEMORATIONS**

# Martin Luther King Jr., re-newer of society, martyr, died 1968

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

#### Stand

#### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.
- C Amen.
- P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination. (stand/kneel)* 

- P Holy One, source of our renewal,
- C we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.

  We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you.

  For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.
- C Amen.
- P 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.
- C Amen.

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

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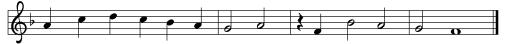
# Rise, Shine, You People!



- Lord 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the has en tered sends the pow'rs of See how he e vil reel ing;
- 3 Come, cel e brate; your ban ners high un furl ing,
- 4 Tell how the Fa ther sent the Son to save us.



hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to our free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. brings us All men and your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the of the Son, who life and free-dom gave Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round-ed, wom-en, who by guilt are driv-en, world go out and tell the sto-ry Spir-it calls from ev-'ry na-tion

with grace un - bound-ed. now are for - giv - en. of Je - sus' glo - ry. God's new cre - a - tion.

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# **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**







This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

# C Amen



FIRST READING Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,

in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the LORD,

and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,

and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,

the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,

"Kings shall see and stand up,

princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the LORD, who is faithful,

the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

A Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently up-on the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who trust in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

<sup>7</sup>And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me."

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

# A A reading from 1 Corinthians

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- A Word of God, Word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



- P The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st Chapter
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

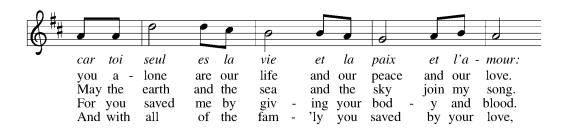
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# **SERMON**

Stand



I'll tell ev-'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher-ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith-ful re - flec-tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur-dens and tears.
but cour-age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.





## **APOSTLES' 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 assended into heaven

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.

# INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

See insert

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

# A brief silence.

- A Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Grant health and new life in this assembly. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our church council and on all the leaders and members of this church. Send us to share the good news of your abundant love in Christ. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways (*especially*) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (*We pray especially for* . . .). Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- P We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
- C Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

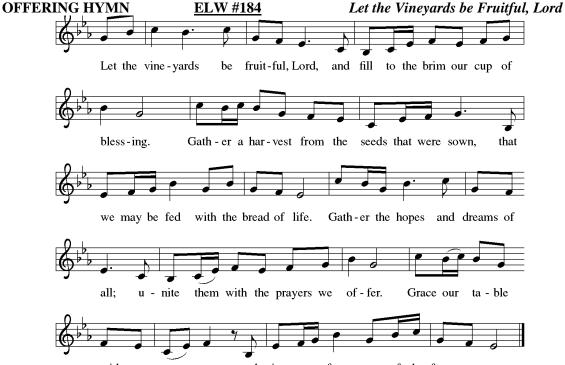
Please do not leave your pew, pass the peace to those in your family group as you wish but to others by waves or other hand signs

Sit

#### **OFFERING**

# Second Sunday: Barnyard Boxes –ELCA Good Gifts

Each week, our congregation collects a general offering for the church and our ministries. Additionally, we collect an offering for special projects. If you would like to make a regular gift to the church, please place it in the offering plate. If you are looking to support our special project (noted above), please place your offering in the barnyard boxes or noisy offering buckets. The plate will be presented to the altar by the ushers at this time



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

- A Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.

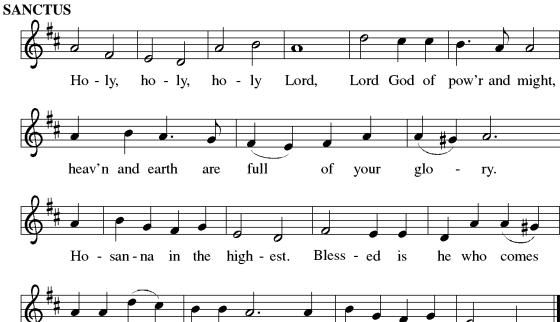
  Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power,
  and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through
  Jesus our Savior,
- C Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

- P The Lord be with you.
- $\mathbf{C}$ And also with you.
- Lift up your hearts. P
- $\mathbf{C}$ We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- $\mathbf{C}$ It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

in the

name



Ho - san - na in the

high - est.

of the Lord.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C 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.

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

P Come and taste the joy of God!

Sit

#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The presiding minister and the assisting ministers receive the bread and wine and then give them to those who come to receive. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say "Amen."

Follow the usher's instructions to approach the altar. Communion will be by individual cup, the communicant stands before the Pastor to receive the bread, then Assisting Minister will hand you the cup the cup of wine. Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request. Simply tell the pastor at the time of communion. If you are unable to consume alcohol, please inform the assisting minister when it is your turn to receive the wine, and you will be given a wine substitute.

# SILENT MEDITATION

While others are receiving communion you are invited to reflect on the readings, the sermon and the music.

Stand

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
- C Amen

### **BLESSING**

- P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
- C Amen.

#### **SENDING HYMN ELW #696** Jesus Call Us; o'er the Tumult Je calls the of sus o'er mult us; tu our old An - drew 2 As of Saint heard it by the Je - sus calls the ship of the 3 us from wor our of 4 In our iovs and in sor rows, days Je - sus calls us! By your Say - ior. mer cy, life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice Gal le - an lake, turned from home and toil and vain world's gold - en store, from each i dol that would toil and hours of ease, still he calls. in cares and hear your may we call, give our hearts to your 0 sound - ing. say - ing, "Chris tian. fol - low me:" leav - ing kin dred, all for Je - sus' sake. love keep us. say - ing, "Chris tian. me more." plea - sures, these." "Chris - tian, love me more than be dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

### **SENDING**

A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus

C Thanks be to God.

# **SERVING AT TRINITY**

Ministers: Every member of the congregation
Piano/Keyboard: Paul Lucas
Parish Secretary: Chris McNamara

Council President: Terry Vear
Vice-President: Suzanne Sponsler
Treasurer: Chris McNamara

**Property Chair:** Gene Stockford-Shively **Secretary:** Sandra Dufur

Council Members: Warren Bartels, Johncie Langston, Martin Morrison, Joe Painter, Sue Risk

and Patti Weber

# **SERVING TODAY:**

**Supply Pastor:** Rev. Martha Reid **Assisting Minister:** Cathy Shively

**Ushers:** Thomas Stockford-Shively and Diane Draper **Coffee Hour:** Terry Vear Next Week: Sue Risk

# **ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

Altar Guild: Thomas Stockford-Shively

**Offering Counters:** TBD

Videographer: Gene Stockford-Shively

**<u>FLOWERS</u>** – The flowers on the altar today are given by TLC in honor of Myrna Bailey's birthday.

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