

A Mission Congregation of the ELCA
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Raising the Widow's Son/Roman Centurion
February 7, 2021

- **Prelude** “Alleluia; God’s Choir; When the Lord Saved Me;
Channels Only” **Roxanne Groff**

- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**

- **Welcome** **Pr Mel**

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of light,

C: You light a fire within us and ask us to shine, but we are quick to hide and make excuses. We shrink from challenges, avoid responsibility, and deny the goodness of your creation. We seek hollow praise and then don’t believe it. Forgive us for hiding our God-given light and remaining self-absorbed.

P: Children of God, never fear, for you have always lived in the mercy of your creator. Hear the words of absolution and believe them: you are forgiven, you are made whole, you are restored to God. Hallelujah!

C: Amen.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

LBW 469



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

* **GREETING**

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

C: **And also with you.**

* **KYRIE**

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord have mercy.**

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

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C: Lord have mercy.

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

C: Lord have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Holy God, You rewarded the faith of a Roman centurion who feared and trusted you. May we have the same unshakable faith in your mercy and ability to heal all that prevents us from serving you, for the sake of Jesus.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 7:1-17

P: Our scripture reading for this morning is from Luke, Chapter 7.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

7 After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ²A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. ³When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, ⁵for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." ⁶And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; ⁷therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." ⁹When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

¹¹Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹²As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood

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still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, rise!” ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen among us!” and “God has looked favorably on his people!” ¹⁷This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ** (*Spoken*)

- **SERMON**

Pr Mel Musser

Silence for reflection may follow

- **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Lexi Angles & Helena Proffitt

- * **APOSTLES' CREED**

C: **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.**

➤ *Or, He descended to the dead.*

- * **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need...

A brief silence.

L: A Roman officer recognized the power of words to create and bring about results.

May we take responsibility for the words we utter and the worlds we create with them, choosing to speak love, mercy and redemption for all. Healing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We live in a competitive and often ruthless world, where few prosper wildly and too many go without basic needs. Help us to even the balance and work for fair

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compensation of workers and distribution of resources so that all may thrive. Healing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Our selfish ways have hurt this this beautiful planet we call home. Inspire us through your powers of innovation and creation so we can learn to be better stewards of the entire natural world. Healing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You need only to say the word and we are healed. Cure our ills, whatever their cause, and strengthen us to continue serving you. We thank you for the creation of the vaccines that are beginning to be distributed. Help us see the most equitable way to get this life saving vaccine to those who need it the most. Bless all of those whose names we bring before you today, especially... Healing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Be with all who grieve the loss of loved ones, and hold them all in your comforting arms until the day when we will all be reunited in your eternal glory. Healing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered.

L: Receive our prayers and shed light on our path as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to you through your son Jesus, our Lord.

C: Amen.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

P: When we put our trust in you, we find that we have everything we need. Accept these gifts; bless them and use them for the advancement of your earthly kingdom and the spread of your heavenly gospel of good news.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*** DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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* **THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* **THE SANCTUS**

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

* **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: 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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: **Amen**

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Jesus is the "tie that Binds us together", let us pray as Jesus taught...

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.**

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*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: You have poured out your spirit upon all flesh, and gathered your children from the ends of the earth to proclaim your salvation. Let us come now to celebrate our deliverance in this bread and cup of mercy.

• COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution the minister says these words to each communicant:

P: At this time you may open the communion bread and partake of the body of Christ, given for you.
Now please open the wine and you may now partake of the Blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

• POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☒ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



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

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• **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us.

C: **Amen.**

* **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world’s needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen**

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* **SENDING BLESSING**

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.

C: **Amen.**

* **SENDING HYMN**

“Amazing Grace”

LBW 448



1 A - maz - ing that grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but that
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!

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*** DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ’s Love.

C: **Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!**

Postlude

“Let A Little Sunshine In”

Roxanne Groff

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Health Tips for the Week
BODY: Try a new hair style
MIND: Get a yearly physical
SPIRIT: Listen to a Christian radio station



Scripture readings for next Sunday, February 14th
Luke 9:28-45

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If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

This Week @ Trinity –February 7 through February 14, 2021

Sun, February 7

10:30 am Worship Service

Wed, February 10

6:30 pm Confirmation Class

6:30 pm Christian Education Team Meeting

Fri, February 12

3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry

Sun, February 14

Valentines Day

10:30 am Worship Service



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