

A Mission Congregation of the ELCA
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Fish for People
January 24, 2021

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

Roxanne Groff

- **Welcome**
- * **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pr Mel

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**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

LBW 390

I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
Refrain
I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry
and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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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.**

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Wondrous God, You turned fishermen into disciples, teachers, and healers. Transform us in the ways which serve you best, and lead us fearlessly forward in faith.

C: **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 5:1-11

P: Our scripture reading for this morning is from Luke, Chapter 5.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

• **SERMON**

Pr Mel Musser

Silence for reflection may follow

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*** 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: You amaze us with how well you know us. You invite us to know ourselves more
deeply through serving you. Give us the courage to follow where you are leading.
Inviting God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: As a new presidential term begins we pray your blessing upon this land and all of its
people, that everyone would find a way to contribute and flourish within the fabric of
society, and that we would truly accept the gifts of those who differ from us. Inviting
God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: As disciples gathered great multitudes of fish from the sea, so they in turn gathered
the multitudes of people longing to hear the good news. May we capture hearts with
your words of life, and demonstrate how your love embraces your whole creation.
Inviting God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Sometimes the unfamiliar is where we need to go to find our true home. Shake us out
of inertia and disrupt our lives with your healing Spirit. Bless those who need it most
today... Inviting God,

C: Hear our prayer.

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L: We may never know the kind of persecution which your saints and martyrs have suffered, yet their lives stand as beacons of faith to inspire and draw us forward. Join our songs of praise with theirs and bring us all together on the last day. Inviting 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: You have given us much, O Lord, and so we give back. Bless these offerings of our lives and our livelihood. Use them for your good purposes in the world, and use our lives to serve your children,

C: Amen.

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

(The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...)

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

C: And also with you.

*** 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.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS

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* **SENDING BLESSING**

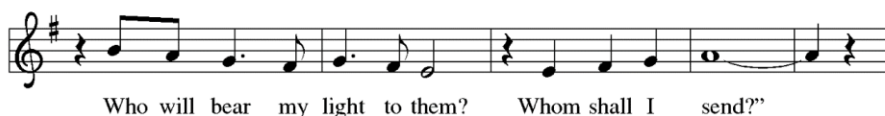
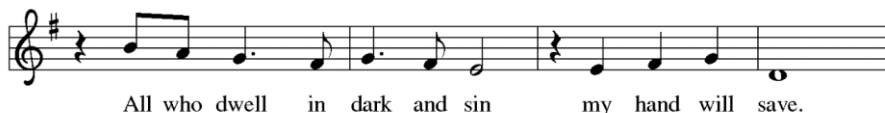
P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✚ keep you in peace.

C: **Amen.**

* **SENDING HYMN**

“Here I Am, Lord”

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* **DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ’s Love.

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

Postlude

Roxanne Groff

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Health Tips for the Week
BODY: Drink more water
MIND: Read a poem
SPIRIT: Give your loved ones a hug



Scripture readings for next Sunday, January 31st
Luke 6:1-16

Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3

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.

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This Week @ Trinity –January 24 thru January 31, 2021

Sun, January 24 10:30 am Worship Service
Wed, January 27 6:30 pm Confirmation Class
Fri, January 29 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry
Sun, January 31 10:30 am Worship Service



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