

Trinity Lutheran Church

Created to Praise

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The Second Sunday after Epiphany

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” -Martin Luther King Jr.

With all things and in all things, we are relatives. **-Native American Proverb**

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

-Mother Teresa

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please stand as you are able*)

Leader: Christ Jesus calls us together

People: We gather in praise!

Leader: Christ Jesus is revealed to us in our life together

People: We know God's love!

Leader: We have all we need in our life together

People: We celebrate life in Christ!

PRAISE SONG

“People’s Church”

1.0h it's a worn - out church - with a bro - ken stee
3. You know a liv - ing church can make a Chris - tian ner

ple; It's filled with poor and home - less peo - ple.
vous. It car - ries risk and leads to ser - vice,

Kids in trou - ble and the un - em - ployed - gath - er there
calls us all to get in - volved, to lose our com - fort

for hope and joy. Oh it's a peo - ple's church for

and live God's love. folks in need. It's a peo - ple's church where the word meets deed.

It's a peo - ple's church for ev' - ry race. At a

1, 3 - Fine 2. Bridge

peo - ple's church come and see Je - sus' face. I'm

pray - in' for the poor and the rich to share the blood and

bod - y gifts. I'm pray - in' that in ev - 'ry place there's a D.S.

peo - ple's church liv - ing out their faith. Oh it's a

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water,

C: the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Amen.

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

C: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters

C: and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

L: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

C: Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

L: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

L: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life.

C: Above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

L: Shower us with your Spirit,

C: and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

L: To you be given honor and praise

C: through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSE

“We Are Called”

1. Come! 2. Come! 3. Sing! Live O Sing - in a pen a. the your new light! heart! song!

Shine Show Sing with the your..... of that joy mer great - and cy day the to when love all all of those will the in be

Lord! fear! one! We We are are called called to to be be we'll

light hope walk for for the the each king hope - oth - less dom, to so to so live ha - in tred ters the and and

free - dom of the cit - y of God! blind - ness..... will be..... no more. broth - ers..... u - nit - ed in in love.

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are

called to love ten - der - ly; we are called to

serve one an - oth - er to walk

hum - bly with God.

(You may be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD (sit)

P: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

The first reading is Isaiah 45: 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.

1 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.
2 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.
3 And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
4 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."
5 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—
6 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."
7 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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

The second reading is 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.

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² 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:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

P: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ 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.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” “where are you staying?” ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas”

The Gospel Response:

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

MESSAGE RESPONSE “We Have Seen the Messiah”

We have seen the Mes - si - ah, here for all the world.

5

We have seen the Mes - si - ah, here for all the world.

9

12 Shep-herds came to see the sight, a ba - by born to

Have you seen the ach - ing hearts, the hu - man hurts, to lives

14 be torn the a - light. Then When they went see and the

spread the word these, cause they do we had to real - ly tell know all they had who we have heard. seen?

THE PRAYERS (Please stand as you are able)

P: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

(Each petition ends “Merciful God” Congregation responds “Hear our prayer”)

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

MEAL

P: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING (You may be seated)

 Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to “share the love and promise of God” through its ministries.

Offering Prayer (Please stand as you are able)

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

C. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Pastor: In the waters of Baptism, you have claimed us – both light and darkness - and called us your own.

All: **We come to be strengthened, reshaped, and made new to shine with your light.**

Pastor: In this family meal we celebrate the gift of God in Christ Jesus.

All: **In sharing of the bread and wine we find forgiveness of sin and God's resurrection presence.**

Pastor: God gives us this gift to share.

All: **We come to eat and drink and to be changed.**

Pastor: 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.”

All: **Jesus, let your body and blood flow through us to remold us and renew us with your presence.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

THE DISTRIBUTION (You may be seated)

*All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
are invited to commune today.*

*When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer
in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice*

Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.

(We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

COMMUNION SONGS

“Here I Am, Lord”



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky,
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain,
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I have heard my peo - ple cry.
I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin
I have wept for love of them.
I will set a feast for them.
my hand will save.
They turn a - way.
My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night,
I will break their hearts of stone,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide
I will make their dark-ness bright.
give them hearts for love a - lone.
till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them?
I will speak my word to them.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?”
Whom shall I send?”
Whom shall I send?”



Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

“Bread of Life”

Music score for "Bread of Life" in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics. The first three staves are the main chorus, and the fourth staff is the Bridge. The lyrics are as follows:

Bread of Life, Bread of Life, come and feed our souls. *3rd time to Bridge.
Last time fine.*

Bread of Life, Bread of Life, come and make us whole.

We are hun-gry for your mer - cy, hun-gry for your peace.
We are hun-gry for your pres-ence, man-na from a - bove.

We are hun-gry for your jus-tice, hun-gry to be free.
Bread of life for all cre - a - tion fill us with your love.

Bridge

Liv - ing Bread from heav - en, source of all we need. *Repeat chorus*

Liv - ing Bread from heav - en, help us to be - lieve.

“Here at the Table”

Christ is here, here at the table. Come gather and lay life's burdens down, here at the table, at the table, where love and peace a-bound. Oh, oh, oh, oh.

Bring your hunger, bring your sadness, bring your yearning, bring your wonder, bring your madness, bring your turn-ing, bring your thirst-ing, bring your shame, bring your trouble, bring your sigh-ing, bring your doubt-ing, bring your strug-gles, bring your cry-ing, bring your shout-ing, bring all that you are. bring all that you be.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING (please stand as you are able)

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

C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God,

C: that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Pastor: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

“People of Hope”

We are people of hope a - live in the mys- t'ry,
grow - ing in faith, learn - ing to love. We are
peo - ple of hope through - out all of his - t'ry,
held by the one who will nev - er let go. *Fine* *3rd time to Coda*
We are dead in our striv - ing for wealth and for might
We are what God has made us, cre - a - ted in Christ
but God, rich in mer - cy, has loved us to life. We are
for jus - tice and mer - cy to be our way of life. We are
Coda
In the jour - ney ev - 'ry day we're led by the Word,
saved by grace. We are

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please join us for a coffee hour following our worship.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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We commit ourselves as God's children to pray for our indigenous siblings, to pray for God's blessings on them and for strength for them and for us as we work together for justice, dignity, respect and peace for all the diverse people of the land.

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