

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
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The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Camp Announcements
Bible Sunday-3rd Grade*

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

L: Eternal God,

C: amid all the turmoil and changes of the world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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TRINITY WELCOME

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

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"In the midst of darkness, light persists."

-Mahatma Gandhi

"The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion."

-Paul Coelho

"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others."

-Albert Schweitzer

CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand as you are able)

L: For people in darkness,

All: Christ is the light.

L: For people in despair,

All: Christ is the hope.

L: For people grieving,

All: Christ is a comfort.

L: For people anxious,

All: Christ is calm assurance.

L: For all people gathered here,

All: Christ is for you.

L: For everyone gathered here,

All: Hear the call "Let your light shine".

L: For all in this place,

All: Let your voice be heard in all places.

PRAISE SONG**“All Are Welcome”**

All are welcome friend and stranger at the banquet
of the Savior All are welcome here.
1. From the woe - man who who comes cry - ing
2. From the ones to the feel streets for and got - ten
3. Go in to the farms at their Je - sus' feet - lies
leave - ing tears sense farms Je - sus' feet - lies
To the man ones bout who who knows live sple - the in did right hun - ta - way ger - ble
but here God's can you - not be - see long. cy.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was
needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.**

**Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of
Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you,
our God. Amen.**

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE***“Light the Fire”***

I stand to praise You but I fall on my knees. My spirit is hun - gry but my flesh is so weak.

Chorus

Light the fire in my soul fan the flame make me whole Lord, You know where I've been so light the fire in my heart a - gain.

I feel Your arms a - round me as the pow'r of Your heal - ing be - gins You breathe new life right through me like a might - y rush- ing wind. *Repeat chorus 2X*

(You may be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

WORD

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

First Reading

The first reading is Isaiah 58: 1-12

1 Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. 3 “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. 4 You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. 5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? 8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

9a Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.” 9b If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, 10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

11 The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. 12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

The second reading is Psalm 112:1-10

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!
- ² Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
- ⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- ⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.
- ¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

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. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel Response:

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

MESSAGE RESPONSE

“Shine Jesus, Shine”

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, In the midst of the
2. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,
play Your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine on me.
mir - rored here may our lives tell Your sto - ry.

Faster

Shine on me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the
Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze, Spir - it, blaze set our hearts on fire
Flow, ri - ver flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
Send forth Your Word. Lord. and let there be light.

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. God of majesty,

C: no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

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

"For Everyone Born" vs 1,3,4,5



1. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
5. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
for ev - 'ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply be,
a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,
for ev - 'ry - one born, a star o - ver - head. *verse 3*
for young and for old, the right to be - long. *And*
for just and un - just, a new way to live. *verse 5*
for ev - 'ry - one born, the right to be free. *And*
God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy,
com - pas - sion and peace; yes,
God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

“Come Just As You Are”

1. Come just as you are; Hear the Spi - rit call.
2. Come just as you are; Hear the Spi - rit call.

Come just as you are; Come and see, come, re - ceive;
Come just as you are; Come, re - ceive Christ the King;

Come and live— for - ev - er. 1. 2.

Life ev - er -

ev - er more. *Song Ending*

last - ing, and strength for to - day; Taste the Liv - ing

Wa - ter, and nev - er thirst a - gain. *(repeat verse 2)*

“Let It Be Said of Us”

Let it be said of us: that the Lord was for - pas - sion, That with
Let it be said of us: We were marked by our give - ness, We were
glad - ness we bore ev - 'ry cross - we were in giv - en; That we
known by our love, and de - light - ed in meek - ness. We were
fought by the good His fight, that we fin - ished the course
ruled by His peace, heed- ing un - i - ty's call;
Know - ing with one - in - us the pow'r of the ris - en Lord. Let the
Joined as one - bo - dy that Christ would be seen by all.
cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song, By
mer - cy made ho - ly, by the Spi - rit made strong. Let the
cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song 'Til the
like - ness of Je - sus be through us made known. Let the
cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song.

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. Radiant God,

C: we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

1.Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts a -
2.(We) seek Your King - dom first. We hun - ger and we
3.(Un) - leash Your King - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and
gain. In - crease in us, we pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come
thirst; re - fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To
far. No force of hell can stop Your beaut - y chang - ing hearts. You
set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our
see the cap - tive's heart re - leased; the hurt, the sick, the
made us for much more than this. A - wake the King - dom
ver - y souls. Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now_.
poor at peace. We lay down our lives for Heav - en's cause_.
seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ_.

1. Sing v. 2 2.,3. To chorus

We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us. 2.We
We are Your church. We pray re - vive this earth.
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

Build Your King - dom here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your
might - y hand. Heal our streets and land_. Set Your church on
fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build Your
King - dom here_, we pray.

2 1. Sing v. 3 2. Repeat chorus

3.Un - Build Your

THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do Justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stay for a coffee hour following the worship service.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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Coffee Hour: Camp Coffee hour

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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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