



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 7, 2021 - 10:00 AM



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our Trinity Family, by Tad and Betsy League.

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Henry Wilcox

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Fantasia and Fugue in D Minor - J. S. Bach*

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God,  
for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ✚ Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away  
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of Christ's forgiveness,  
we are called to be God's beloved community  
living out Christ's justice  
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Amen.**

**God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the  
gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.**

**Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight; health to the troubled mind, sight where  
illusions blind; oh, now to humankind let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love, life giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight; move on the water's face bearing the  
lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.**

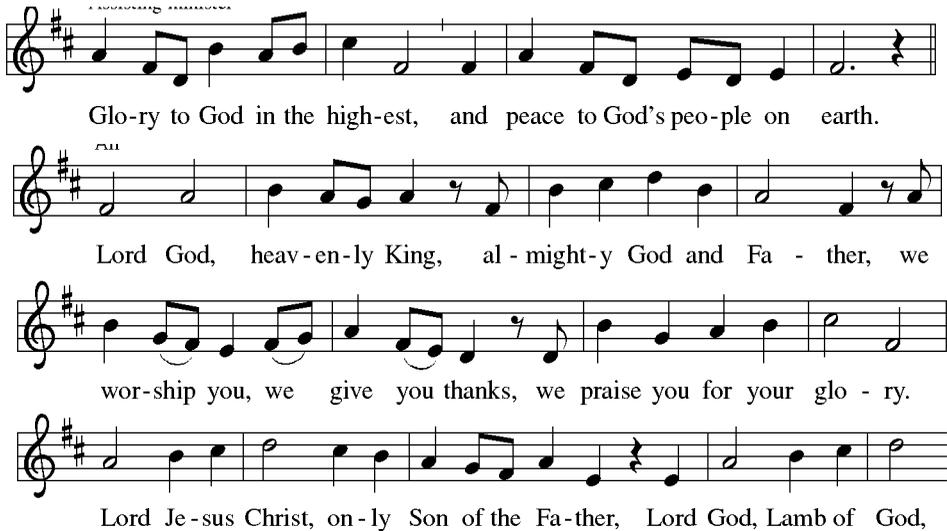
**Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might: boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in  
fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.**

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

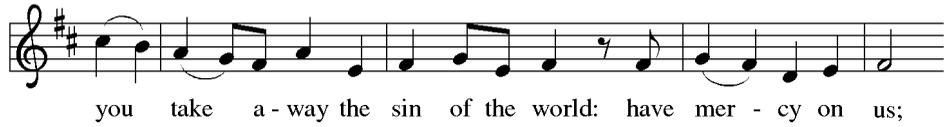


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah

- <sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- <sup>22</sup>The LORD sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
- <sup>23</sup>who brings the privileged to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
- <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when God blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
- <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?  
The One who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because God is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.
- <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
This God does not faint or grow weary;  
with a depth of understanding that is unsearchable.
- <sup>29</sup>God gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.
- <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;
- <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

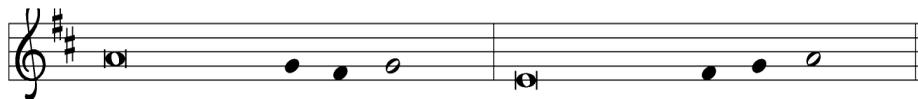
*The refrain is introduced by the cantor  
Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.*

*Psalm  
Refrain*



The LORD heals the brok - en - heart - ed.

*Psalm  
Tone*



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the | brokenhearted  
and binds | up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number | of the stars  
and calls them all | by their names. R**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;  
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts | up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked | to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp | to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains. R**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food | for the cattle  
and for the young ravens | when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> | Hallelujah! **R**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A reading from first Corinthians.

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them.

. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDRENS' SERMON

*Lifting Up the Lowly*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>Jesus came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and Jesus would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for Jesus. <sup>37</sup>When they found Jesus, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>Jesus answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And Jesus went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the One redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.**

## 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 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**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered in our homes, trusting in God's power to heal, let us offer our prayers for all who are in need.

We pray for the church's many ministries of healing; for hospital, hospice, and military chaplains; for those serving in prisons, camps, and institutions; and for bishops and pastors and deacons facing illness of which we are unaware. We pray to you, saving God:

**We await your steadfast love.**

We pray for the health of the earth; for its myriad animals and their habitats; and for all created life that has been harmed by human misuse. We pray to you, provident God:

**We await your steadfast love.**

We pray for the health of people around the globe, especially for the people of Ethiopia and India; for international health organizations; for local and national medical services; and for school officials and teachers facing the pandemic. We pray to you, benevolent God:

**We await your steadfast love.**

We pray for wholeness in our nation; for the safety of our nation's elected leaders; for an end to domestic violence; for an end to prejudice; and for an end to civic terrorism:

We pray to you, sovereign God:

**We await your steadfast love.**

We pray for a halt to the pandemic; for all who have contracted Covid-19; for health workers; for the prompt distribution of vaccines; and for all who today will die from the virus. We pray to you, compassionate God:

**We await your steadfast love.**

We pray for all who are sick and suffering; for those with chronic pain; for those experiencing despair; for infants born with health challenges and for the aged in decline; and for all whom we name here: We pray to you, consoling God:

**We await your steadfast love.**

We pray finally for ourselves; for steady trust in your power; and for health in our weakness.

We pray to you, loving God:

**We await your steadfast love.**

We praise you for the faithful departed and for their lives of service to others; and we pray that despite sickness and death, at our end we join with them to find our wholeness in you.

We pray to you, eternal God:

**We await your steadfast love.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Peace be with you.

**☞ Peace be with you.**

*Worshippers are invited to use their phones to text now or make a call later today  
to extend a message of peace to someone you love and care about.*

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

*Online giving is available by texting TLCGIVE to 73256,  
or by following the link on the homepage of the website, [www.trinitylutheran.ws](http://www.trinitylutheran.ws).  
Offering may also be mailed to the Church Office at 421 North Main St., Greenville, SC 29601.*

*The Word of God Is Source and Seed*

Text: Delores Dufner; Music: David Hurd (ELW 506)

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

#665

(verses 1 and 3)

**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us,  
by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling;  
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the  
world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.**

Let us pray. O God,

**receive these gifts as you receive us:**

**like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.**

**Nourish us anew in your tender care,**

**and empower us in faithful service**

**to tend to others with this same love,**

**through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

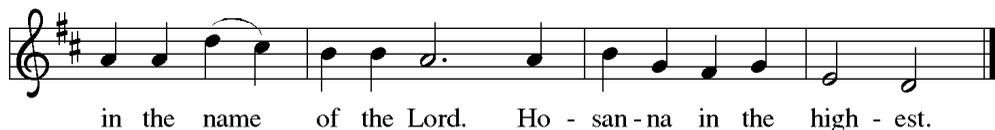
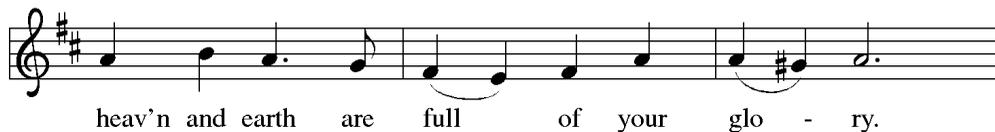
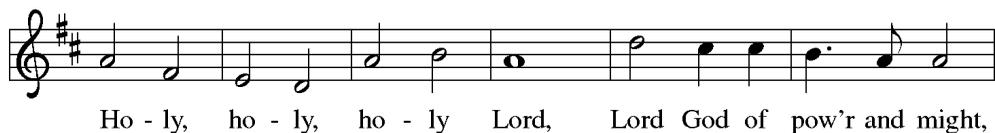
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

#### COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.*

*Worshippers who gather with family at home are invited to share the bread and wine with each other using these words spoken directly to each person, "The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you."  
Worshippers who are gathering with the community from their individual homes are invited to receive the bread and wine while saying these words, "The body of Christ given for me," and "The blood of Christ shed for me."*

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

### *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

*O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*

#610

**O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?**

**From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.**

**In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ for these?**

**Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.**

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

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Christ Jesus,  
at this table we have feasted on your very life  
and are strengthened for our journey.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
nourished in body and in spirit  
to proclaim your good news  
and serve others in your name.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*  
(verses 1 and 2)

#308

**O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior,  
you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly,  
holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich  
in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

**Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within  
our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying!  
In your one body let us be as living branches  
of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though  
daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and  
distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Improvisation* - Jim Parham

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*  
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