



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022 - 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 by Mike and Patti Parker.

## SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
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Lector	David Troutman
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Video	Henry Wilcox
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# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*Stand as able*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you call us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

**Arise, you light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the broken hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

#### THE 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.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from Nehemiah.

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.**Psalm  
Refrain*

The teach- ing of the LORD re - vives the soul.

*Psalm  
Tone*

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale | to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,  
and their voices | are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the  
world where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the  
end of | it again; nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R**
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

A reading from first Corinthians.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*Peace Makers*

*Stand as able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the fourth chapter.

### **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and his reputation spread throughout the region. <sup>15</sup> He was teaching in the Galilean synagogues, and all were loud in their praise. <sup>16</sup> Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. Entering the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his habit, Jesus stood up to do the reading. <sup>17</sup> When the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed him, he unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: <sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of our God is upon me: because the Most High has anointed me to bring Good News to those who are poor. God has sent me to proclaim liberty to those held captive, recovery of sight to those who are blind, and release to those in prison— <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of our God’s favor.” <sup>20</sup> Rolling up the scroll, Jesus gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he said to them, “Today, in your hearing, this scripture passage is fulfilled.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*The Call of Jesus for Justice*

**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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the world, the church, and all that God has made.

All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the beautiful and intricate bodies that you have created. Grant us the ability to look in the mirror and delight in the reflection we see. Help us to see value in the bodies differing from our own. Bless all of your creation. We give you thanks for enormous whales and tiny ants, majestic trees and misunderstood weeds. Sustain the entirety of your creation with your care.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

You desire that there be no dissention among us. Where we are divided in our home, church, society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, embolden truth, awaken justice, and bring an end to all violence and war.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor as well as those who don't yet know you are the one they seek. Grant provision and justice for all those who live in poverty. Comfort all those living with disabilities and pain. Strengthen the voices of all those living under oppression and in the margins, especially those society has shunned due to skin color, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation, especially those working to extend your peace, grace, and love into the world around us. Empower this congregation to live fully into the words of welcome we proclaim and remind us to truly and deeply value all who enter into worship and ministry with us.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

We continue to seek your healing on this world and ourselves. Release us from the grips of this COVID pandemic. Bring peace to those who are dying and comfort to those who are sick. Energize and protect our doctors, nurses, teachers, and emergency workers. Comfort all who are in need, especially those we name now in our hearts or on our lips....

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn. Bring us together in your everlasting glory.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all our prayers to you in confidence and faith through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*All are encouraged to remain at your seats and extend a sign of peace by waving, bowing, making the peace sign, or placing your hand over your heart.*

HYMN

*I Come with Joy*

#482

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and  
free, the life of Jesus to recall in  
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are  
fed, the new community of love in  
Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division  
ends. The love that made us makes us one, and  
strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever  
near, is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here, alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound by all that God has  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,

**Sovereign of the universe.**

**You offer us new beginnings  
and guide us on our journey.**

**Lead us to your table,  
nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love  
to a hungry world,**

**in the name of Christ our light.**

**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:

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

#### 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.**

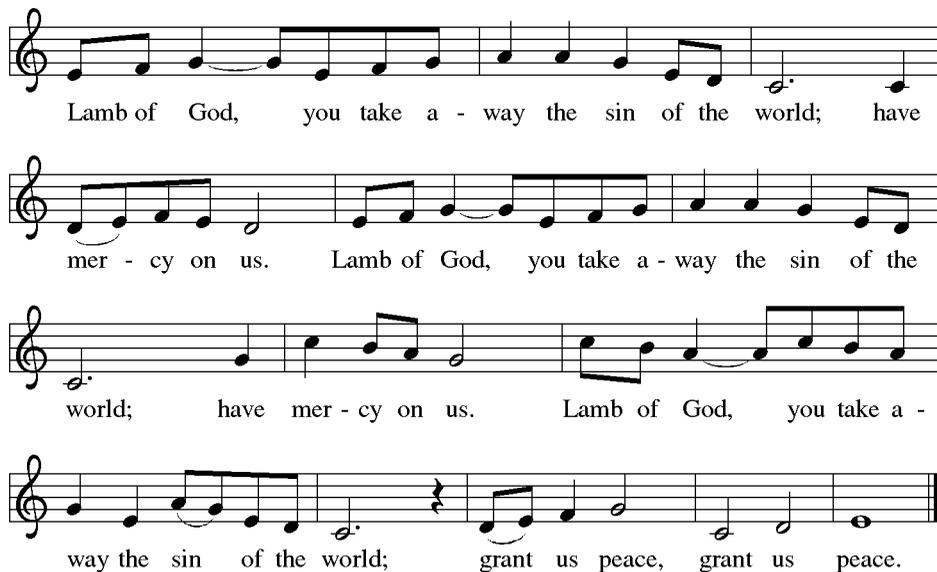
*Please be seated*

#### COMMUNION

*Trusting that the bread and wine in our homes and at our seats have  
been blessed, everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament from  
the comfort of your homes or the safety of your seats.*

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's love and grace.*

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION



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.

*Stand as able*

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

**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

#538

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth a better place to live. *Repeat***

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain  
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. *Repeat***

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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