



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## RECONCILING IN CHRIST SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 30, 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 and in honor of Peyton and Jeff on their birthdays by Margaret, Ryann, and Harper Roth.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
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# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*Stand as able*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose boundless love encompasses all people,  
our unending and most glorious hope.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of love,

**We are guilty of having listened to hateful voices who claim to speak in your holy name. At times, we have believed harmful words proclaimed about our LGBTQIA+ siblings and all others who have been marginalized by this world. Have mercy upon us, O God, for not always seeing ourselves and others as perfectly and wonderfully made in your most holy image. Forgive us for the hurts we have caused each other as well as ourselves. Renew us and strengthen us in the love of our Savior Jesus Christ, for now and for all time to come.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God, rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ you are filled through and through with the love and grace of God our creator. You are worthy of God's love just as God created you to be. Your skin color, gender, and sexual orientation are all gifts from God. Open your hearts to see yourself as God sees you: gay, beautiful, lesbian, holy, bisexual, cherished, transgender, beloved, queer, marvelous, intersex, wonderful, asexual, adored, allies, righteous. Your sins are forgiven † in the name of Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of a God filled with compassion for you.

**Amen.**

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely  
live, a place where saints and children tell how  
hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and  
visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
Christ shall end divisions:**

*Refrain*

***All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and  
true, where all God's children dare to seek to  
dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as  
witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we  
claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and  
wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where  
peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through  
Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in  
Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and  
stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and  
live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the  
stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an  
end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions  
heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as  
words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and  
laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house  
proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

#### 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. God of boundless diversity, your people long to be seen, named, and cared for. In a world where we are daily confronted with the ways we are different, teach us as your people to celebrate the diversity reflected in every person. When we are told to make ourselves smaller for the convenience of others, grant us the courage to stand strongly in who you created us to be. Fill our church, community, nation, and our world with safe spaces so that all may come to experience your saving grace. Guide us to be people of faith who are committed to learning and re-learning what it means to welcome, include, celebrate, and advocate for all you call beloved. All this we pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,  
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.

*Psalm Refrain*

From my moth- er's womb you have been my strength.

*Psalm Tone*

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge;  
let me never be | put to shame.

<sup>2</sup>**In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;  
incline your ear to | me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;  
you are my crag | and my stronghold.

<sup>4</sup>**Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor. R**

<sup>5</sup>For you are my hope, | O Lord GOD,  
my confidence since | I was young.

<sup>6</sup>**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you  
have | been my strength;  
my praise shall be al- | ways of you. R**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

A reading from first Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*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 4:21-30

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Today, in your hearing, this scripture passage is fulfilled.” <sup>22</sup> All who were present spoke favorably of him; they marveled at the eloquence of the words on Jesus’ lips. They said, “Surely this isn’t Mary and Joseph’s son!” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, “Undoubtedly you’ll quote me the proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself,’ and say, ‘Do here in your own country the things we heard you did in Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup> But the truth is, prophets never gain acceptance in their hometowns. <sup>25</sup> “The truth is, there were many women who were widowed in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens remained closed for three and a half years and a great famine spread over the land. <sup>26</sup> It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but to a woman who had been widowed in Zarephath, near Sidon. <sup>27</sup> Recall, too, that many had leprosy in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one was cured except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup> At these words, the whole audience in the synagogue was filled with indignation. <sup>29</sup> They rose up and dragged Jesus out of town, leading him to the brow of the hill on which the city was built, with the intention of hurling him over the edge. <sup>30</sup> But he moved straight through the crowd and went on his way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Stand as able*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

#798

**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

## 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 church, the world, and all that God has made.

God of boundless diversity, you see women and female-identifying people needing to fight for gender equity in our world. Assist them in this fight. Quickly bring the day that all genders may be truly seen as equals.

God in your mercy,

**Hear our Prayer.**

God of boundless diversity, you came as Jesus to walk this earth and show us how to truly be allies to all people. Guide us on our journey to becoming better allies to those on the margins. Strengthen those who are learning more about their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, those who have been victims of hate, those who have not been accepted, and those who are not able to be open and honest about who they are.

God in your mercy,

**Hear our Prayer**

God of boundless diversity, teach us how to be better advocates for our black, brown, indigenous, people of color siblings. Bring justice to our world so they can be treated equally. We should have seen their worth from the start. Open our eyes so that we all might see the importance of the Black Lives Matter movement. Give white people of privilege the courage to stand with and speak up for those crying out for equality and justice.

God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of boundless diversity, in Jesus Christ you sent us a Gospel, a good news meant for all people. When will your church stop hurting your beloveds? We ask you to make it stop. Silence the voices who are thundering hate from church pulpits. Open the hearts of congregations, families, theologians, and religious leaders to engage in prayerful study of texts that have often been used to abuse the queer community, women, and people of color. Allow them to witness the hurt they are causing in spreading false doctrines of hate. Heal those who have been hurt by the church and religion. Guide them to those places where your good news is shared without discrimination or justification.

God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of boundless diversity, we pray for those who have been wrongfully convicted of a crime, those who have not gotten the justice they deserve, and all those voices who are being ignored by the criminal justice system.

God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of boundless diversity, you are our great teacher. We pray for children and students who are struggling to learn due to difficult learning environments, learning disabilities, and lack of resources. Guide us in ensuring that everyone has access to quality education. Strengthen and encourage teachers and parents during these difficult times.

God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of boundless diversity, we pray for those who are sick, those who are dying, and those who are caring for the sick and the dying. Bring comfort to loved ones who have suffered loss. Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Surround those who we name now in our hearts or on our lips with your abiding love....

God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of boundless diversity, we praise you for all those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your never-ending love.

God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and in faith; through Christ Jesus 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, placing your hand over your heart, or sending a text.*

HYMN

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

#841

**Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.**

**Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

**Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.**

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?**

**We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path we pray.**

**Lest our feet stray from the places our God where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.**

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.

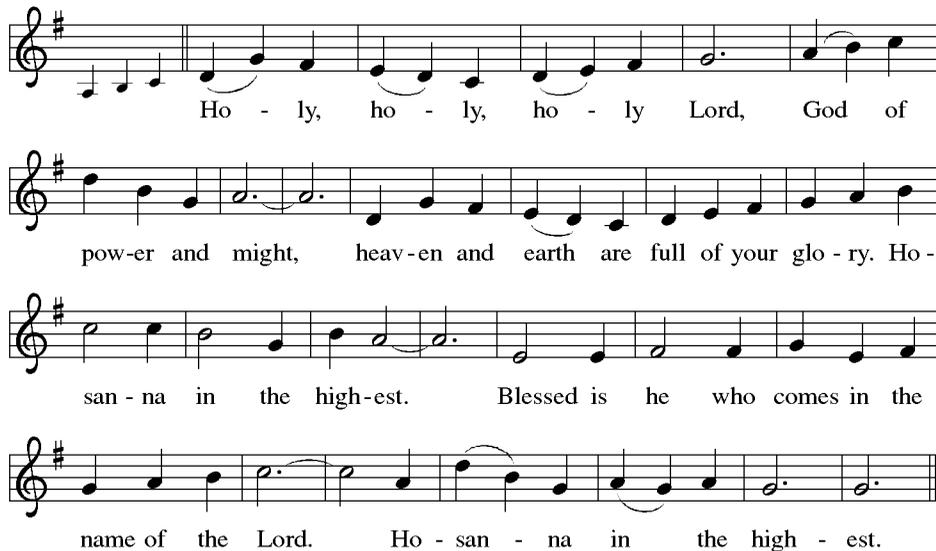
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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,  
God of justice and truth,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Born to a poor virgin, your love was brought into the world;  
filled with your Spirit, he spoke truth and justice to power and religion;  
in the depths of your love, he defeated death and the grave on behalf of all people.  
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.

You made us all in your most holy image,  
and placed us in this beautiful garden.  
In the Spirit of abounding love and creativity  
you formed each of us with purpose.

At the right time, you sent Jesus,  
an open channel of light and love,  
who turned water into wine,  
rejection into welcome,  
hunger into fullness,  
and death into life.

You sent us your Holy Spirit, an undying flame,  
so that we can know how to advocate for your beloveds.  
Strengthen us to follow your Spirit in love and uphold one another in truth  
just as Jesus did for all those he loved and healed on this earth.

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.**

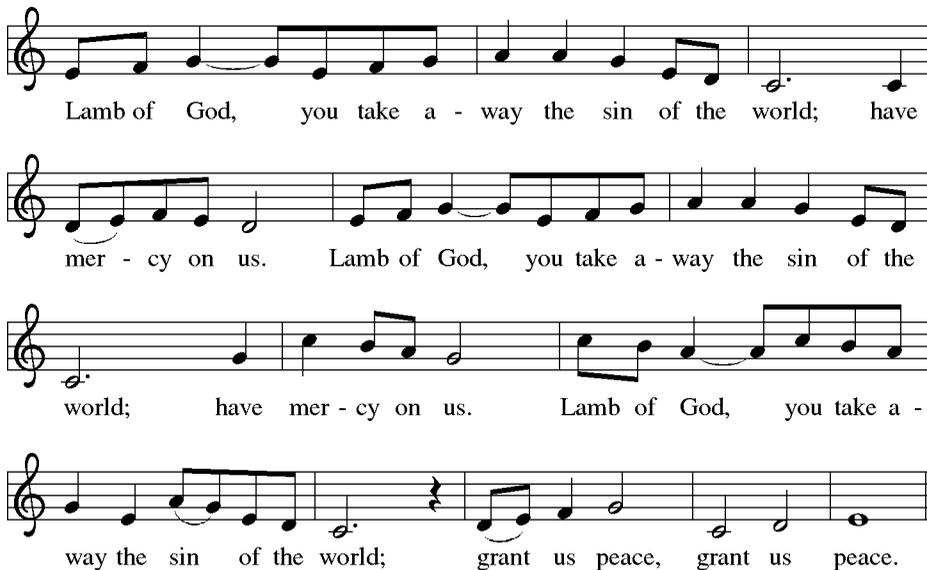
*Please be seated*

## 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, O God, for feeding us with this spiritual food. Use it to nourish our bodies, minds, and spirits so that we might live to serve you and answer your call to love inclusively without limits. As we go forth from this place, encourage us to never give up on expanding your table into the world. Strengthen our voices as we invite all people to your holy supper of love and grace where the meal is unending and has the power to change the world. In Jesus name we pray,

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

Siblings in Christ, let us go out into the world in peace;  
love boldly; proclaim loudly;  
welcome, include, and celebrate our black, brown, indigenous,  
people of color and LGBTQIA+ siblings; and enter back  
into this space knowing that welcome is a priority in this congregation.

Stand strong against injustices of this world;  
and let this faith community be a safe and brave space of care and renewal  
for ALL of God's children.

May the Holy Parent surround and fill you with the knowledge that you are loved,  
affirmed, cherished, and celebrated.

May the Son walk with you as you march with your queer, trans, and othered siblings.

May the Spirit ignite the fires of justice in your heart.

The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, ✚  
bless, strengthen, and comfort you this day and always.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

# 726

**Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to  
see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a  
weary world: the promised day of justice comes.**

*Refrain*

***The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.***

**Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find  
bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain***

**Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once  
forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a  
weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain***

## DISMISSAL

Go out into the world and shout from the rooftops that God's love is for ALL - No  
Exceptions!

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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