



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 20, 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 the Pastoral Staff and Trinity Members by Bonnie Farmer.

## SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Dan Kirkpatrick
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Lector	Chris Harmon
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Prayers	John Beckford
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Ushers	John Beckford Bonnie Farmer
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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.**

**God, when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill  
to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.**

**Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress,  
for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.**

**You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release  
from the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.**

**Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life.  
Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger give us faith.**

**Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true,  
give us love to go on learning: God, encourage and renew!**

#### 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. O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred,  
we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant,  
O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name,  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; who has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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 low-ly shall pos-sess the land; they will de -  
light in a - bun - dance of peace.

*Psalm  
Tone*

- <sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by | evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither | like the grass,  
and like the green grass | fade away.**
- <sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD| and do good;  
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.
- <sup>4</sup>**Take delight | in the LORD,  
who shall give you your | heart's desire. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD,  
and see what | God will do.
- <sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light  
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**
- <sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.
- <sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil. R**
- <sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall | be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.
- <sup>10</sup>**In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;  
even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.**
- <sup>11</sup>But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;  
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.
- <sup>39</sup>**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O LORD;  
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.**
- <sup>40</sup>You, O LORD, will help them and | rescue them;  
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you | they seek  
refuge. **R**

A reading from first Corinthians.

<sup>35</sup> Perhaps someone will ask, “How are the dead to be raised up? What kind of body will they have?” <sup>36</sup> What a stupid question! The seed you sow does not germinate unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> When you sow, you do not sow the full-blown plant but a kernel of wheat or some other grain. <sup>38</sup> Then it is given the body God designed for it—with each kind of seed getting its own kind of body.

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is a perishable body, what is raised is incorruptible. <sup>43</sup> What is sown is ignoble, what is raised is glorious. Weakness is sown, strength is raised up. <sup>44</sup> A natural body is sown, and a spiritual body is raised up. If there is a natural body, then there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> The first Adam, as scripture says, “became a living soul,” but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> That is, the natural comes first, not the spiritual; after that comes the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As this earthly one was, so are we of the earth; and as the One from heaven is, so are we in heaven. <sup>49</sup> And we, who have been modeled on the earthly, likewise will be modeled on the One from heaven. <sup>50</sup> Put another way, sisters and brothers, I declare to you that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Neither can the perishable inherit what is imperishable.

The Word of God for the people of God.

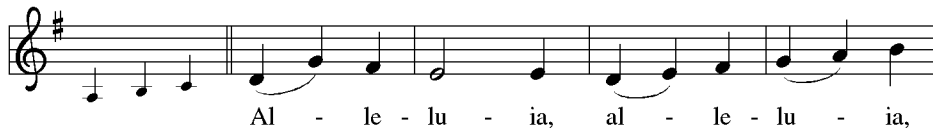
**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

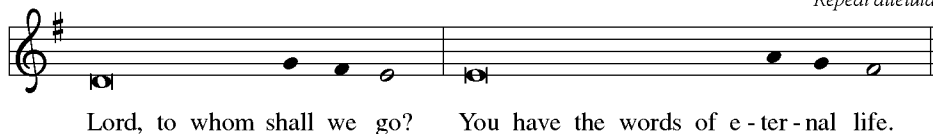
*Stand as able*

*Joseph and the great surprise*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your God is merciful. <sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

*Forgiveness - an ancient superpower*

*Stand as able*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Day of Peace*

#711

**O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God’s grace our warring world shall see Christ’s promised reign of peace.**

**Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.**



## 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.

You teach us to love our neighbors and our enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Guide us in loving those on the margins of society more fully, especially the queer community, our black and brown siblings, and those struggling with poverty. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

Nurture fields that lie dormant during this time, resting until their season to bloom comes again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and home gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest. Allow us to marvel at this cycle with fresh eyes, so that we might appreciate the intricacies of your creation more fully.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

As our country celebrates February as Black History Month, encourage your church to be an advocate for the black community at all times. Guide us in supporting present day leaders who are working for justice and making history before our eyes. Today we pray especially for Alicia Garza. As one of the three founders of the Black Lives Matter Movement, she continues organizing against police brutality and violence against transgender and gender non-conforming people of color. Continue strengthening her voice and the voices of the people she champions.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. We pray especially for peace in Ukraine. Protect the tens of thousands of Ukrainian lives whose fates are impacted by this conflict.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility, patience, and grace. Bless families of all shapes and sizes. Surround traditional families, queer families, chosen families, single parent families, and all families with your abiding love. Bless women who are pregnant. Strengthen them with your beautiful gift of choice and free will so that they might freely plan to parent, place for adoption, or terminate without the worry of societal and religious pressures.

God of Grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection.

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, placing your hand over your heart, or sending a text.*

*Please be seated.*

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.**

*Stand as able.*

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 in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. 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.**

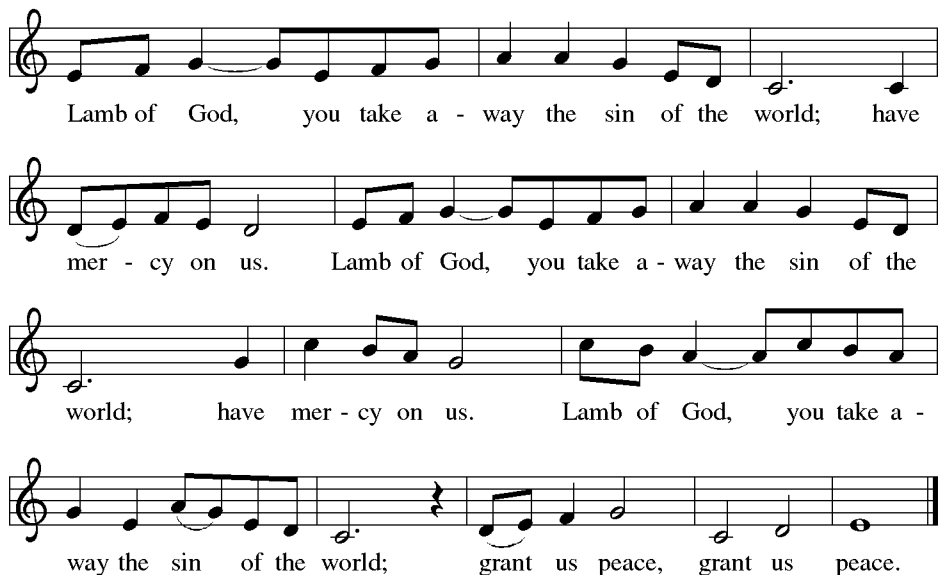
*Please be seated*

#### 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 COMMUNION



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.

ANTHEM

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*  
by Allen Pote

Adult Choir

*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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