



LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



### 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 Trinity's Youth and Children by Brad and Heather Fanning.

## SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Guitarist	Steve Koenemann
Lector	Penny Bostain
Cantor	Megan Finnern
Acolyte	Abby Sease
Prayers	Jaime Fivecoat
Greeters	Mark Allen
	Connie Blackstone
	Tara Miller
	Linda Morgan
	Mary Beth Ridenhour
Ushers	Vicki Rubenstein
	Richard Delap
	Calvin Harmon
	Angie McCormack
	David Potts
Refreshment Hosts	Jeff and Lisa Rehm
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

*Please stand as able*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✙ Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for  
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
your holy people, light for the world to see.**

*Refrain*

***Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for  
hope, many despair. Your word alone  
has power to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for  
water, many still thirst. Make us your bread,  
broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for  
warmth, many are cold. Make us your building,  
sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain***

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the  
hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants  
to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***

#### 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

Cantor



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

A11



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

Let us pray. God of grace and glory, you call us to shine the light of your love into dark places, to breathe new life into outdated and stagnant ways of thinking and being. Give us the tools we need to keep our lights burning bright. Enable us to cease the constant, relentless activity that plagues our lives. Give us the rest we need to heal, recover, and strengthen our burdened bodies, hearts, and minds so that whole, well, and rested we can shine the light of your love for all the world to see, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9

A reading from Isaiah

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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 delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup>“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.

<sup>4</sup>Look, 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.

<sup>5</sup>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?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs

to the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>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?

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and God will answer;

you shall cry for help, and God will say, Here I am.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD  
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion. R**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;  
they will hold up their | head with honor. **R**

A reading from first Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love God"—  
<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*You ARE Light*

*Please stand as able*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the fifth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>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 under foot. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## SERMON

*The Light of Christ — in YOU!*

*Please stand as able*

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Leader

1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:  
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:  
3. You are a seed of the word, O peo - ple:  
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:

All

Leader

salt for the king-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
light for the cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
bring forth the king-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
bound for the king-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

All

life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!  
bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!  
seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!  
love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!

Refrain All

Bring forth the king-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the  
king-dom of peace; bring forth the king-dom of jus - tice,  
bring forth the cit - y of God!

Text: Marty Haugen  
Music: Marty Haugen

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustices of systemic racism, church sanction of colonialism, church protection of sexual abusers, and historic and present day queerphobia. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well and those we have yet to discover. Protect coral reefs and other habitats we have failed to steward well. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Guide governments to work for justice instead of power, peace instead of war, and equity instead of oppression. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Guide your people in seeking justice and equity for the queer community, youth facing mental health challenges, and those who can no longer afford housing in Greenville. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted by illness, grief, or by circumstances of which we may not be aware. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts .... Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

As our country celebrates Black History Month, your Church rejoices in the Christian witness of present-day leaders and activists. Today we pray especially for the Rev. Otis Moss III. A preacher and civil rights advocate, Rev. Moss unapologetically calls attention to problems of mass incarceration, environmental justice, and economic inequality while leading God's people to take action for change. Strengthen his ministry, amplify his voice, and guide us your people to follow his good example. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Bring peace to our troubled hearts, rest to our weary bodies, hope to our endless worries and fears. Help us to slow down, to cease our frantic activity, to rest in your loving care, and to embrace the healing and wholeness that you are so eager to give. Use us to shine our light into the lives of others, bringing comfort and blessing to all in this community and beyond. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated*

## MEAL

OFFERING

*Unveil Mine Eyes*  
Robert Powell

Adult Choir

*Please stand as able*

OFFERING HYMN

*As with Gladness Men of Old*  
*(verse 2 & 3)*

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**As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.**

Let us pray, Liberating God,  
**you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
Amen.**

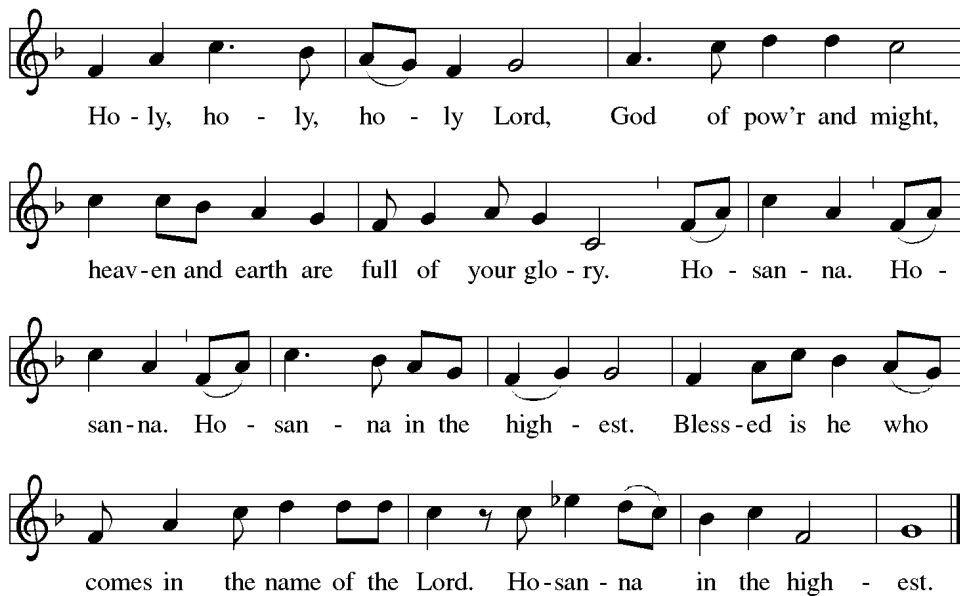
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
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 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.**

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

## 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.*

*Worshipers will come forward to receive the bread and wine and then return to their seats to consume the elements.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "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." The score includes a double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

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.

**Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness  
vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the  
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who  
yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the  
bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven,  
light years away, here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and  
make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**



**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
eve'y where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

*Please stand as able*

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

**Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

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**Arise, your 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.**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Find rest in Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Everyone is invited to gather in the back of the Gym  
following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

*Christ, Be Our Light*  
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