



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 14, 2024 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



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 loving memory of Will Landreth by Wayne, Catherine, Ted, and Ali Landreth.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Jim Parham
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Organist and Choir Director	Julie Florin
Lector	John Beckford
Prayers	Lisa Rehm
Cantor	Richard Moose
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Praying for Possibilities	Jeff Rehm
Greeters	Bonnie Farmer Pattimarie Janssen Tara Miller Vicki Rubenstein Suzanne Rudisill
Ushers	Richard Delap Carol Elliott Calvin Harmon Chris Wannemacher
Fellowship Hosts	Rachel and Elijah Colburn
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another

and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit

dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
follow Jesus. God set the stars to give
light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain

***In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the
day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the
city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.***

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to
look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness,
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.** *Refrain*

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to
be with Jesus. When we have run with
patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.** *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.

**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!**

**Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word an Spirit, flesh an blood refresh our souls with
heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure! Let your
mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.**

**Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy
be all with music crowned, our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes, with us all the way— today, tomorrow,
ev'ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out!
Ring Out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the Story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

A reading from first Samuel.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to GOD under Eli. The word of GOD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of GOD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then GOD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶GOD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know GOD, and the word of GOD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ GOD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that GOD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if you are called, say, 'Speak, Oh GOD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now GOD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Word of God for the people of God.

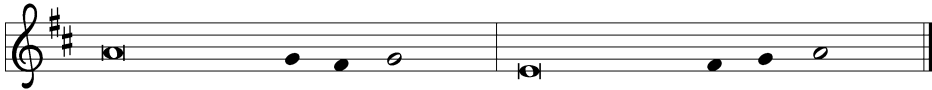
Thanks be to God.

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.

Psalm



You have searched me out and known me.

Psalm
Tone¹LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, you | have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.⁴**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether. R**⁵You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.⁶**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**¹³For you yourself created my | inmost parts;
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.¹⁴**I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well. R**¹⁵My body was not hid- | den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written |
in your book;
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.**¹⁷How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!
How great is the | sum of them!¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours. R**

A reading from first Corinthians.

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for Christ, and Christ for the body. ¹⁴And God raised Jesus Christ and will also raise us by the power of Christ. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with that person? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to Christ becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Parham

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

#512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

**When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.**

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the ruler of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to Nathanael, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Messiah."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Parham

Please stand as able

**“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”**

Refrain

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
 lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

**“I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?” *Refrain***

**“I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?” *Refrain***

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

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. Continue to bless the ministries and leadership of Ginny Aebischer, our Synod's bishop, and Elizabeth Eaton, our Presiding Bishop.

receive our prayer.

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster, especially those recently impacted by recent flooding and snow. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. Bring peace to nations torn by war, especially Israel, Palestine, Russia, and Ukraine. Make human hearts to crave peace and equity rather than violence and power. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration. Comfort transgender youth and their parents who now facing the news that the South Carolina legislature, on the first day of 2024's session, voted to advance an anti-trans bill that would, if passed, ban medically necessary healthcare for transgender youth. Soften hearts and open minds to more fully understand the trans community so that we all might show the kind of boundless love and acceptance you show to all of your beloved children. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God of healing and strength, you bring healing and hope to the sick and dying. During these months of flu, COVID, and various other illnesses, protect the vulnerable among us and sustain healthcare professionals in their work. Make your presence known to those who might breathe their last breath today. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God of unity, give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel. Inspire and empower us to do your work in the world. Make us faithful as we build communities of brave inclusion and mutual care. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints. We give thanks for the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church. Guide your church to walk the anti-racist path. Protect the black and brown community from danger, and bring quickly your kin-dom, where equity and love reign supreme. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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

ANTHEM

He Comes to Us As One Unknown
arr. Michael Burkhardt

Adult Choir

Please stand as able.

OFFERING HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

#314

**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.**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

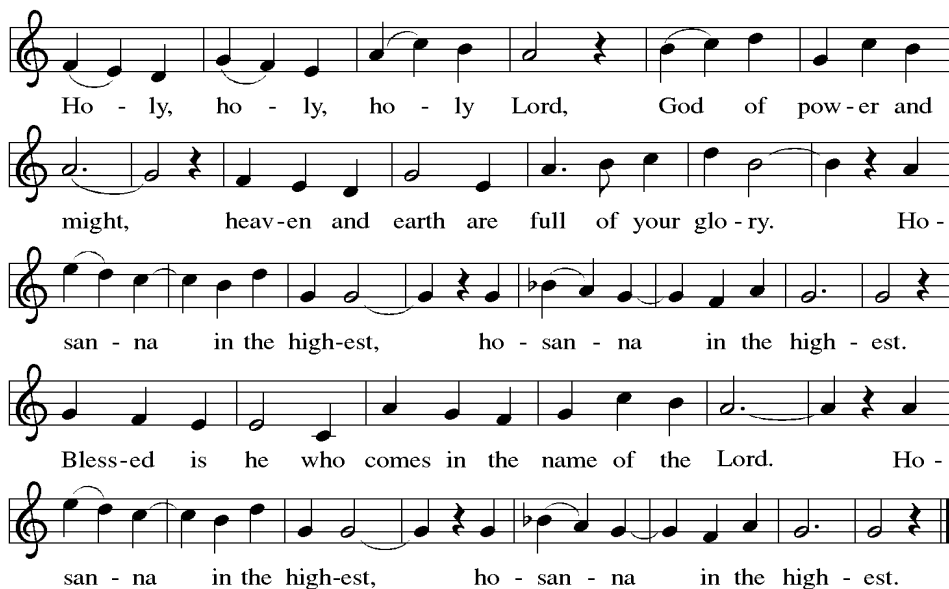
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:



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, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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 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.

Gluten free wafers are available.

At the direction of the ushers worshipers are invited to come to the Altar - kneeling as able to receive a wafer and a small cup of wine.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. 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, grant us peace." The music is a simple, melodic line in treble clef.

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.

**O Jesus. I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.**

**I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.**

**My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**

**Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.**

**Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.**

**And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

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.

**Dearest Jesus, at your word we have come again
to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you as the promises
here given draw us wholly up to heaven.**

**All our knowledge, sense and sight lie in deepest
darkness shrouded till our Spirit breaks the night,
filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and
all good living come but by your gracious giving.**

**Radiance of God's glory bright, Light of Light from
God proceeding, Jesus, send your blessed light;
help our hearing, speaking, heeding, that our prayers and
songs may please you, as with grateful hearts we praise you.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise to you and
adoration! Grant us what we need the most:
all your gospel's consolation while we here on
earth await you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.**

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

Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

#671

Refrain

***Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!***

**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the
darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.**

Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display
your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.**

Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace.
Rest in the knowledge
that you are worthy,
that you are enough,
that you are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

*Everyone is invited to gather on the front lawn
for refreshments and fellowship.*

Baptized and Set Free

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