



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 2, 2025 - 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 memory of their parents by Jeff and Lisa Rehm.

SERVING TODAY

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Henry Wilcox

Gregg Alley

GATHERING

Prelude

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

Bring Forth the Kingdom



GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God who holds the future, you inspire us to move beyond old ways of seeing the church and the world. You give us the courage to become the people you created us to be. You call us away from old patterns of thinking and believing that lean toward the past, the way things used to be, instead of leaning into the beautiful future you are calling us to embrace. Give us courage and grace to bravely take the steps needed to build and nurture your kin-dom; in Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Please be seated

Word

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

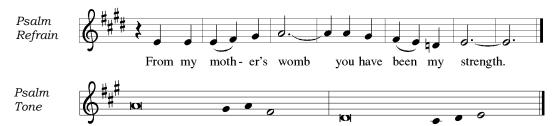
A reading from Jeremiah.

- ⁴ Now the word of GOD came to me saying,
- ⁵ "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."
- ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, God most high! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a child."
- ⁷ But GoD said to me,
 - "Do not say, 'I am only a child'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.
- 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says GoD."
- ⁹Then GoD put out the divine hand and touched my mouth; and GoD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.
- ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over empires, 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.



- ¹ In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame.
- ² In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free; incline your ear to | me and save me.
- ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe; you are my crag | and my stronghold.
- ⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor. R
- ⁵ For you are my hope, | O Lord GOD, my confidence since | I was young.
- 6 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.

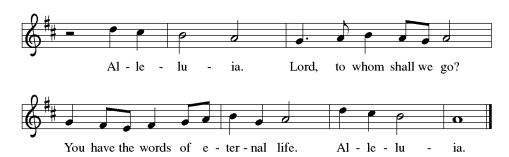
¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ 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. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Then Jesus began to say to all in the synagogue in Nazareth, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove Jesus out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON We Were Built For This

Please stand as able

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

APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we 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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new thing you are doing. Grant us the courage of Jeremiah to not only hear your call to work for justice and peace in this world, but to take the actions you set before us to bring your kin-dom to reality. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Embolden leaders of this nation to speak up, act, and demand a halt to the horrific executive orders being doled out daily from the highest office in our land. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need. Help us to know how to respond and care for those in harm's way. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Provide for those whose suffering runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness. We pray for the elderly, transgender/gender non-conforming, and vulnerable among us facing uncertainty regarding the future of their healthcare. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the young people in our congregation. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us. Continue showing us new ways of doing ministry with and for teens, young adults, and young families so that all your people may experience the free gift of your gospel and the blessing of community. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You form all humanity to bear your divine image, and you intend for everyone to live together in harmonious dignity. We pray for all people, whether ourselves or others, who suffer the cruelties of racial or ethnic prejudice. We cry out to you on behalf of your precious children who suffer from homophobia, transphobia, or sexism. Grant your Spirit of power to all who are oppressed. Give healing to victims of violence, protection to the vulnerable and abused, better housing and worthy employment to the mistreated, courage to the fearful, and a remedy for the rage felt in response to current events. Purge the privileged of their sense of superiority, and lead church and society to foster communities of equity and diversity. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Celebrating Groundhog's Day this morning, we pray especially for Phil, the simple groundhog whose morning was interrupted by flashing cameras and a flurry of excitement over his sleeping schedule. No matter if winter is cut short or predicted to last longer, help each of us to remember that your light shines in the dark places of our hearts and this world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He Comes to Us as One Unknown Music REPTON by C. H. H. Parry, arranged by Michael Burkhardt, Text by Timothy Dudley-Smith Adult Choir

He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard; as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown, a pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart; half seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky of night within the heart, of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam; yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth; to bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name, for ev'ry child of earth, for ev'ry child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored; the Christ in all the scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not unknown, Savior and our Lord, our Savior and our Lord.

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. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

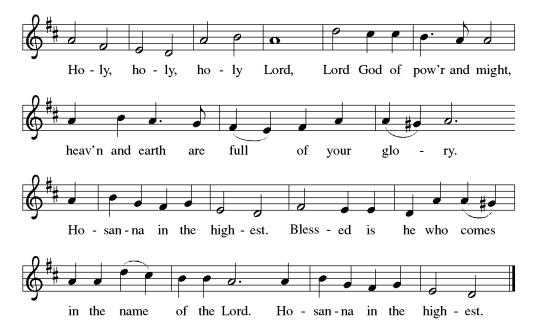
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

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:



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

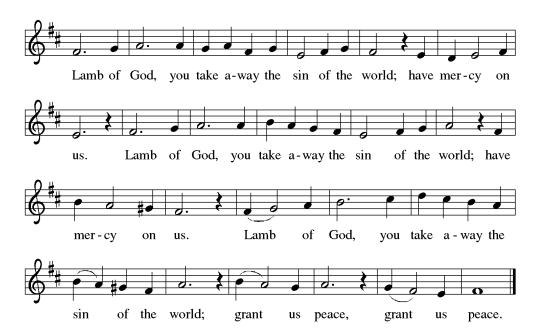
COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice.

Gluten free wafers are available.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling, To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.

Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the

Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.

This Little Light of Mine

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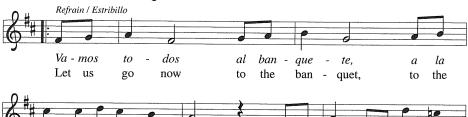
This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

Vamos todos al banquete

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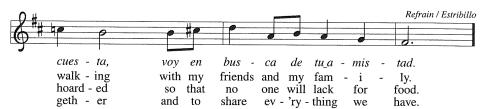
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- Dios nos manda_a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde_haya_igualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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

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

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God

+ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen

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.

Trust in the strength of the community we have built together.

Believe that God created us for such a time as this.

Give us courage.

Make us brave.

Bless us with grit that we may follow Jesus and change the world for good.

Thanks be to God.

Following worship, everyone is invited to gather for refreshments and fellowship on the front lawn.

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