

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Third Sunday after
Epiphany



The glory of the LORD is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MOMENT, PRAYER PETITIONS,
PRELUDE, REFLECTION, LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

Amen.

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and loving God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus:

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon me to proclaim release to the captives."

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the LORD is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"God, Whose Almighty Word", LBW 400



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,
in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light!
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed LORD God, you have caused the Holy Scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our LORD.

Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Psalm 19**

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

THE SECOND LESSON: **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the
body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we
were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all
made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot
would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not
make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not
an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the
body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole
body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged
the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single
member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one
body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the
head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the
body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body
that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable
members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable
members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater
honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body,
but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member
suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together
with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has
appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds
of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various

kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

Those able, please stand

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the fourth chapter.



¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the LORD.



Please sit

SERMON: PASTOR JAMIE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Let Streams of Living Justice", ELW 710



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

THE PRAYERS

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Empower bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, evangelists, and all members of Christ's body with your Spirit. Open our hearts to hear your word of life and respond in lives of service. LORD, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the earth. For all creatures of the land, air, and water. Heal environments damaged by disaster or pollution. Make us wise stewards of all you have entrusted into our care. LORD, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the nations. Liberate us from our captivity to fear and ways of violence. Free those who are unjustly imprisoned and those who are imprisoned for working for freedom. Give us vision to seek the pathways of peace. LORD, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those in need. Rescue those who suffer abuse or neglect. Bring an end to hunger and greed. Accompany those who are alone or vulnerable. Comfort those who grieve and all who are ill (*especially*). LORD, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For this assembly. Bless those who proclaim your word and those who teach. Bless those whose talents are not recognized, and teach us to honor the gifts of all your people. LORD, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have gone before us in the faith (*especially Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe*). Wipe away all tears and bring us with them into the joy of the resurrection. LORD, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our LORD.


Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you always.

And also with you.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation,
All you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread
from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might
be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and
LORD
Amen.

THE 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 God thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE (Pastor)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of
your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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.

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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the LORD's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LORD, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 AGNUS DEI



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 DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"One Bread, One Body", WOV 710

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say", TFF 62

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come
 2 With pit - y - ing eyes the Prince of Peace be -

un - to me and rest, and rest; lay down, thou wea - ry
 held our help - less grief, our grief; he saw, and oh, a -

one, lay down thy head up - on my breast."
 maz - ing love! He came to our re - lief.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me, let the light from the
 light-house shine on me. Oh, shine on me, shine on
 me, let the light from the light-house shine on me.

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

☪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
 Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
 He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE PRAYER

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD.

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"In Christ There is no East or West"



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.