

# *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church*

January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022

Third Sunday after Epiphany



God's glory 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 God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

- PRELUDE
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*For sections with an \*, please stand as you are able*

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## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
 who creates us,  
 redeems us,  
 and calls us by name.

**ALL: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**ALL: 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 called 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.**

L: 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.

**ALL: Amen.**

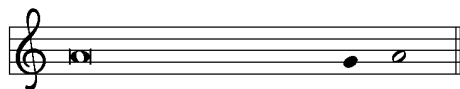
# \*OPENING HYMN: Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing - Green Book #559

## \*GREETING

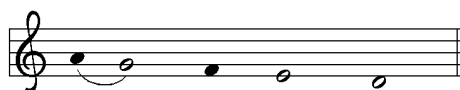
L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## \*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



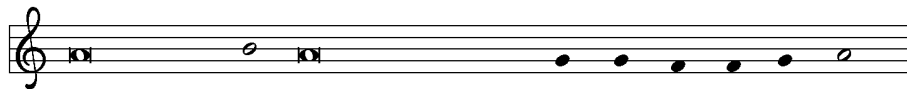
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

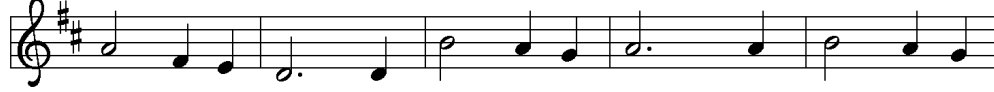
*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

L: 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.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

L: The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

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.”

L: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 19

*The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

L: <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**ALL: <sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language  
and their voices are not heard.

**ALL: <sup>4</sup>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.**

L: <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**ALL: <sup>6</sup>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.**

L: <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**ALL: <sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

L: <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**ALL: <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

L: <sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**ALL: <sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

L: <sup>13</sup>Above 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.

**ALL: <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your  
sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## SECOND READING: Corinthians 12:12-31a

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

L: <sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>For 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.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If 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. <sup>16</sup> And 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. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The 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.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and 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; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And 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. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

L: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21**

*Near the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>16</sup>When 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, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“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,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And 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. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill**

#### **\*APOSTLES CREED**

**ALL:**

**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 power of 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**

L: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*Each prayer ends with these words:*

L: God of grace,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

L: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

### **\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the LORD be with you always.  
**ALL: And also with you.**

*\*Please greet one another creatively – being mindful of physical distancing, with a sign of Christ's peace from where you are seated.*

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

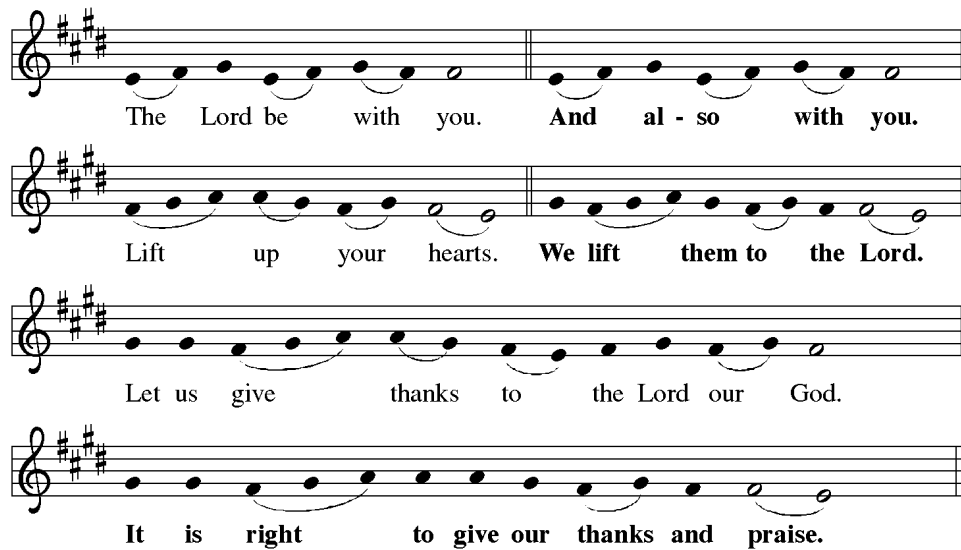
*Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the worship space. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.*

L: Blessed are you, O God,

**ALL: 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**

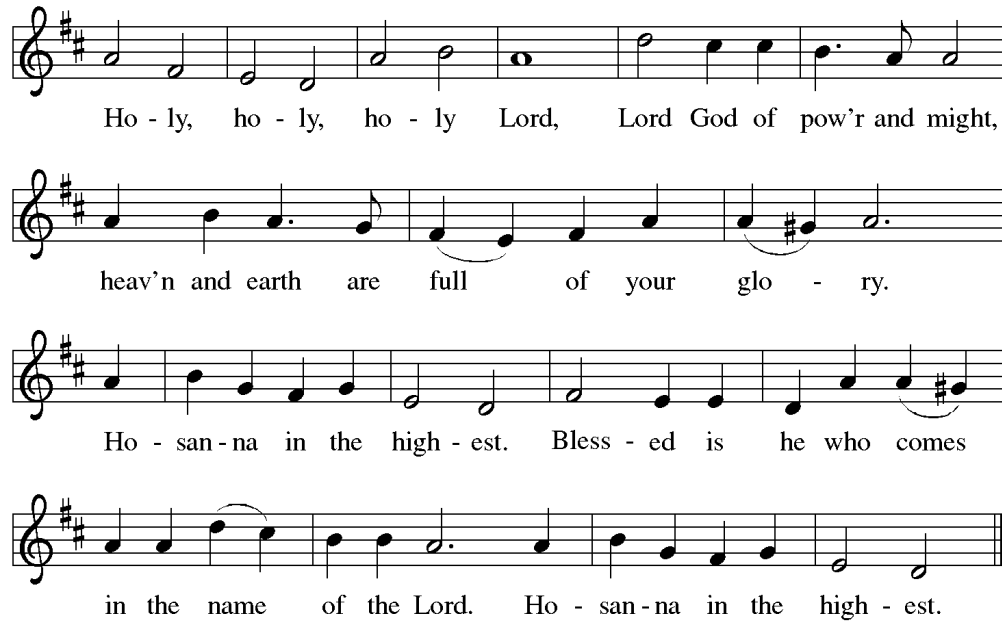
to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.  
Amen.

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

L: 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:



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.

L: 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.

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**ALL: 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.**

### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Come to God's table.  
 There is a place for you and enough for all.

## **THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.*

### **\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: 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.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **\*BLESSING**

L: 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.

**ALL: Amen**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve - Blue Book # 723**

### **\*DISMISSAL**

L: Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### **Office hours**

**Pastor Rick:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Tracy:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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*God's love is powerful...powerful enough to wade through our doubts, fears, and challenges.  
And, God's love is for YOU and ALL!*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Please pray for:

➤ *The family and friends of:*

- *Dottie Mekeel*
- *Ed Hutter*
- *Roy Bauer*



➤ *Thanksgiving for a successful pacemaker surgery for Harold Gardner, and healing & recovery*

➤ *Strength and healing for:*

- *All individuals and families who have Covid*
- *Jim Kidder - patience awaiting heart surgery*
- *Ward "Spootie" Bruning - continued recovery*
- *Rodney Bower - recovery from illness*
- *Harold Gardner- continued healing and thanksgiving*
- *Diane Hurne - continued healing*
- *Lucas - continued strength and healing*
- *Helmut Bauder - continued healing*

Counters: January: Jennifer Kleparek

## **Annual Meeting**

Our annual congregational meeting will be NEXT WEEK following worship.  
Please join us!

## **Choir**

Choir is meeting on Wednesday nights from 7-8 pm. All are welcome, don't be shy! We are always in need of more voices.

## **Adult Forum**

Adult forum is postponed *until February 20<sup>th</sup> following worship*. All are welcome! We restart by exploring a new social statement recently developed by the ELCA called "Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action." Join us in the fellowship hall...the coffee will be on!

## **Bible Study**

Bible Study has resumed and will continue to run every Thursday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 pm through February 24th. Remember those places we heard about over Advent and Christmas: Bethlehem, the Fields where the Shepherds saw an angel, Jerusalem, and more? They are coming up in Part II! Join us here at church, or online via Zoom (use Meeting ID: 834 1294 8039 and Passcode: 102790).

## **Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes are in and can be picked up in the narthex if you haven't done so.