



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



February 13th, 2022

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed are" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

- PRELUDE
- WELCOME
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*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.

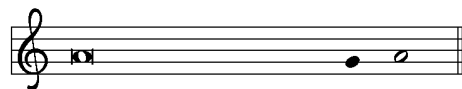
***OPENING HYMN: Let Justice Flow Like Streams - Blue Book: #763**

***GREETING**

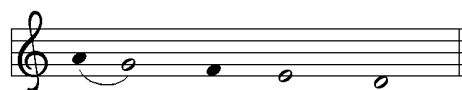
L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.



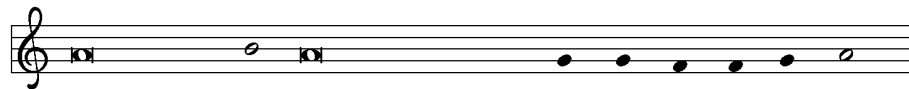
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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-ty 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: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

L: ⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 1

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

L: ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**ALL: ²Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

L: ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**ALL: ⁴It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L: ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**ALL: ⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

L: ¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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 6:17-26

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: ¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Mary Wolf

***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.

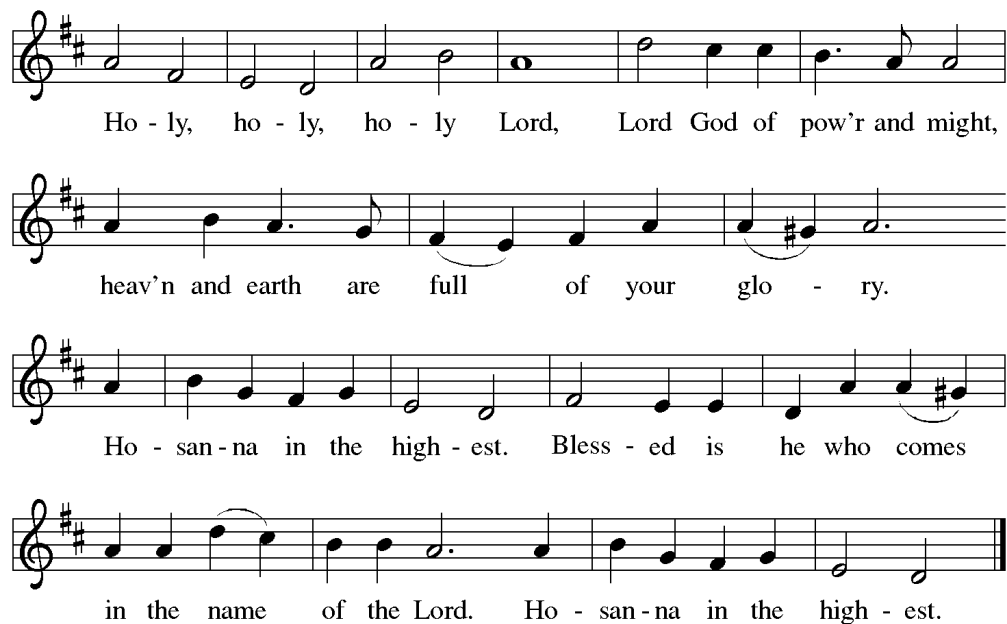
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: Jesus, The Very Thought of You - Green Book #316

To be sung after 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: Will You Come and Follow Me?**

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



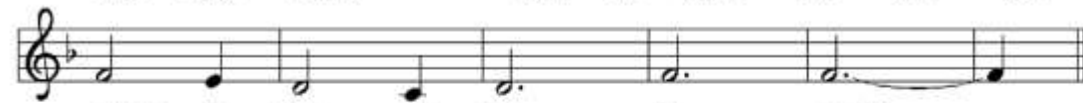
know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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***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.

Pastor will be out of the office from February 11th - 14th. Pastor Serena will be on call: 716-510-2939.

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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:*

- *Doug Dailey*
- *Marion Schmigel*
- *Mike Logel*
- *Jeanette Lewanowski*



➤ *Thanksgiving for: Good test results for Kevin Kruschke*

➤ *Strength and healing for:*

- *All individuals and families who have Covid*
- *Sue Grill - hospitalized from fall*
- *Sue Wiley - hospitalized with pneumonia*
- *Craig Blake - remains in ICU with hypothermia*
- *David Finger - healing*
- *Kelsey Brownell - healing from a broken elbow*
- *Woofers Stone - hospitalized with Covid*
- *Mike Engler - hospitalized with Covid*
- *Linda Laurie - healing from eye surgery*
- *Pastor Robert Dean - recovering from Covid*
- *Wilbur Stone - recovering from Covid*
- *Jim Kidder - patience awaiting heart surgery - February 17th*

Counters: February: Paula. March: Mary Lou. April: Donna

We welcome Mary Wolf as she leads worship with us today!

**Mary is a lay worship leader, or what our Synod refers to as a
Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM).**

We give thanks for Mary and for her ministry in this capacity.

Sunday School

Sunday School is TODAY at 10:45 following worship!

Souper Bowl of Caring

The Souper Bowl was started by a few teens wanting to help the hungry back in 1990. Trinity got involved in about 2000. The collection started by people giving a can of soup, or \$1.00 (which is what a can of soup cost in the early 1990's!)

Last year over \$9 million was raised. The creative idea of supporting a person's favorite team was added by putting up 2 soup kettles - one for the NFC team and one for the AFC team. You could vote by dropping \$1.00 or more into the kettle of your choice. Trinity has picked the winning team 75% of the time! You are asked to support the Community of Good Neighbors by placing your donation into the kettle of your choice, tune into the Super Bowl, and know that you have helped support a ministry that reaches out to the less fortunate in the Buffalo area.

Lutheran Charities

Dear Friends,

Please help Lutheran Charities in its goal to raise **\$80,000** for grant underwriting for various WNY service organizations by joining in the **Virtual W-I-N-E-O tasting on February 17th**. The registration deadline for our Virtual Wine Tasting event has been extended until Monday the 14th to allow for one last congregational push. Find details and registration online at: wnylutherancharities.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

Jessica Lawrence, Office Administrator

Installation of new council members

The 2022 church council will be installed during worship on Sunday, February 20th.

Worship & Music Committee

Our next committee meeting will be Wednesday, February 23rd from 6-7 pm (before choir rehearsal). If you have an interest or gifts in worship leadership and/or church music, you're invited to join us as we make plans for the next few months of worship services, and talk about what makes worship at Trinity special and ways we can continue to make it meaningful and impactful for our community.

Lenten Midweek Devotions

Join us Wednesday evenings during Lent from 6:30-7:15 as we take a look at *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects* by Jill L. Duffield. God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice. *Lent in Plain Sight* draws our attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem.

This year our church will use the season of Lent to facilitate conversation and connection to each other and the meaning of this time in the church year. The goal of these devotions will be to focus on spiritual lessons and recognize how the seemingly ordinary can reveal the extraordinary presence of God in our lives.

Lenten Diaper Collection

This Lent the entire Upstate New York Synod is collecting...Diapers!

What are the consequences of diaper need? One in three families suffers from diaper need in the US. Based on present funding in NYS and many other areas in the US, diapers cannot be purchased with food stamps. Babies who remain too long in a soiled diaper are exposed to increased health risks and concerns. Diaper need creates additional stress and concern for the family as well. Most child care centers, even free and subsidized facilities, require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers; therefore, many parents cannot go back to work or school if they cannot leave their babies at child care.

Stay tuned for more details!

Choir

Choir is meeting on Wednesday at 7:15pm immediately following Lenten Devotions. All are welcome, don't be shy! We are always in need of more voices.

Adult Forum

Adult forum is coming up on *February 20th 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).