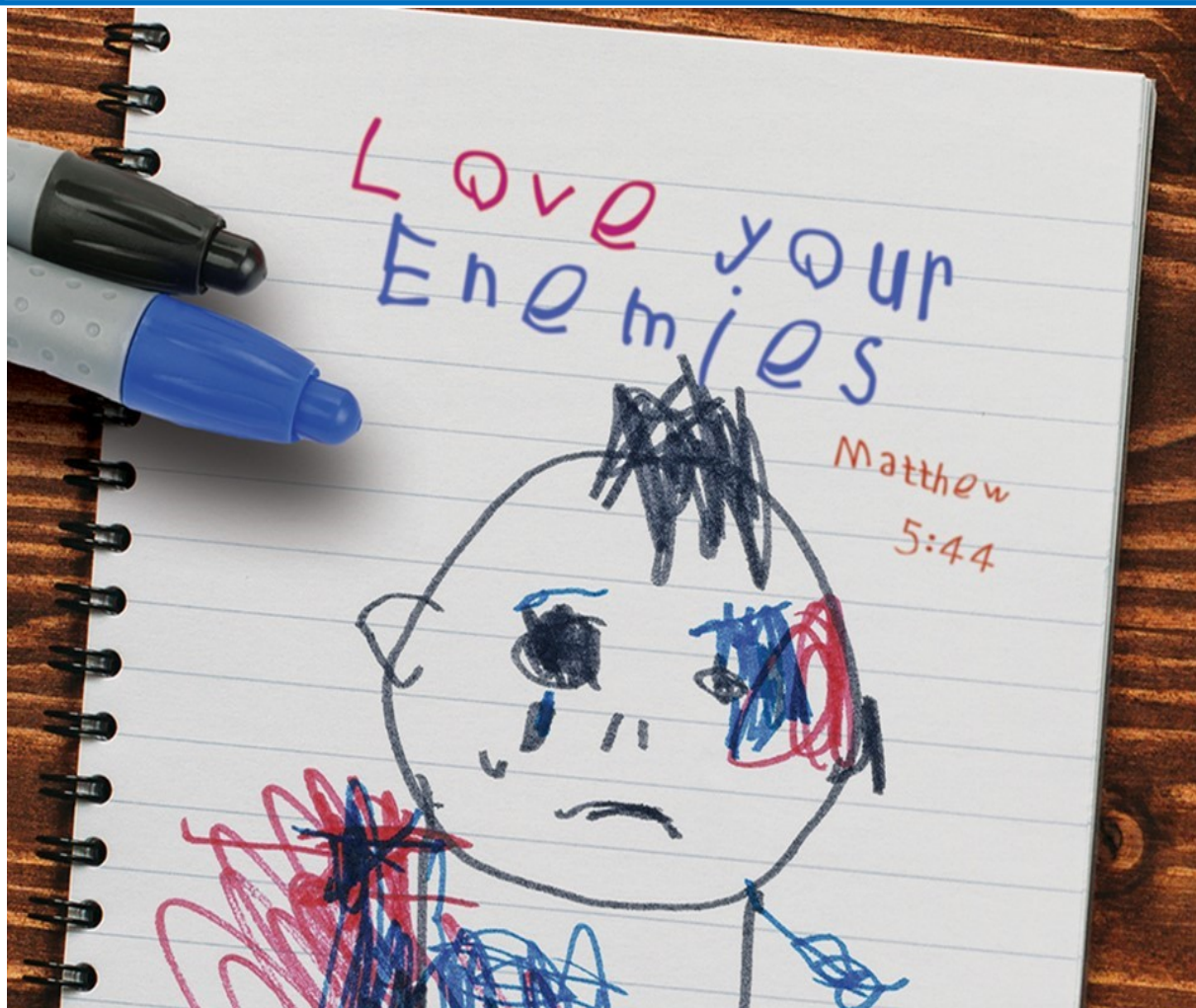


TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Service of Holy Eucharist—Setting 3

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available in the glass chalice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform the Pastor.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany:

In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Loving God,
we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.
Forgive us for the times
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

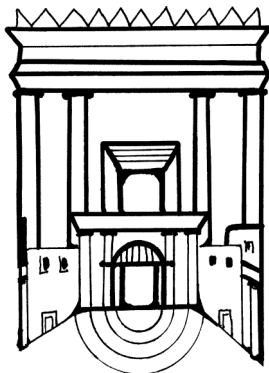
Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out.
God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now:
Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of ✝ Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *"Built on a Rock"* (ELW 652)


GREETING

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

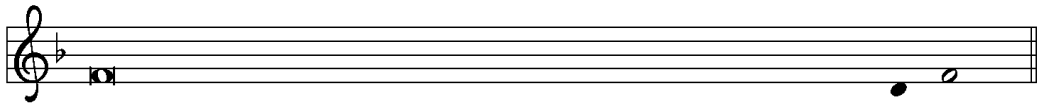
And also with you.




KYRIE



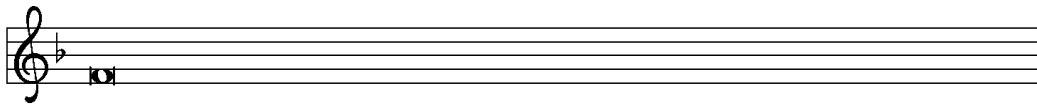
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



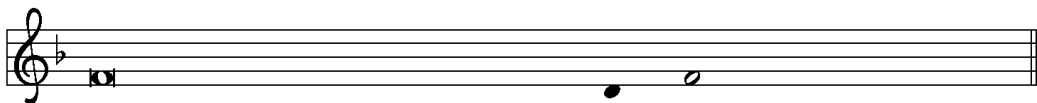
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



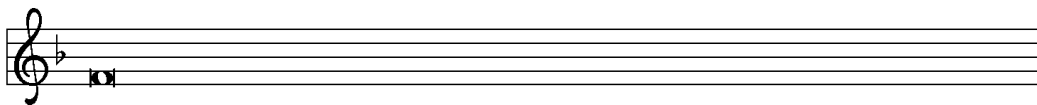
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



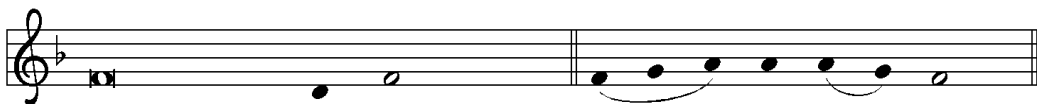
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



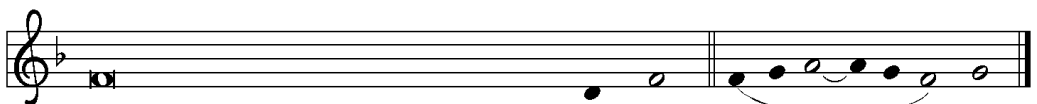
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



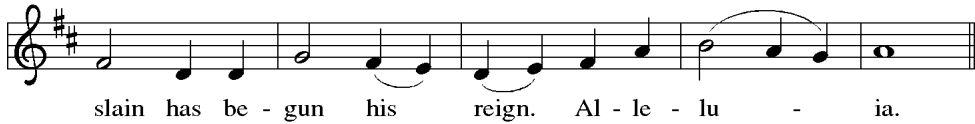
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The prayer is spoke by all.

Let us pray.

Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Be Still”

(By Rick Sowash, Psalm 46)

Be still and know that I am God

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy since God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

A reading from Leviticus

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

The psalm for the day is sung.

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judg- | ments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church and its ministry. We are God's temple because God's Spirit dwells in us, and we belong to Christ. Hence we are called to build wisely upon this sure foundation not for our own benefit but for others to experience Christ's benefits.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

“He catches the wise in their craftiness,”

²⁰and again,

“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,
that they are futile.”

²¹So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, ²³and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



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



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

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares an end to the law of vengeance. God's people will respond to evil with love and forgiveness.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³⁸“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

All children are welcome to come forward to hear a special message for them.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” (ELW 729)

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

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

A brief silence.

Make the church in every land holy as you are holy, O God. Join the voices of rich and poor, young and old, friends and enemies, in praise of you. Orchestrate harmony among us.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for clean air, clean water, and clean soil. Renew the sky, land, and waterways. Teach us how to care for the earth as you desire. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for an end to war and for peace throughout the world. Prosper the work of peacemakers, erase hatred, and stop violence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who live with cognitive disorders or eating disorders. Provide them with supportive communities. Restore the forgotten; comfort the mourning; heal the hurting, especially for Pastor Rachel Larson; Dan Groathouse; Eleanore Barrett; Monica Galbraith; Martha Ensley; Ruth Castor; Kol Gossett; Sandy Howell, and Ann Nelson.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are discerning a call to ministry and those who accompany them. Empower them with your grace and wisdom to continue building on the foundation of faith we have in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you invite us to live lives of nonviolent resistance. You call us to love neighbors and enemies. Break down the walls that are within so that we may open our kitchens to starving young boys. Help us seek out a faith that considers others above our own desires. Help us to keep your Son, Jesus between all our relationships. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful departed and we pray for those who will die today. Hold them in your loving embrace. Breathe your Spirit of peace into them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: “*Create in Me a Clean Heart*” (ELW 188)

The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

Merciful God,
receive the gifts we bring,
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our 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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

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

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

We who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” (ELW 708)

“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup” (ELW 492)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now—

today, tomorrow, every day—

that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God,

Father, Son, and ✠ Holy Spirit,

Keep you in his light, truth, and love.

Amen.

PARISH SHARING TIME

*Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly’s participation in
God’s mission in the world.*

SENDING HYMN: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” (ELW 707)

The assembly stands.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, communities around the world flock to worship to receive a cross of ash on their forehead. During the imposition of ashes, we say the words from Genesis, “You are dust and to dust you shall return.” In today’s culture, the media loves stories of people who have crashed and risen from the ruins. We believe in death and resurrection; this crashing and rising is part of our theological experience through Lent and Holy Week. We are often changed through crisis and for many, new birth follows the ashes. Join us on Ash Wednesday, **March 1st**, to remember the Biblical story of creation, the reality of death, and the promise of hope to come.

Lent 2017

As someone who enjoys tinkering, for years I have used the excuse of a project to buy a new tool. I bought a saw to make flower boxes for my mother-in-law, a sander to refinish the table in my office in college. We need tools and use tools every day. A computer, a needle for cross-stitching, a welder, a lawn mower, and a phone are just a few tools we use.

When it comes to living out a faithful life, we also use tools. We need tools to have good relationships, tools to reach out to our neighbors in faith, tools to build, and tools to take down. Tools can help us perform a task with ease and tools can help us bring out the beauty that is within. Join me on Wednesday nights during this season of Lent to talk about tools and how we use them in our everyday lives of faith.

March 8	Hammer
March 15	Chisel
March 22	Tape Measure
March 29	Paint Brush
April 5	Biscuit Jointer

Serving the Church

THIS WEEK—February 19, 2017

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Keith
Lector: 9:00AM Terri Rittenburg
Acolyte: 9:00AM Madie Jablin
Ushers: 9:00AM Bobbie & Al Schimek
Greeters: 9:00AM Lois & Edward Hiller
Nursery: 9:00AM Kate Jablin

NEXT WEEK—February 26, 2017

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Keith
Lector: 9:00AM Laura Buckner
Acolyte: 9:00AM Aidan Lovato
Ushers: 9:00AM The Anderson Family
Greeters: 9:00AM Judi Weatherwax
Mike Smith
Nursery: 9:00AM MaryGrace Buckner

Stewards: Stephen Boss & Mark Stayton

Altar Guild: Barb Rouse

Coffee Fellowship: Freezer Goodies!

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This is Christ's church...

There is a place for you here.