

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Jan 29, 2023

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Reader: Abby Haff

Communion Assistant:

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Fellowship: Sarah & Abby Haff

NEXT SUNDAY — Feb 5, 2023

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People of Trinity, as you know, ministry in the Rocky Mountain Synod is facing many challenges. One reality Wyoming congregations are experiencing is the lack of pastoral candidates for their ministry. Currently half of the congregations in Wyoming are open to call a pastor, but there are no candidates interviewing for these positions. The ELCA is experiencing a pastor shortage, and we are witnessing this reality.

As we witness a pastor shortage, we are challenged to find pulpit supply when Pastor Nate is away. This challenge offers us a new way of doing ministry, which is scary and exciting. As a congregation, we will need to find leaders who have the gift of preaching and leading worship...and the leaders needed are in our own pews. Our preaching ministry is not just a call for Pastor Nate, but it is also a call for members to rise and share their gifts in preaching.

The Rocky Mountain Synod is hosting a preaching course for pastors and congregation members that offers a shared ministry model for Trinity. If you would like to grow your gifts of preaching and worship leadership with God's people at Trinity Lutheran, please reach out to Pastor Nate. We are better together as we lean into this new reality. If we can find 3-5 members to navigate this side of ministry together, I believe that we will be readier for success as the wider church experiences great change. Please pray and discern how you might participate in Trinity's ministry.

Trinity Lutheran Church



**January 29, 2023
4th Sunday of Epiphany**

PRELUDE:

This Little Light of Mine (arr. Debbie & Ernie Rettino)

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN:

God of Grace and God of Glory (ELW 705)



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

SENDING HYMN:

Let Streams of Living Justice Flow (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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *All the People Said Amen*

(Matt Maher, Paul Moak, Trevor Morgan)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

Day by Day (Stephen Schwartz)

Let Justice Flow like Streams (ELW 717)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our lord and savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

Holy One,

**we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

**Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,**

and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

EPIPHANY DIALOGUE

It is you who light my lamp; you, my God,
who lights up the darkness.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?**

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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


Refrain




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**


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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *We Are Called* (ELW 720)

1. Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

3. Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Liberating God,

**you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

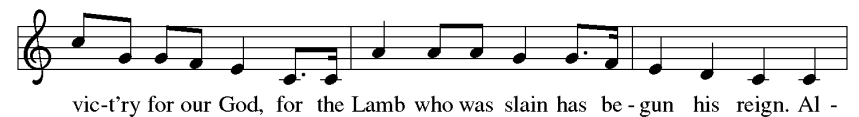
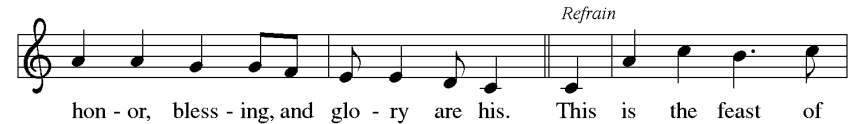
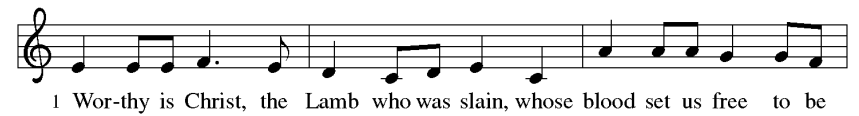
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made.

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need. Prosper the work of peacemakers.

As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place.

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who
fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their
word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take
bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are
perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For
it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the
debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the
world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know
God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our
proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs
and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a
stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those
who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God
and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human
wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you
were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many
were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to
shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the
strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that
are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might
boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ
Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and
sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the
one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Word of God, word of life.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Blest Are They* (ELW 728)

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of God
Blest are they, full of sorrow
They shall be consoled.

Refrain

Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you; holy are you
Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones
They shall inherit the earth
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst
They shall have their fill. *Refrain*

3. Blest are they who show mercy
Mercy shall be theirs
Blest are they, the pure of heart
They shall see God. *Refrain*

4. Blest are they who seek peace
They are the children of God
Blest are they who suffer in faith
The glory of God is theirs. *Refrain*

5. Blest are you who suffer hate
All because of me
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom
Shine for all to see. *Refrain*