

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sunday, February 4, 2018
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to Trinity!

- Nursery attendants are available for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please ask an usher to get the attendant.
 - Pew pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row, then return them to the center aisle.
 - Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✙ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God. Therefore let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

Creator God,

You are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure.

We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love.

Amen.

Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace. In Jesus Christ ✙ we are forgiven.

Amen.

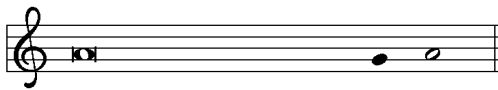
GATHERING HYMN: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (ELW 858)

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



Lord, have mer - cy.



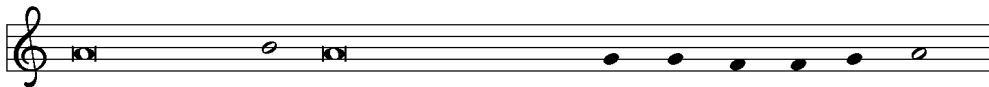
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ and spread the good news of your love for all people. Help us to become all things to all people that we might reach many with your good news.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *O Light of Light* (Richard Shephard, trans. Laurence Housman)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

A reading from Isaiah.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!
²**The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,**
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.
³The LORD heals the | brokenhearted
and binds | up their wounds.
⁴**The LORD counts the number | of the stars**
and calls them all | by their names.
⁵Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.
⁶**The LORD lifts | up the lowly,**
but casts the wicked | to the ground.
⁷Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp | to our God,
⁸**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds**
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains.
⁹God provides food | for the cattle
and for the young ravens | when they cry.
¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,**
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,
¹¹but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c}| Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” ³⁸He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (ELW 843)

APOSTLES’ CREED

The assembly stands to proclaim the 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

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church, its pastors, deacons, musicians, artists, teachers, seminarians, and all proclaimers of the gospel, that your gift of steadfast love and mercy will spread throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the earth and all living creatures, for those preparing fields for planting, and for favorable weather, that all of us who care for this life will find voice to help creation thrive, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all rulers of the earth in local, regional, national, and international offices, and those without the power of official office, that they will be given the courage to work for the protection of all people and act as servants of all, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who suffer this day: the sick and wounded, the grieving and brokenhearted, the hungry and exploited, those with malaria, and all who need our prayers, that they will be consoled and healed by health care workers, counselors, family, and friends, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who gather in fellowship and festivities, for the ministries of this congregation in our community and throughout the world, that in all our service we see ourselves centered around Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith and now sing praises around the throne of God, and that we be assured of the promise of everlasting life, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements will be made by the pastor and thanks given for what our offerings provide towards the church's mission.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (ELW 184)

The assembly stands for the presentation of the gifts.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

We sing to you, God with thanksgiving, making melody to you with our praise. Use these gifts to spread your gospel near and far, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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

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 assembly is seated.

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.

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.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Reflective music provided for Communion contemplation.

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 God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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.
In the name of the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *On Eagles’ Wings* (ELW 787)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trinity Happenings

Sunday, February 4	8:00 am	Campus Ministry team meeting
	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Gruver Room remodel team meeting
Wednesday, February 7	10:00 am	Women's Bible study
	7:00 pm	Confirmation
Sunday, February 11 Campus Ministry Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	6:15 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday, February 13	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday	10:00 am	Making Sense of the Cross
	5:45 pm	Soup Supper
	6:00 pm	Making Sense of the Cross
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS: Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Joan Dana, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, Dick Babcock, JoAnn Merrill, and Gladys Crane. If there is someone that could be added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at missjennae@yahoo.com.

TRUMPET DEADLINE: Please submit any items for the weekly Trinity Trumpet **in writing** by 9 am on Wednesday. The Trumpet is emailed at noon each Wednesday.

LEADERSHIP LAB: Calling all incoming freshmen through seniors for the 2018/19 school year. Mark your calendar for **July 23-29th** because we are going to Lab. What is Lab you may ask? It is a wonderful place for you to grow as a leader in and outside of the church, make new friends, and experience worship in a whole new way! Please check out these websites below to learn more! When we have registration information we will let you all know. **<http://leadershiplab.net>** and on Facebook: **<https://www.facebook.com/leadershiplab/>** If you have questions you can contact Becky Dill. She will also be holding a meeting soon to provide more information about Lab. rdill@uwo.edu or 963-903-9863

MAKING SENSE OF THE CROSS SERIES: Join Pastor Nate for a six-session series on exploring the details of Jesus' death on the cross. We have a cross on our altar, we wear crosses around our necks, and we even place crosses on the top of our church structures. The image of the cross is everywhere, yet when we talk about the cross we are challenged emotionally and spiritually as we reflect on Jesus' death over 2000 years ago. If someone asked you what God accomplished on the cross, how would you respond? Join us as we put words to our faith this Lent. This series was designed by David Lose, who was a professor at Luther Seminary.

We are offering two classes each Wednesday at 10am or 6pm. The session will be the same for the morning and evening classes.

February 14	A Man Hanging on a Tree
February 21	Portraits and Perspectives
February 28	Ransom and Victory
March 7	Substitution, Satisfaction, and Sacrifice
March 14	Example and Encouragement
March 21	Event and Experience

THANK YOU!: Trinity Lutheran thanks all who were involved with the annual meeting last Sunday. We thank those who helped set up tables and place settings, those who brought food, and those who cleaned up. Trinity also thanks Andrea for setting up our media and for council and executive members who led our ministries this last year. Events like our annual meetings are wonderful examples of a diverse community that comes together in Christ's name to serve one another, our community and world.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: During Lent, Trinity will be holding soup suppers before each Wednesday night worship service. The suppers will start at 5:45 pm, but come any time you are able. There will be plenty of time to eat, join in the Making Sense of the Cross study group if you wish, and enjoy some fellowship with your fellow Trinitarians and friends before coming upstairs for Holden Evening Prayer. Sign-up sheets for soups, breads/crackers, and desserts are posted in the Gruver Room. Please sign up to bring something if you are able!

COMMITTEE NIGHTS: As a congregation, we are focusing a good portion of our time on committee structuring. Trinity's committee structure had 11 different groups which rarely met this last year. We recently moved to a 3 group committee structure and it is our hope to start meeting on Tuesday, February 27. We are planning to meet the 4th Tuesday of each month. We will begin as a large group at 7pm for 15 minutes. The groups will then split to meet as their committee. We are asking all groups to be done no later than 8:15pm to honor time and keep groups focused.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MILESTONE: All children in kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to attend a two-session Holy Communion Milestone workshop in March. On Sunday, March 4, we will talk about Holy Communion during the Sunday school hour. On Sunday, March 25, we will paint our own chalices during Sunday school. For those young people who have not made their First Holy Communion yet, we will celebrate that milestone during worship on Maundy Thursday, March 29, when our new communicants will receive the blood of Christ from their own chalices. Please pray for our young people as they mark this milestone in their faith lives!

Readings for Next Sunday, February 11, 2018 — Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

*****Find the weekly lectionary readings and more at www.textweek.com**

Wednesday
February 14



5:45 pm - Soup Supper
6 pm - Making Sense of the Cross
7 pm - Worship

Vessels



7 pm each Wednesday in Lent
Feb 21-March 21

Serving the Church

THIS WEEK — February 4, 2018

NEXT WEEK — February 11, 2018

Lector: Laura Buckner

Ushers: Mike Smith
Al & Bobbie Schimek

Greeters: Iris Brunett
Sharon Leder

Nursery: Madie Jablin

Stewards: Jennifer Zenor
Mark Stayton

Altar Guild: Barb Rouse

Fellowship: Diane Fiedler and Mike Smith

Flowers: OPEN

Lector: OPEN

Ushers: OPEN

Greeters: OPEN

Nursery: Marygrace Buckner

Stewards: Jennifer Zenor
Mark Stayton

Altar Guild: Barb Rouse

Fellowship: Molly Bredehoff

Flowers: OPEN

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