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***God of all creation who gives us this beautiful day
and life itself,
who hung the stars in the sky,
and who also generously provides our daily bread,
we welcome you into our presence.
Dear Lord, what can I do for you today?***

January 28, 2018 — Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Mark 1:14-20

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

PRAYER

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

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

C Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Loving God,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

ELW HYMN 519

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

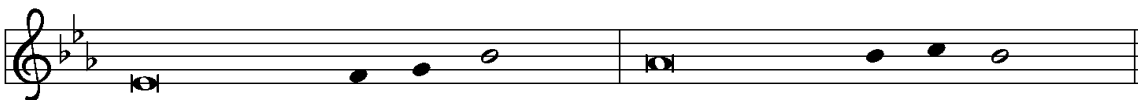
[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Sung responsively



¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²**Great are your | works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- | light in them.**

³Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.
⁴**You cause your wonders to | be remembered;**
you are gracious and full | of compassion.
⁵You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.
⁶**You have shown your people the power | of your works**
in giving them the lands | of the nations.
⁷The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.
⁸**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,**
because they are done in | truth and equity.
⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;
holy and awesome | is your name.
¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;**
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- |
dures forever.

SECOND READING: 1ST CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about how some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable, believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause a sister or brother to sin.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But

when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us: speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: MARK 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”

¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME & SERMON

INTERIM PASTOR ALAN SAATKAMP

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW HYMN 665

Please stand for the final stanza of the hymn.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C 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.

THE PRAYERS

A 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.

A For those who speak your word throughout the church in the world, O God, especially St. Andrew Lutheran in Columbia, Holy Cross Lutheran in Creve Coeur, Redeemer Lutheran in Desoto, and Community Lutheran in Eagle Rock, Missouri, and for educational institutions that prepare leaders, that you will lift up prophets in our congregations, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the works of God revealed in and through creation, for an end to pollution and unjust use of natural resources, and for good weather this season, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For peace and justice throughout the world, for political leaders at all levels, and for those who provide public services, that you will grant them wisdom as they carry out their tasks, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the homeless, the unemployed, and their advocates; for the sick, the suffering, and their caregivers; and for the weak in body, mind, and

spirit especially Gay Marker, Jane Velen, Mike Andrews, Patsy Frison, and Walt Laughlin, that your compassion be felt by all in need, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those in our congregation celebrating special events, for those missing from our worship today, and for friends and family, especially CPO Nathan Andrews, Joe Webb, and Debbie Webb, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For Keith Springer and Bonnie Adams as they celebrate their birthdays this week; and for Ron Axelton, Mary Heald, and Jeff Longren as they remember their baptisms, that they may have joy, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who witnessed your love in their lives and in this world, that through them our own faith will grow stronger, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P 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.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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

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

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Alan Saatkamp, 605-214-1469.

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments after worship.

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Jan. 28, 2018 Annual Meeting	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackon	Mary Heald	Loni Reece	Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Dean McGinnis	Bob Horton	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
Feb. 4, 2018	Ed Emmons	Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Erin Lewis	Cindy McGinnis & Team One	Bob & Janeen Horton	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
Feb. 11, 2018	Shelley Andrews	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson	Cindy McGinnis & Team One	Bob & Pam Kobbeman	Mary Heald	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
Feb. 14, 2018 Ash Wednesday				Martha Nemeth		Cindy McGinnis & Team One		Ted Murphy	Pr. Alan Saatkamp

Please Notice This



Members & visitors, please take note of the pew record books in your pew, fill out the information for yourself and pass it along to the other persons in your pew. This will help us keep up with prayer needs in your family and maintain our records of membership and attendance. Thanks!

Today, January 28, 2018

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

2018 Annual Meeting

The meeting will be held in the sanctuary, immediately after worship.

We must have 50 eligible voting members in attendance in order to conduct business, which will include ratification of our updated constitution, in addition to normal business. Here is the definition of an eligible voter:

Chapter 8. MEMBERSHIP *C8.02

b. Confirmed members are baptized persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith.

c. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, shall have communed and made a contribution of record.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Dec. 31	\$424.00	\$0.00	\$102.00	\$0.00	\$526.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$2,117.92	22/19
Jan. 7	\$2,435.00	\$235.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$2,730.00	-\$2,643.92	\$86.08	44/41
Jan. 14	\$2,586.00	\$110.00	\$33.00	\$0.00	\$2,729.00	-\$2,643.92	\$85.08	28/23
Jan. 21	\$2,184.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,184.30	-\$2,643.92	-\$459.62	40/37
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.								
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead			
		December 2017	\$18,871.00	-\$9,543.90	\$9,327.10			
		Jan. thru Dec.	\$123,441.25	-\$132,025.37	-\$8,584.12			

Please call the office, 233-0767, promptly about hospitalizations in our church family.



To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 249-7244 She will get the prayer chain started.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Jan. 28.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Confirmation Class	9:15 AM
.....	Annual Meeting	after worship
Mon., Jan. 29	Women's AA	5:00 PM
Tues., Jan. 30	Quilters.....	9:00 AM
Wed., Jan. 31	Women's AA	5:30 PM
Thurs., Feb. 1.....	Men's AA	7:00 PM
Sunday, Feb. 4	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Confirmation Class	9:15 AM
.....	Youth Group Meeting	5:30 PM

Pr. Alan will be in Topeka on Monday, January 28th and Tuesday, January 29th.

A FIBER ARTS WORKSHOP will be held on Saturday, February 17th from 8:30-noon, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church , 37th & Wanamaker. Workshops and presenters include: Quilt Art-Kathy Pflaum; Weaving-Lois Herr; Penny Rugs-Ann Marshall; Wet Felting-Lynda Miller/Barb Thomas-Whitaker; Needle Felting-Karen Taylor/Connie Ligon; Silk Scarf Dying-Roberta Moore-Meinzer. This event is free. Questions-contact Susan Thowe at srthowe@gmail.com or 969-4342. Sponsored by The Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka and Yak 'Yarn, Topeka.

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton
 Lucille Brill
 Peggy Buchholz
 Marlene Hassan
 Marie Henriksen
 Don Longren
 Shawn Nowak

Roy O'Neil
 Ron Owensby
 Keith Springer
 Naomi Walker
 Evelyn Johnson





The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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