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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 21, 2018 — Third Sunday after Epiphany



Mark 1:14-20

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10

Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

PRAYER

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Welcome & Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm 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 We

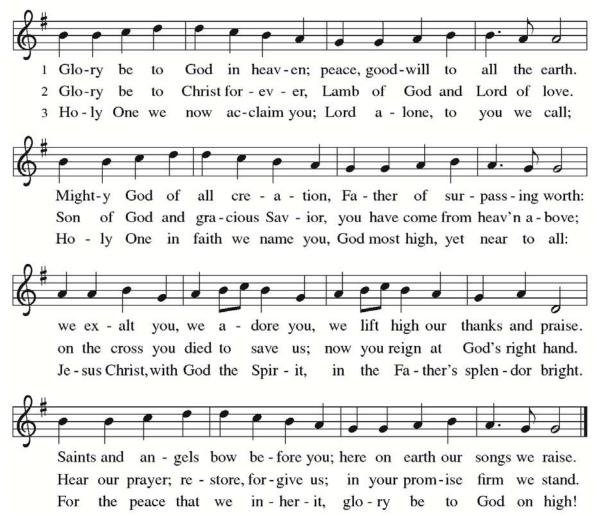
We Are Called

ELW HYMN 720

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be over-thrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:5-12



Sung responsively

⁵For God alone I | wait in silence;

truly, my hope | is in God.

⁶God alone is my rock and | my salvation,

my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.

⁷In God is my deliverance | and my honor;

God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

⁸Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,

pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge.

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;

though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,

that power be- | longs to God.

¹²Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord, for you repay all according | to their deeds.

SECOND READING: 1ST CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore **ELW HYMN 817** 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 the church in all its forms, for unity in Christ, and for those who proclaim the good news in word and deed, especially First Lutheran in Dorrance and Upper Wolf Lutheran in Robinson, Kansas, and Zion Lutheran in Ferguson, Missouri, that all trust that the kingdom of God has come near, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For clean water and air, for fertile lands, so that all creatures and people have enough food, nourishing drink, and breathable air, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For public defenders and district attorneys, for the armed forces and international peace organizations, and for all public leaders, that those in authority work for the well-being of all people, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For the poor and oppressed, for the bereaved, including the family of Howard Kunard, and for all people in need, especially Naomi Walker, Gay Marker, Don Longren, Lucille Brill, Kathryn Axelton, Jane Velen, Evelyn Johnson, Mike Andrews, Walt Laughlin, and Russell Winsor, that your power and compassion will be visible to those who need care and those who provide care, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For this congregation and its ministries, for visitors in our midst, and for students returning to school, that your Holy Spirit will guide us in all our endeavors, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For Ivan Carlson, Cathy Tunnell, Jerry Chelson, and Zane Kennedy as they celebrate their birthdays this week; and for Betty Patton and Matthew Kobbeman as they remember their baptisms, that they may have joy, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P In thanksgiving for those who have died, that their lives of faithful service point us to the steadfast love of Christ, 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

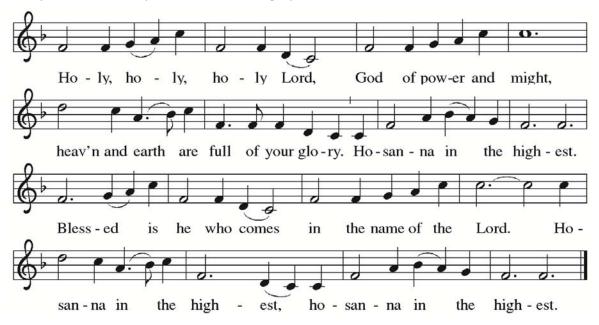


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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:



EUCHARISTIC 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.

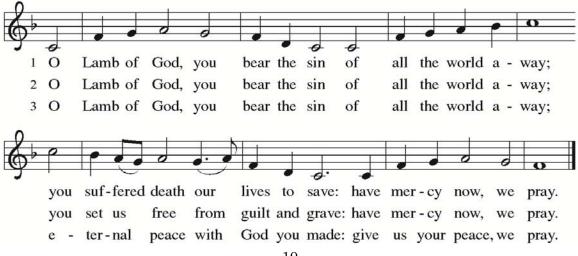
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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



We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

Note: we now have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light I Love to Tell the Story ELW HYMN 661

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

- P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A 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.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW HYMN 674

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

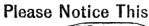
Welcome to worship at Trinity!

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 A	ssistants				
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Jan. 21, 2018	Martha Nemeth	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Ted Murphy	Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Howard & Loni Reece	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
Jan. 28, 2018 Annual Meeting	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackon	Ted Quast	Loni Reece	Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Dean McGinnis	Bob Horton	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
Feb. 4, 2018	Ed Emmons	Bob Horton		Marcy Carlson		Cindy McGinnis & Team One	Bob & Janeen Horton	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
Feb. 11, 2018	Shelley Andrews	Dean McGinnis		Diane Bottorff		Cindy McGinnis & Team One	Bob & Pam Kobbeman	Mary Heald	Pr. Alan Saatkamp



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!

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 2018 Annual Meeting January 28, 2018

The meeting will take place 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.

As noted above, we will be voting to ratify our revised, updated constitution. Copies of the constitution showing suggested changes were emailed and/or sent by US mail prior to the November special meeting; however, if you still need a copy to review prior to the Annual Meeting, please contact the church office by phone, 233-0767, or email, *office@topekatlc.org* and one will be provided to you.

A few copies of the annual report are available in the narthex if you would like to review before next Sunday's meeting.

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	Worship with Holy Communion Children's Sunday School Adult Sunday School Confirmation Class	9:00 AM 9:15 AM
	Youth Group Meeting	
Mon., Jan. 22	Women's AA	5:00 PM
	Quilters Topeka Lutheran Home Assoc. Meeting	
Wed., Jan. 24	Women's AA	5:30 PM
Thurs., Jan. 25	Men's AA	7:00 PM
	Worship with Holy Communion Children's Sunday School Adult Sunday School Confirmation Class Annual Meeting	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 9:15 AM

Pr. Alan will be in Lawrence on Monday, January 22nd, attending the Area 6 Ministry Palooza & in Topeka on Tuesday, January 23rd, visiting shut-ins.

We express our sympathies to the family of Howard Kunard, 92, who died Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at Midland Hospice House. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM, Monday, January 22, 2018, at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, 245 NW Independence Avenue, Topeka. Interment will be in Prairie Home Cemetery, NW 35th and Menoken Road, Topeka. Howard will lie in state after 2:00 PM, Sunday at the funeral chapel where the family will receive friends from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

You may have noticed that an altar flower sign-up chart has not been posted on the narthex bulletin board. There are two reasons for this: 1) while the chart itself is not expensive, shipping costs just about triple its price; 2) so few people have used the chart during the past two years that the expense does not seem justifiable.

If you want live altar flowers on a certain date, please call 233-0767, or email, *office@topekatlc.org*, the church office with the information for the bulletin.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
							Weekly Income	
						Average	Minus Average	
					Total Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Attendance/
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Income	Expense	Expense	Communion
Dec. 24	\$1,844.00	\$40.00	\$68.00	\$0.00	\$1,952.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$691.92	59/49
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
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	-\$122,481.47	\$959.78			

A FIBER ARTS WORKSHOP will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37th and Wanamaker, on Saturday, February 17th from 8:30-noon. Workshops will include quilt art, weaving, penny rugs, felting and silk scarf dying. This event is free and sponsored by The Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka and Yak 'N Yarn, Topeka.

The Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka will be sponsoring a **CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP** featuring local artist Lila Bartel on Saturday, March 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to noon with fun projects for children to take home. The free event is for children grades 2 to 6 and will be held at the former Avondale East Elementary school at 455 SE Golf Park Blvd. Questions and reservations-call Ann Mah at 266-9434 or email at <u>annmah@att.net</u>.

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.

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton Lucille Brill Peggy Buchholz Marlene Hassan Marie Henriksen Howard Kunard 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!

 $\mathbf{T}_{ogether}$ in Community • \mathbf{L}_{iving} with Christ • \mathbf{C}_{aring} for Neighbors

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