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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?

February 17, 2019

6th Sunday of Epiphany



Luke 6:17-26

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and the power to heal us all.

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C **Amen.**

P Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Mighty and loving God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

P Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, Love, How Deep

ELW HYMN 322

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.**

KYRIE

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

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 u - ni - ty 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.

HYMN 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. 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.

2 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.

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, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 17:5-10

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings (17:5-11) that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,

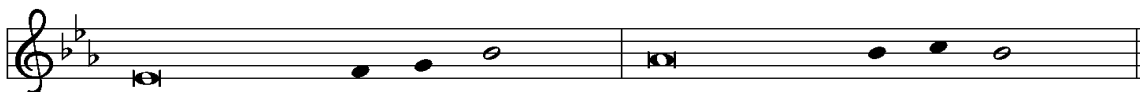
and its leaves shall stay green;
 in the year of drought it is not anxious,
 and it does not cease to bear fruit.
⁹The heart is devious above all else;
 it is perverse—
 who can understand it?
¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
 and search the heart,
 to give to all according to their ways,
 according to the fruit of their doings.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

Sung responsively



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
 nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!
²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,**
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.
³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
 leaves that | do not wither;
 everything they | do shall prosper.
⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.
⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
 nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

SECOND READING: 1ST CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not

raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17-26

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ELWYN LUBER

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blest Are They

ELW HYMN 728

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 United as one in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Raise up faithful leaders to proclaim the gospel. Guide us in the ways of love. Empower us in ministry and service. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the earth. Bless deserts and canyons, farmlands and vineyards. Bring sufficient rainfall to lands parched by drought, and restore places scorched by wildfire. Protect fragile environments from harm. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the nations. Grant wisdom to our elected leaders for the sake of the common good. Give courage to those who suffer persecution. Give patience and perseverance to those who work to bring an end to injustice. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For those in need. For those who do not have enough food; for those who lack money; for those who are estranged from their families; for those who worry about many things. Comfort those who mourn. Heal and strengthen those who are sick, especially Linda Longren, Russell Winsor, Susan Fitz, Jane Velen, Debbie Pomeroy, and Barbara Apps. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For this assembly and that of Trinity Lutheran in Hays, Faith Lutheran in Oberlin, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Prairie Village, Kansas, Immanuel Lutheran in Kansas City, and Lutheran Senior Services in St. Louis, Missouri. For newcomers, visitors, longtime members, and those who are absent from us today. Root us deeply in your word and increase our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For those celebrating life this week. Bless Howard Reece and Loretta Hoerman as they celebrate their birthdays and Troy Pomeroy and Brett Henry as they remember their baptisms and Sam & Charlotte Blenden as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Encourage us by their example and lead us in faith until we are united at your unending feast. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our 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 & OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

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 God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with
these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

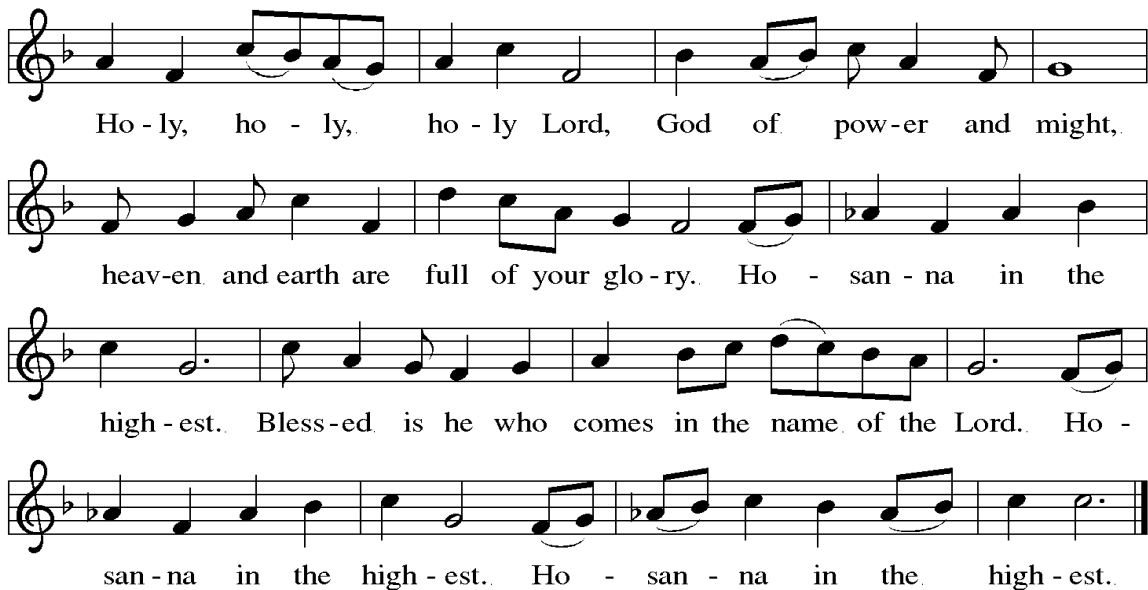
P Lift up your hearts.

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-en 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.

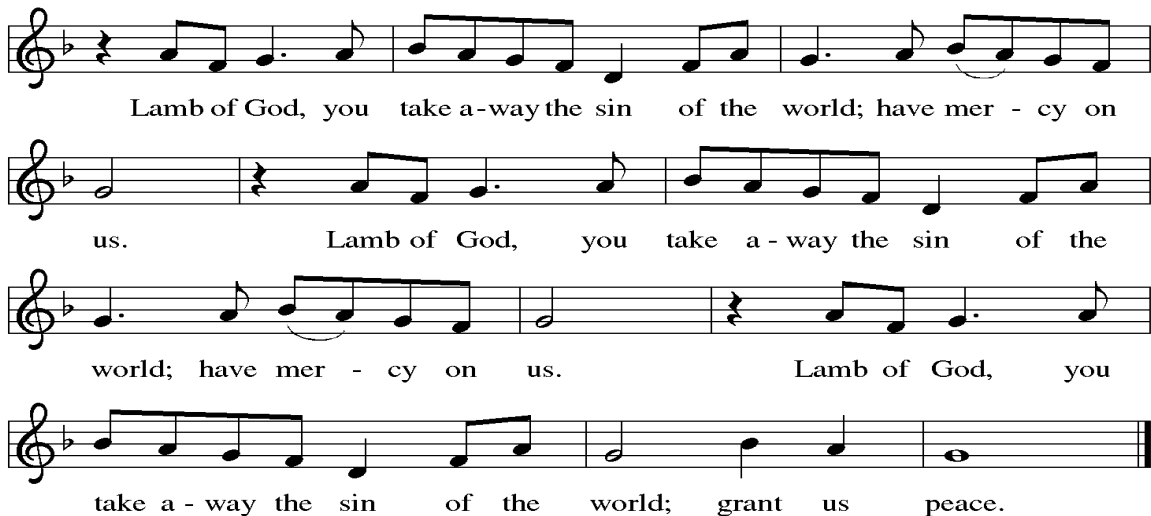
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

Please be 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.

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.

We 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>If You But Trust in God to Guide You</i>	ELW HYMN 769
	<i>We Come to the Hungry Feast</i>	ELW HYMN 479

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 We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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	<i>Canticle of the Turning</i>	ELW HYMN 723
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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We welcome Pastor Elwyn Luber as he leads us in worship today.

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, 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 contact the church office at 785.233.0767

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
February 17, 2019	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Bob Horton	Ted Murphy	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Junior & Liz Utech	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Elwyn Luber
February 24, 2019	Glenda Visocsky & Monica Spencer	Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	Junior Utech	Cindy McGinnis	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Bob & Pam Kobbeman	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Jan. 20	\$1,751.50	\$0.00	\$1,751.50	-\$2,648.00	-\$896.50	30/26
Jan. 27	\$1,314.99	\$225.00	\$1,539.99	-\$2,648.00	-\$1,108.01	44/42
Feb. 3	\$5,847.14	\$400.00	\$6,247.14	-\$2,648.00	\$3,599.14	55/49
Feb. 10	\$2,731.00	\$0.00	\$2,731.00	-\$2,648.00	\$83.00	36/30
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Jan. 2019	\$7,704.49	-\$6,502.99	\$1,201.50	
		Jan. - Jan.	\$7,704.49	-\$6,502.99	\$1,201.50	

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton	Don Longren	Keith Springer
Lucille Brill	Shawn Nowak	Naomi Walker
Peggy Buchholz	Roy O'Neil	
Marlene Hassan	Ron Owensby	



UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Feb. 17	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Community Meal	5:30 PM
.....	Youth Group Meeting	5:30 PM
Mon., Feb. 18	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
.....	LFACT Augustana College Choir @ Grace Cathedral.....	7:00 PM
Tues., Feb. 19.....	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., Feb. 20	Priscilla Circle Bible Study.....	10:00 AM
.....	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
Thurs., Feb. 21.....	Men's AA	7:00 PM
Sat., Feb. 22.....	LFACT Fiber Arts Workshop @ Faith Lutheran.....	8:30 AM
Sunday, Feb. 24	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM

Special offering today! In honor of Pr. Andrew's ordination, which takes place this afternoon at United Church of Chapel Hill, we will be collecting a special offering for Pr. Andrew's use in the community.

Please note Cindy will be working in the office from noon to 5 pm on Wednesdays in order to coincide with Pr. Andrew's schedule. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday hours will remain at 10 am to 3:30 pm.

Ted Quast is inviting someone to ride along with him to Messiah orchestra rehearsals on Tuesday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 9. If you are interested, please contact Ted, 1.301.514.0307 or quastted@yahoo.com



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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