

Paul's Story

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February 2, 2020

Our Story

4th Sunday of Epiphany

February 2, 2020

Setting Eight

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peace-makers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

HYMN SING ALONG

See page 14

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

C Almighty God, by the preaching of your servant Paul, you caused the light of the Gospel to be spread to all peoples of the world. May we celebrate and follow in his foot steps to speak of our own faith in you. May we be examples of your love in all the world showing in our lives the word of the Gospels. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us remember Paul's teaching to the Galatians, that we are all children of God this day.

C We are all God's children through faith in Jesus Christ. All who are baptized into Christ are clothed with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male or female, for all are one in Jesus Christ. (Galatians 3:26-28)

P We are all children of God. Yet, we fail in many ways to live into this promise. Therefore, let us turn to the Lord and confess our ways.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Light Shone in Darkness

ELW 307

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

Refrain



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



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

Solo

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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
Refrain
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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 - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: MICAH 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

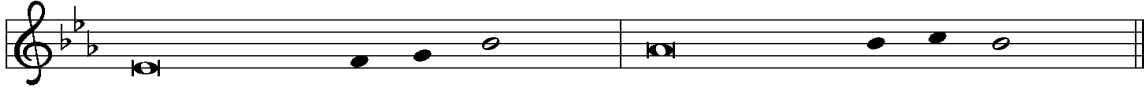
¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have 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?

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 15

Sung responsively



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 up- | on 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 a- | gainst
the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1ST CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

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."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

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.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

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

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

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

⁶Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

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

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

¹¹Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of
evil against you falsely because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blest Are They

ELW HYMN 728

Please stand for the final verse 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 Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those
in need.

A brief silence.

A God of liberation, you set your people free to serve others. Embolden your
church, especially Faith Lutheran in Junction City and Marion Hill Lutheran in
White City, Kansas, and United Evangelical Lutheran in Cole Camp, Missouri,
that we all seek justice for the oppressed, share generously your lovingkindness,
and live humbly together. Unite us as one people under the foolishness of the
cross. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of the universe, your care is evident everywhere—from the foundations of
the earth to the summit of the tallest mountains. Reconcile all of creation to it-
self and repair the environmental destruction caused by human carelessness
and greed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of the nations, you desire peace and justice among all people. Deliver us
from systems of fear that seek to divide us. Guide our local and national leaders.
May their decisions empower and serve the needs of the poor and the disenfran-
chised. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of the oppressed, you raise up the lowly and comfort those in despair. We
lift up to you all who are victims of exploitation, discrimination, and greed. We
pray for those who are suffering in any way this day. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to earth in the form of a baby, whose presentation in the temple we celebrate today. Fill our own house of worship with your presence, that all who enter may encounter Christ. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of joy, we celebrate with Marcy Carlson as she celebrates her birthday and with Mary Heald, and Jeff Longren as they remember their baptism. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of life, we give you thanks for all those who have died in the faith. Thank you for the examples of our ancestors and the saints who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in 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

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, 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 witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with Paul and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

P Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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, grant us peace, 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 to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate a desire to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing. 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

*One Bread, One Body
Bread of Life from Heaven*

ELW HYMN 496

ELW HYMN 474

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

P May God bless you and send you in mission to the world. In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

To Be Your Presence

ELW 546

SENDING

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

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

HYMN SING-ALONG

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE.....	ELW 490
BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS.....	ELW 338
SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING	ELW 608
MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS	ELW 597
BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR	ELW 838

Jesus prepared a meal for the multitudes to remind us that we feed people not because we believe they deserve it, but because they're hungry.

Food items needed for the pantry this week are boxes of mac & cheese and peanut butter.

Remember our shut-ins!

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



As a reminder...Due to HIPPA and Privacy Laws, hospitals and care facilities are not allowed to notify us when patients are admitted. Therefore, we ask that you or a friend or family member contact the church office if you will be entering a hospital or care facility, if you are unable to attend worship due to illness or mobility, or if you would like your name or that of a friend or family member included in the prayers. Call 233-0767 or email office@topekatlc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Feb. 2Adult Sunday School.....9:15 AM
 Hymn Sing Along 10:15 AM
Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM
Blood Pressure Check.....after worship

Mon., Feb. 3 Women's AA..... 5:00 PM

Tues., Feb. 4 Quilters 9:00 AM

Wed., Feb. 5 Women's AA..... 5:30 PM

Thurs., Feb. 6 Men's AA 7:00 PM

Sunday, Feb. 9.....Adult Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musician	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
February 9, 2020	Sam & Charlotte Blenden	Walt Laughlin	Laurie Jackson	Ted Murphy	Ted Murphy	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Dean McGinnis	Mary Heald	Pr. Andrew Patty
February 16, 2020	Martha Nemeth	Duane Pomeroy	Mitch Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Rosie Nichols	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty
February 23, 2020	Marilyn Hypse	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Rosie Nichols	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
Dec. 29	\$7,315.00	\$506.00	\$7,821.00	-\$2,648.00	\$5,173.00	29/25
Jan. 5	\$2,765.00	\$625.00	\$3,390.00	-\$2,648.00	\$742.00	35/32
Jan. 12	\$2,626.00	\$130.00	\$2,756.00	-\$2,648.00	\$108.00	24/21
Jan. 19	\$1,741.00	\$190.00	\$1,931.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$717.00	41/37
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Dec 2019	\$23,177.25	-\$10,912.91	\$12,264.34	
		Jan. - Dec	\$133,387.14	-\$133,318.79	\$68.35	



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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