

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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Time After Epiphany

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, # one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*
- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.
- P Rejoice in this good news: In & Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

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GREETING

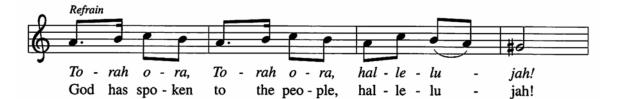
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

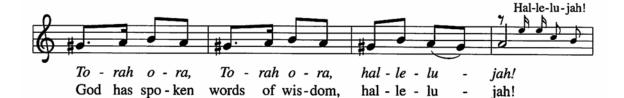


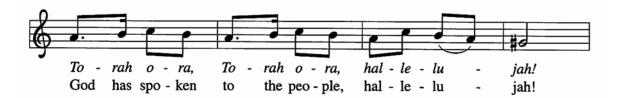
O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word. They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you. they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

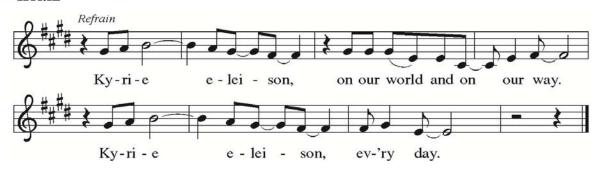






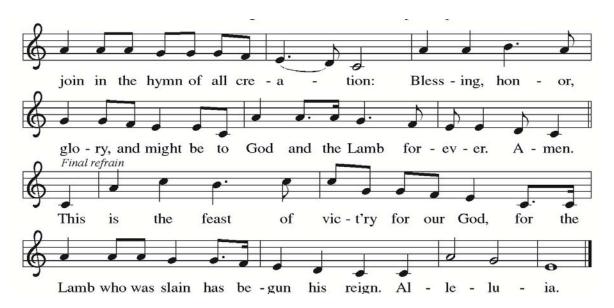


KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

Psalm 19 Sung responsively



¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,

and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

²One day tells its tale | to another,

and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

³Although they have no | words or language,

and their voices | are not heard,

4their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world.

where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again;

nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

8The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is | great reward.

12Who can detect one's | own offenses?

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1ST CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need

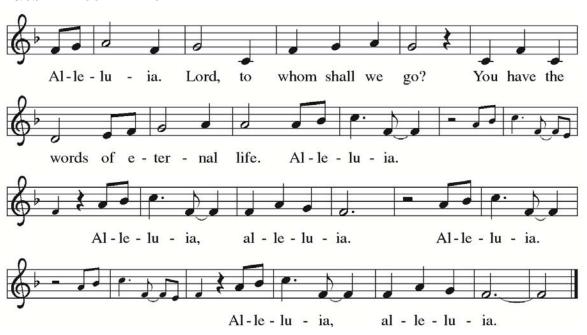
this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

- 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 Luke, the fourth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 4:14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON PASTOR GARY TESKE

HYMN OF THE DAY Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness PAGE 10 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 The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

A You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us and our brothers and sisters of St. James Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Christ & Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sedalia, Missouri, and First Lutheran Church in Manhattan, Kansas, out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain or illness, especially Russell Johnson, Keith Springer, Peggy Buchholz, Helen Laughlin, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, Linda Stone, Liz Utech, Susan Fitz, and Martha Nemeth. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation. Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Bestow your blessings upon Ivan Carlson, Cathy Tunnell, Zane Kennedy, and Keith Springer as they celebrate their birthdays and upon Betty Patton as she remembers her baptism. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn. Bring us together in your everlasting glory. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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



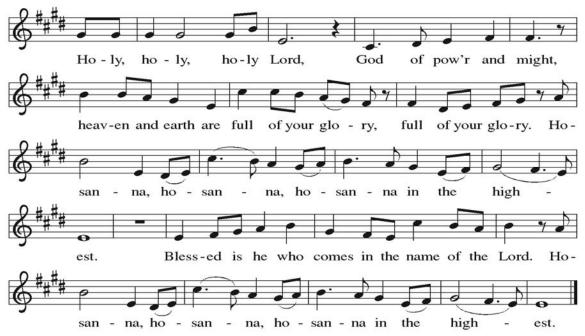
OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

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.
- P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.
- P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- C Amen.

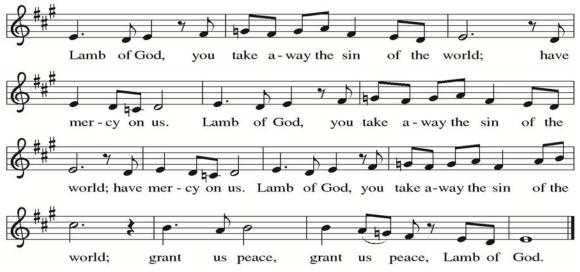
THE LORD'S PRAYER

- 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 Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

P God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, # bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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SENDING

A Go with Christ into a weary world. 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



Pr. Andrew is on vacation through January 26th. Upon his return, he will limit contact for several days due to travel.

Please welcome Sarah Thomas, PMA, as she leads worship for us today. She is joining us today on very short notice so we are so very thankful for her presence here today.

Church Committee Meetings for January 2022

January 30 — Annual Meeting



	UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY	
Today, Jan. 23	UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY	10:30 AM
Tues., Jan. 11	Quilters	9:00 AM
	TLHA Meeting	7:00 PM

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
					Weekly	
					Income Minus	
				Average	Average	
			Total Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Attendance/
Date	General	Other	Income	Expense	Expense	Communion
Dec. 26	\$165.00	\$110.00	\$275.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,936.54	22
Jan. 2			\$0.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$2,211.54	0
Jan. 9	\$1,055.00	\$0.00	\$1,055.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,156.54	19
Jan. 16	\$2,153.00	\$0.00	\$2,153.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$58.54	12
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Dec. 2021	\$10,177.23	-\$16,316.62	-\$6,139.39	
		Jan Dec.	\$125,095.36	-\$142,812.72	-\$17,717.36	

Doorstep currently needs the following items for our neighbors in need:



- ♦ Men's Coats ALL Sizes
- ♦ Sneakers Men's & Women's, ALL Sizes
- ♦ Adult Sweatpants & Sweatshirts Men's & Women's, ALL Sizes
- Queen & King Comforters
- ♦ Men's Jeans Waist sizes 32 & 34
- ♦ Women's Jeans Sizes 16 & 18
- ♦ Girls Jeans Sizes 4 14
- Boys Jeans Sizes 4 8

Donations may be brought to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th, south door

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9am - 2pm.

Doorstep will be closed on Monday, January 17th for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Worship Assistants						
Date	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Jan. 23, 2022	Dean McGinnis,	Mitchell Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Gary Teske
Jan. 30, 2022	Diane Bottorff, Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty

MEETING INFO

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2022. It will take place in the sanctuary immediately following worship. The meeting will also be shared live on Facebook.

If you prefer to participate via Facebook, you will need to request the meeting materials and ballot be sent to you prior to the meeting. Please submit your request to the office by phone, 785.233.0767, or email office@topekatlc.org no later than today, January 23rd.

VOTING

If you choose to participate in the meeting via Facebook, <u>your ballot</u> <u>must be returned to the office before January 30. Ballots received by the office after Jan. 30 will not be counted.</u>

If you have questions before completing your ballot, please feel free to contact Pr. Andrew or Council President Diane Bottorff.

VOTING ITEMS

Please read carefully the historic registration/restoration document and the information regarding our newly designed logo options and two congregational statements. We will be voting on these items at the annual meeting.

Issues to Be Decided:

- 1. Church Leadership Positions
- 2. Annual Budget

Historic Preservation Plan

- 3. Start the process to list the sanctuary building on the Kansas Register of Historic Places
- 4. Approve applying for the Heritage Grant Fund as soon as we are eligible.
- 5. Use funds from Heritage Grant Fund to restore foundation, plaster, and paint issues within the sanctuary building.
- 6. Approve capital campaign for Heritage Grant Fund and Restoration. Campaign will only proceed if 20 pledges are made by end of 2022.

Public Identity Plan

- 7. Working name for congregation shall be "Trinity Lutheran Church"
- 8. Vote on which logo will represent the congregation
- 9. Expanded mission statement
- 10. Welcoming statement



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!

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

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