

February 20, 2022

7th Sunday of Epiphany

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Time After Epiphany

Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

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	Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us	PAGE 3
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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.



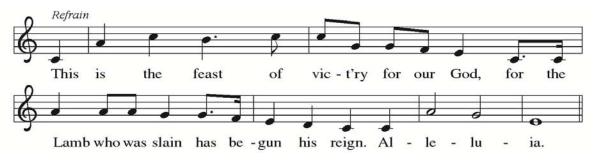


P For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God: he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40



¹Do not be provoked by | evildoers; do not be jealous of those | who do wrong. ²For they shall soon wither | like the grass, and like the green grass | fade away. ³Put your trust in the LORD | and do good; dwell in the land and | find safe pasture. ⁴Take delight | in the LORD, who shall give you your | heart's desire. ⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD, and see what | God will do. ⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun. ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes. ⁸Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil. ⁹For evildoers shall | be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land. ¹⁰In a little while the wicked shall | be no more; even if you search out their place, they will | not be there. ¹¹But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land; they will delight in abun- | dance of peace. ³⁹But the deliverance of the righteous comes from \mid you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.

⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and [|] rescue them;

you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you [|] they seek refuge.

SECOND READING: 1ST CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50

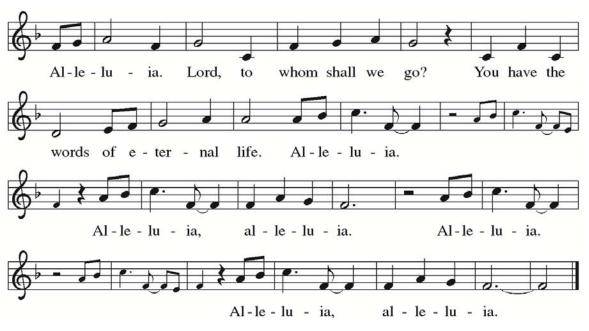
³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

- 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 sixth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 6:27-38

Jesus said: ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

^{32"}If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAYLight Dawns on a Weary WorldPAGE 10Please 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 teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage this congregation and that of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jefferson City and St. Paul Lutheran in Nevada, Missouri, First Lutheran in Dorrance and Zion Lutheran in Hanover, Kansas to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Nurture dormant fields. Bless all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Look upon our world with mercy; grant an abundance of peace. Protect all lives marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your people cry out for mercy. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness, especially Keith Springer, Peggy Buchholz, Helen Laughlin, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, Liz Utech, Susan Fitz, and Martha Nemeth. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we be encouraged by the example of your servant Bill Pollock that we may share in your eternal joy with all the saints in heaven. Bless and support the family and friends of this saint as they celebrate his life. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Bless Loretta Hoerman, Erin Lewis, and Brayden Winsor as they celebrate their birthdays and Susan Fitz as she remembers her baptism. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

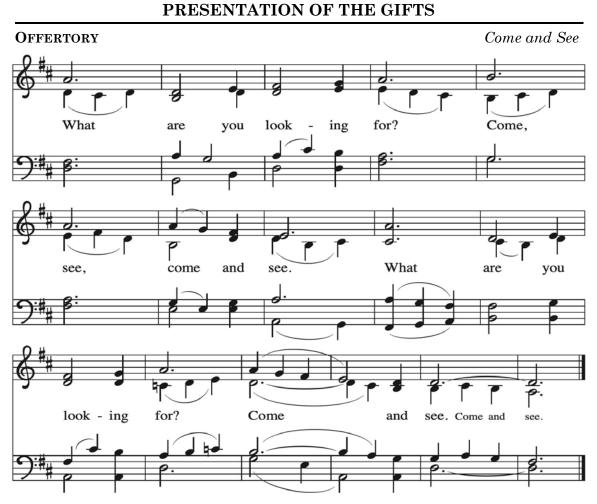
- P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

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.

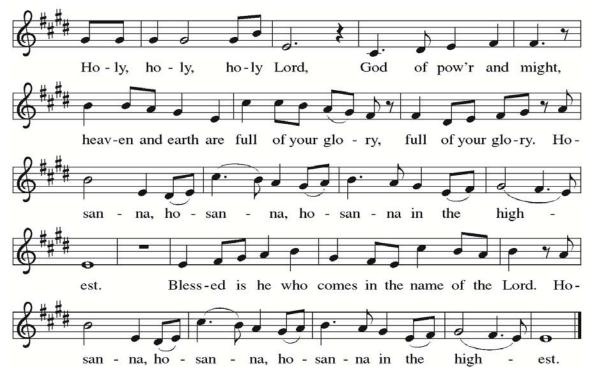


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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

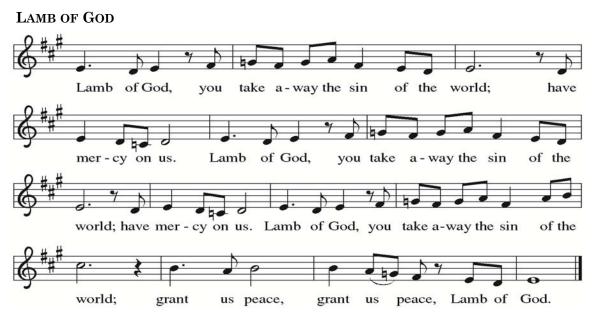
- P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 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.



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, strength-ened 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 All Creatures, Worship God Most High PAGE 16

SENDING

- A Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



- 5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia! Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
					Weekly	
					Income Minus	
				Average	Average	
			Total Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Attendance/
Date	General	Other	Income	Expense	Expense	Communion
Jan. 23	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$961.54	28
Jan, 30	\$1,727.99	\$40.00	\$1,767.99	-\$2,211.54	-\$443.55	29
Feb. 6	\$3,511.00	\$115.00	\$3,626.00	-\$2,761.27	\$864.73	33
Feb. 13	\$2,649.00	\$20.00	\$2,669.00	-\$2,761.27	-\$92.27	34
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Jan. 2022	\$6,142.99	-\$12,230.06	-\$6,087.07	
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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

•	Worship & Communion Administration Committee meeting	
Tues., Feb. 22	Quilters	9:00 AM

All are invited to the installation of Pastor Dan Baldwin at 5:00 pm today. The service of installation will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lawrence, Kansas. Pr. Baldwin is being installed as the pastor for the Lutheran Campus Ministry at KU. A reception will follow the service. Masks are required for those attending in person.

Doorstep is low on or out of the following items to put in our hygiene kits: Full-sized Shampoo + Conditioner (2 in 1) Full-sized Shampoo Full-sized Conditioner Deodorant – Men's/Women's/Neutral Toothbrushes

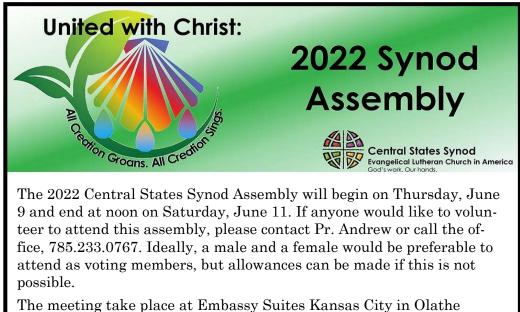


<u>Winter additions</u>: Body/Hand Lotion Lip Balm - Chapstick

We also have not been getting bread from Harvesters for some time now. We need bread to put in our food orders. We have put bread in the freezer when we did have it to pull out for orders. But, we are asking for donations of loaves of bread – wheat or white.

We can take these donations Monday – Friday from 9am - 2pm, South door, 1119 SW 10^{th} (10^{th} & Buchanan). 785-357-5341

Worship Assistants						
Date	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Feb. 20, 2022	Dean McGinnis, Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty
Feb. 27, 2022	Howard Reece, Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Junior Utech	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty



where hotel rooms are also available.

More information is available on the Synod webpage.



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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