

# **Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA**

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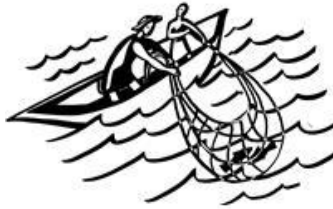
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**Third Sunday After Epiphany**

**January 21, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Live streaming on Facebook and YouTube (Trinity LutheranSparta)**

**Our worship service will also be recorded  
and will be available on our website [www.tlcsparta.org](http://www.tlcsparta.org)**



## Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.


**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime**

**ELW 284**

**\*Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie

For when we have not loved you with our whole heart, Lord have mer - cy on  
us. For when we did not feed you, clothe you, or in-vite you in, Christ have mer -  
cy on us. For when we did not seek your word, or withheld our thanks and  
praise, Lord have mer - cy on us. For when we have not loved our  
neigh-bors as our-selves, Christ have mer - cy on us.

## \*Hymn of Praise

### Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God,  
heavenly King, Al-migh-ty God and Father, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Jesus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you a-lone are the  
Holy One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the  
Ho - ly Spirit in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

## \*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**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. Amen.**

## Children's Sermon

### First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from Jonah.

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So 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. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: Psalm 62:5-12

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

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

<sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;**

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

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

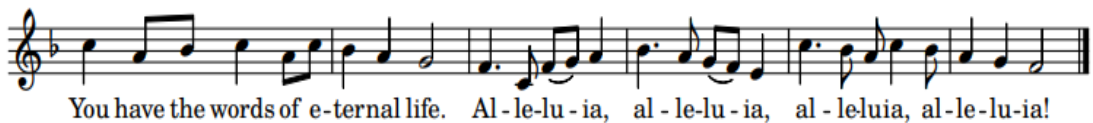
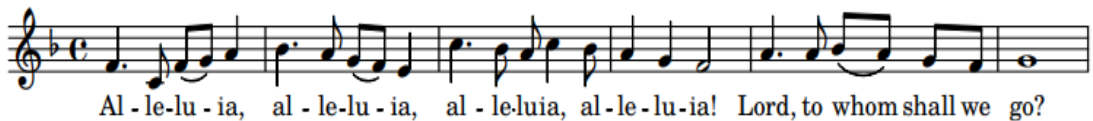
<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had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

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel: Mark 1:14-20**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

### **Gospel Acclamation**



This is the Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord**

*ELW 580*

**\*Apostles’ Creed**

**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.**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**



God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **\*Sharing of the Peace**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you**

Offering – *“When they were filled, He said to His disciples, ‘Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost.’”* (John 6:12)

**\*Offertory:** *We Are an Offering*

*ELW 692*

### **\*Offering Prayer**

**Let us pray.**

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
\*Great Thanksgiving

**Great Thanksgiving and Preface**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the  
Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and  
praise. It is indeed right, a good and joyful thing, that we should at all times, in  
all places, give thanks and praise to you. For you have called us to  
new life in Christ, who o-vercame death for our vic-to - ry. Through his resur-rection  
we are re - born. Now claimed by you, we live in your love. Therefore we  
praise you, join - ing our voi-ces with angels and arc-angels, this hymn of glo-ry:

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might.  
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### \*Words of Institution

### \*The Lord's Prayer

## Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father who art in hea-ven, hal-lowed be thy name, thy king-dom come thy  
will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and for-  
give us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, and de-  
liver us from e - vil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glo-ry for-ev-er. A - men.

## Distribution of Communion:

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the  
sin of the world. Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW 815

### \*Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Final Blessing: Love as we Serve

May the God of hope fill you with all joy. May the  
God of peace keep your hearts and minds in the love of God.  
May the God of love. co-ver you with heal-ing. May the  
God of jus - tice strengthen you to serve with glad - ness.  
May our lives be an of-fer-ing of love as we serve. We've been  
fed; may we feed oth - ers, and give wel - come to all.  
And the bles - sing of God, Cre - a - tor, Redeem - er, Sus - tain - er,  
be up - on you now and al - ways.

**\*Sending Hymn: O Jesus I have Promised**

**ELW 810**

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

Attendance for Sunday, January 14, 2024 – \_\_\_\_\_

<b>January 21, 2024</b>	<b>January 28, 2024</b>
<b>Greeter:</b> Cheryl Brown	<b>Greeter:</b> Youth
<b>Reader:</b> Sarah Tripp	<b>Reader:</b> Youth
<b>Communion:</b> Al & Jan Jenkins – Connie Jerome	<b>No communion</b>
<b>Music:</b> Bishop Felix	<b>Music:</b> Adell Morton
<b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Cynthia Lockington and Kelly Funk	<b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Opportunity to serve
<b>Flower Pick Up – Friday, Jan. 26:</b> Gary & Carol Haskins	<b>Flower Pick Up – Friday, Feb. 2:</b> Dennis & Carol Glaman
<b>Pew Restocking – Month of Jan:</b> Steve & Judy Bernett	<b>Pew Restocking – Month of Jan:</b> Steve & Judy Bernett
<b>Money Counting – January 22:</b> Carol Glaman-Kelly Funk-Gary Peterson	<b>Money Counting – January 29:</b> Rita Bernette-Bill McClain-Alton Ask
<b>Altar Team – Month of Jan.:</b> Siri Donskey & Carol Glaman	<b>Altar Team – Month of Jan.:</b> Siri Donskey & Carol Glaman
<b>Food Pantry:</b> Jan. 23: Brittany Michalski and Judy Bernett Jan. 24: Alice Olson & Audrey Zebell	<b>Food Pantry:</b> January 31: Les and Linda Mull
<b>Nursing Home Bulletin Delivery January 26:</b> Morrow Home: Karen Edwards Rolling Hills: Gary & Betty Peterson	<b>Nursing Home Bulletin Delivery February 2:</b> Morrow Home: Connie Jerome Rolling Hills: Ron & Pauline Haug