

February 13, 2022 9:30 AM – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



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# WELCOME

# to Holy Trinity

# **Reconciling in Christ**

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—



regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today! Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

We love having children worship with us! At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

**Prayer Requests:** Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

**Emergency Pastoral Contact:** If you need a Pastoral Visit, or you're experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact Mark in the Church office and he will provide you with the Contact Pastor information during daytime and after work (emergencies) hours. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704.

**Donate to Holy Trinity:** You can place your offering in the offering plate by the entrance of the sanctuary. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you. To give online, visit www.elexiogiving.com/App/Giving/htelc OR scan this QR code with the camera app on your phone.



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All Worship Services are livestreamed and available to watch on YouTube after the service ends.

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

*Health Issues:* Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, George Parseghian, Sarah Meier, Judy Hollister, Byrl Short.

Homebound: Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin.

*Military*: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

#### Friends

Dave Bly (Sue Althof's brother), Sharon Connors (Bonnie & Larry Sanders' daughter), Stephanie & Chuck Pelesky (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Estelle Lewis (Paulette Sirois' sister), Tony Marques (Paulette Sirois' friend), Pastors Steve and Stephanie Malcom (Jessica Feeley's friends), Sue Fischer (Lois Kfoury's cousin), Sherry & Lauren (Shirley Jackson's sister and daughter), Bill Casale (Jessica Feeley's friend), Stephanie Vocell (Jeremy & Krystal Small's friend).

Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill

#### NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" 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 offers power to heal us all.

#### LECTIONARY (Readings)

**This Week:** Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

**Next Week:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

#### LAST WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Attendance for Sunday, February 6: 63 (In-Person) + 32 (Online) = 95

Offering: \$6,636.45

#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, February 16 9:30 AM: Bible Study THURSDAY, February 17 8:00 AM: Property Team SUNDAY, February 20 9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Jonathan Bock Pianist Jon Koelker *Guitarist* 

Mark Donahue & Franklyn Vosburg Sound System & Live Stream

Dick Topping Bass Guitar

#### Announcements

**Ash Wednesday worship services** will be held on March 2. Services will be held in-person at 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The 12:00 PM service will be livestreamed and posted on htelc.com.

**Mitten Tree:** A tree will be in the Narthex and clothes pins will be available. I am hoping that we will have plenty of warm mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and even socks to distribute in our local area. The tree will remain up until February 19. Items will be distributed on Sunday, February 20. Thank you so much for your anticipated generosity.

Our Reconciling in Christ Celebration will be rescheduled for Spring. Please watch for more details shortly.

**Graduation Sunday** will be celebrated in June. If you know someone from Holy Trinity who will graduate from High School, College, Grad School, or another school this year and would like to be recognized, please speak with the Church Office or Helen Goransson. Any graduating Seniors who wish to apply for our annual Faith and Service Award, please contact Helen Goransson at heleng@Bondgarden.net.

**Transition Team:** Three questions have been written on the white board outside of the kitchen, collected by the Transition Team. We ask all folks attending services at Holy Trinity to answer these three questions so that we can process the data and present it to the congregation. If you have not attended services in person, the three questions are as follows:

• What brought you here to Holy Trinity? What makes Holy Trinity right for you? What will keep you coming back?

**Weekend at Calumet March 4-6, 2022:** Due to the ongoing uncertainty with the pandemic, we are going to push off the Women's Retreat for another year. However, Calumet is open and the Conference Center rooms are still available. A group of Holy Trinity members and attenders are planning on going to Calumet on March 4-6, 2022. If you're thinking of joining us for that weekend, please sign up in the Gathering Area on the rolling kiosk near the Library. Further details are next to the signup sheet.

**The Women of the ELCA sent Holy Trinity** a string of heart shapes where women from our congregation can write a message on the heart. These hearts will be displayed at a Fall Gathering at Camp Calumet in October. As they write, "Your message can be any message that you might like to share with fellow churchwomen to get inspired. Please put your name on the heart with your message." Any woman from our congregation is welcome to fill out a heart in our Gathering Area, and once all hearts are filled out, we will send it back to the Women of the ELCA.

**Pop-Up Pantry is collecting Vegetable Oil** for our "Item of the Month" for February. Please drop off any donations with the Church Office, or in the outside bins near our entrances after office hours. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far.

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – Sunday, February 13, 2022 — 9:30 a.m.

# Welcome to Worship

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

-Please stand as able-

#### C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

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

#### —A brief silence—

- 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.

you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

**Gathering Song** 



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# Greeting

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

# **Prayer of the Day**

- P: Let us pray.
- C: 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.

Amen.

# **Children's Message**

-Please be seated-

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

# WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

# **First Reading**

L: A reading from Jeremiah 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. <sup>6</sup>They 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.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.
<sup>8</sup>They 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.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it?
<sup>10</sup>I 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: Word of God, word of life.

# C: Thanks be to God.

# **Second Reading**

- L: A reading from Psalm 1
- C: <sup>1</sup>Happy 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!

- L: <sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.
- C: <sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- L: <sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- C: <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,

# nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

- L: <sup>6</sup>For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.
- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

# Gospel

#### - Please stand as able-

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 6:17-26

# C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>[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.<sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice 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.

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>"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.

<sup>26</sup>"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.

# Sermon

-Please be seated-

# **Nicene Creed**

P: Let us confess our faith using the Nicene Creed.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# **Prayers of the People**

P: 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-

P: Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear.
 Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace,

#### C: hear our prayer.

P: Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace,

#### C: hear our prayer.

P: Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: We lift all those whose work puts them in harm's way for the sake of others, especially first responders and those serving in the military who are stationed around the world. Allow all people to return home safely and keep them close to you. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. —A brief silence— God of grace,

#### C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. 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.

# Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offering plate is located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. After the service, please make your offering there.

# **Offertory Hymn**

# **Church Choir**

# **Offertory Prayer**

- P: Together, let us pray.
- C: 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.

Amen.

# The Celebration of Holy Communion

While we gather during the Pandemic, we will receive communion with a pre-filled communion cup and wafer. Communion cups can be found on the table in our Gathering Area. Please lift up your pre-filled communion during the Words of Institution as the Pastor makes the blessing.

# Dialogue

- 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.

# Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.

# Lord's Prayer

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold 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**

We will now take Communion. As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood.

P: Body of Christ, given for you.

Blood of Christ, shed for you.

# **Sending of Communion**

- P: Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: Bless those who go forth to carry your Word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers who are homebound. In your love and compassion, nourish and strengthen them with hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

# SENDING

# **Communion Blessing**

- P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
- C: Amen.

# **Ministry Minute from the Transition Team**

# Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

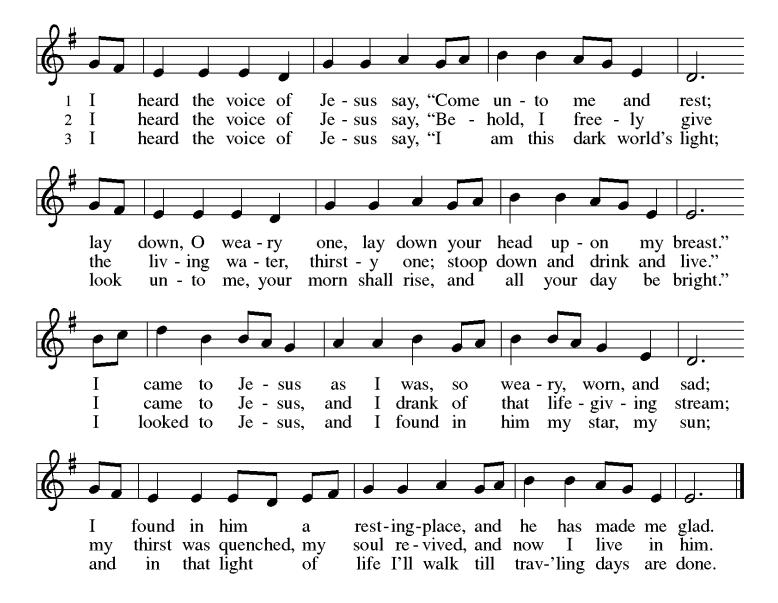
The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

# Benediction

Pastor Zeigler will now lead a blessing for the end of our worship service, leading into our Sending Hymn.

ELW 611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

# Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

#### C: Thanks be to God.