

February 4, 2024 9:30 AM – Fifth 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.

#### January Celebrations!

#### Happy Birthday!

Jill Schock, Riley Murphy, Donna Elliot, Byrl Short, Mike Gilmore, Mike Cresta, Henry Moore, Mark Beliveau, Kem Taylor, Kristen Crawford, Paul Goransson, Alice Vosburg, Heidi Scammon, Tina Maiorino, David Kuck, & Yvonne Topping.

#### Happy Anniversary!

Paul & Helen Goransson, Joddy Tiratdy & Hannah Mei.

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.

#### **Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:**

Church Office: Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm

Pastor's Office: Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and we will connect you with our Pastor as soon as possible. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

#### **Donate to Holy Trinity:** You can place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.



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#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

*Health Issues*: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Alice Peterson, Don Gindlesperger, Richard Anderson, Dave Smith, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson, Lynda Johnson. *Homebound*: Carol Saufley, Barbara Werdelin, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein, June Slipp. *Military*: Josh Bretz, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot, Ian Connors.

*Partners in Ministry*: ELCA, New England Synod, Ismani Congregation in Tanzania, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church, Ascentria Care Alliance, Camp Calumet, Operation Blessing, Crossroads, Dover Friendly Kitchen, Good News Garage, Seacoast Family Promise, Salvation Army, & Lutheran World Relief.

*Friends:* Phil Cahners (Bobbie Febbo's son-in-law), David Roth (Bonnie Sanders' brother), Janis (Eileen & Carl Kackenmeister's friend), Erin Goodman (Jessica Feeley's friend), Róisín Ruane (April Murphy's friend), Richard Murray (Jessica Feeley's Brother-in-law), Cinda DeWerff & Dane Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's sister & brother).

#### NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

#### LECTIONARY

**This Week:** Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.

**Next Week:** 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock & Ken Galle Choir Director: Ken Galle Sound System & Live Stream: Franklyn Vosburg Lector: Shirley Jackson Counters: Barry & Phyllis Philbrick Liturgical Deacon: Tom Bernth Altar Guild: Julie Moore Greeter: Pam Shaw

#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, February 7 9:30 AM: Bible Study THURSDAY, February 8 8:30 AM: Property Team SUNDAY, February 11 9:30 AM: Sunday Worship 11:00 AM: Adult Forum

#### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, January 14: Sunday, January 21: Sunday, January 28: 110 (In-Person) + 15 (Online) = 125
91 (In-Person) + 33 (Online) = 124
100 (In-Person) + 56 (Online) = 156

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#### Announcements

**The Social Ministry Team will be meeting** after service. The primary purpose of this meeting is to vote on budget allocations for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year. We will also begin discussing plans for further engagement in our communities including ideas for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday on September 8.

**Adult Forum** will be held on Sunday, February 11 after worship, hosted by Pastor Luther. This forum is entitled, "Living into Lent". We plan on recording this forum.

Ash Wednesday, February 14 – 7:00 PM: Plan now for the start of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, there will be only ONE Worship service offered at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The worship will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. This service will be livestreamed.

**The Season of Lent**: Beginning on Wednesday, February 21, and lasting through all of Lent, Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM instead of its usual time. All are welcome to stay after Bible Study for a Soup Supper at 5:30 PM, and Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM.

**Women's Retreat at Calumet March 1-3:** Is your life a maze or a labyrinth? Join us for a fun filled weekend at Calumet just about an hour north of HTELC on beautiful Lake Ossipee. The cost for the weekend is \$190 that includes 2 nights lodging and meals. Please see the poster in the gathering area for all the details. Sign up by getting the registration form to Leslie Carson by February 18. Questions? Leslie Carson at carsonsl@maine.rr.com

**ATTENTION YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS!:** This summer the ELCA is sponsoring a national gathering for youth and young adults in New Orleans from July 16-20. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know other Lutheran young people from around the country, to worship together, and to explore one of the nation's great cities. More information can be found

at https://www.elca.church/gathering. Youth are defined as students currently enrolled in eighth grade to twelfth grade; young adults are defined as people eighteen to thirty-five years old. If you are interested in learning more, please email Pastor Luther at pastorluther@htelc.com.

**Updating our Church Prayer List**: As you know, each week our Sunday bulletin contains on the inside pages a "prayer list" of people for whom we pray each week. One of the challenges of such a list is keeping it regularly updated. If your name (or someone in your family) is on the list currently and is no longer in need of prayer, please notify Mark in the office to remove it. Likewise, if you want your name to stay on the prayer list or be added to it, please let him know. We very much want our prayer list to be accurate! In the future, we are going to be more consistent in adhering to the rule that names will stay on the list for six weeks and then be removed unless a request is made to remain on the list. Thank you!

#### Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Sunday, February 4, 2024—9:30 a.m.

## Welcome

# **Confession and Forgiveness**

#### C: Amen.

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

#### — A brief silence—

- P: God, our rock and refuge,
- C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

#### Amen.

- C: Amen.

**Gathering Hymn** 



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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#### Greeting

- P: May 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** 



# **Prayer of the Day**

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

# 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**

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,

or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint.

- L: Word of God, word of life
- C: Thanks be to God.

# Psalmody: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

- L: Please join me in reading the Psalm responsively.
- L: <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
   How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!
- C: <sup>2</sup>The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.
- L: <sup>3</sup>The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- C: <sup>4</sup>The Lord counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.
- L: <sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
   there is no limit to God's wisdom.
- C: <sup>6</sup>The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.
- L: <sup>7</sup>Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

make music upon the harp to our God,

C: <sup>8</sup>who covers the heavens with clouds

and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.

L: <sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle

and for the young ravens when they cry.

- C: <sup>10</sup>God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,
- L: <sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord,

in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> Hallelujah! Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

#### **Children's Message**

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



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# Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 1:29-39

# C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

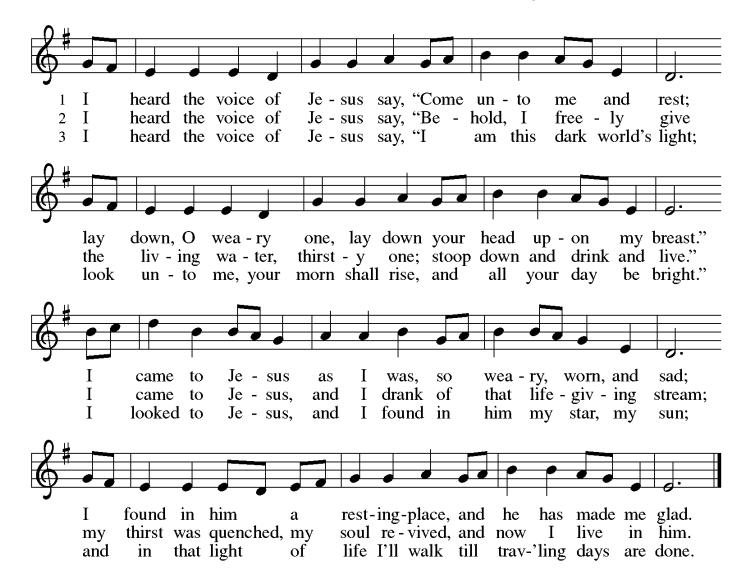
#### C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

— Please be seated—

ELW 611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



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

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# **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 power of 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 the People**

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

#### — A brief silence—

- LD: Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace,
- C: receive our prayer.

LD: Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace,

#### C: receive our prayer.

 LD: God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — A brief silence— God of Grace,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the New England Synod, and their leaders. We also pray for all of our partners in mission and ministry, locally and abroad. God of Grace,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: God who calls each star by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. God of grace,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: 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.

#### C: Amen.

# The Sharing of God's Peace

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

#### C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

# MEAL

# Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.

# **Choir Anthem**

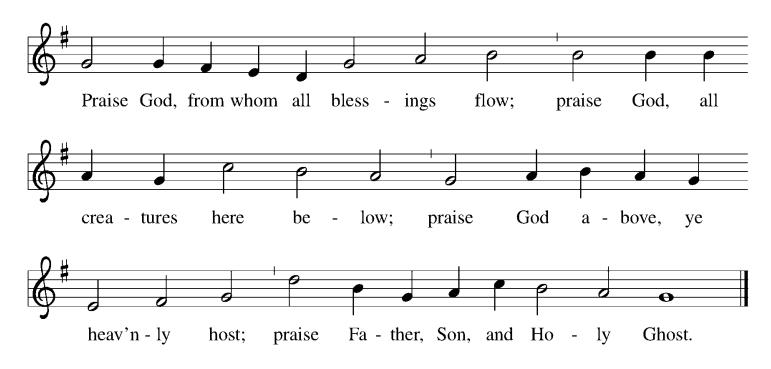
**Offertory Song** 

ELW 885

-Please stand as able-

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward. The offerings will be brought to the altar during this hymn.

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt. Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

# **The Celebration of Holy 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. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

# Sursum Corda

- 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.

#### Preface

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:

# Holy, Holy, Holy — To the tune hymn Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory and Your grace. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who Comes in the name of the Lord God most high.

# The Great Thanksgiving

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

# Lord's Prayer

- 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: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

# **Communion Hymns**

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. To follow along with the Communion Hymns, please locate the cranberry Hymnal under your seats.

ELW 471 – Let Us Break Bread Together. ELW 493 – Taste and See. ELW 483 – Here is Bread.

## **Prayer after Communion**

-Please stand as able-

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

# SENDING

# Rites of Passage and Announcements — Please be seated—

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.

# Blessing

#### -Please stand as able-

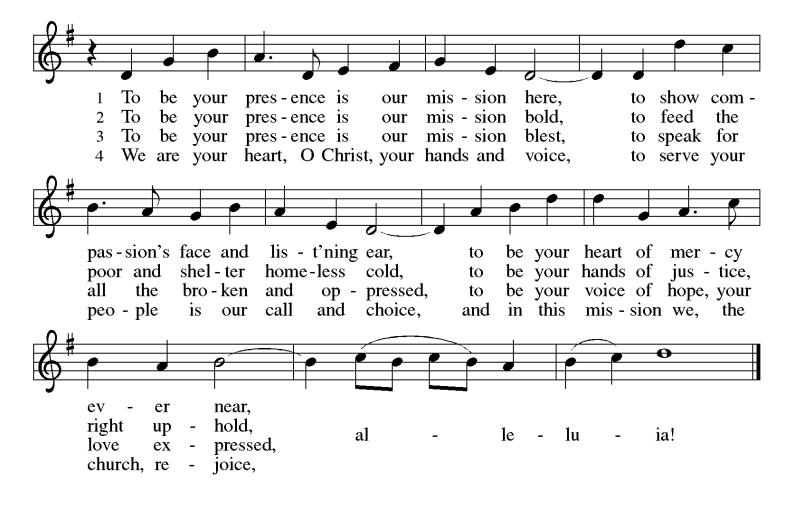
Pastor Luther will lead our congregation with a Blessing.

**Sending Hymn** 

ELW 546

-Please stand as able-

To Be Your Presence



Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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#### Dismissal

#### -Please remain standing-

LD: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

#### C: Thanks be to God.