Holy Trinity Lutheran Church January 22, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.



Third Sunday of Epiphany

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

Service of Word and Sacrament

In the bulletin: The asterisk (*) invites you to stand as you are able. Boldface type indicates the congregation's responses. At the sign of the cross (\pm), you are invited to make that same sign upon yourself in remembrance of your baptism.

✤ GATHERING ♣

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude	Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult	Deborah Holden-Holloway
	Trinity Choir, percussion	

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea. Day by day his clear voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me."

As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home, and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us by thy mercies, Savior, make us hear thy call; give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Loving God, we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children.

Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of called us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: your sins are forgiven, for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

*Greeting

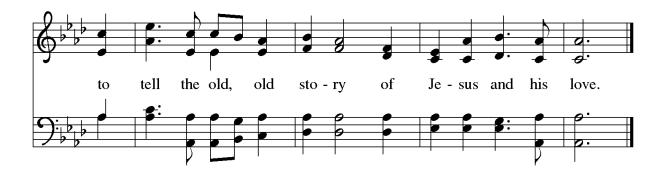
This is the day that our God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Gathering Hymn No. 661







*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,

you call us,

as you call all your people,

to follow you.

Teach us what that means,

and by your grace help us to respond and to be followers of your way,

to the glory of your name.

Amen.

₩ WORD ₩

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from Isaiah.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

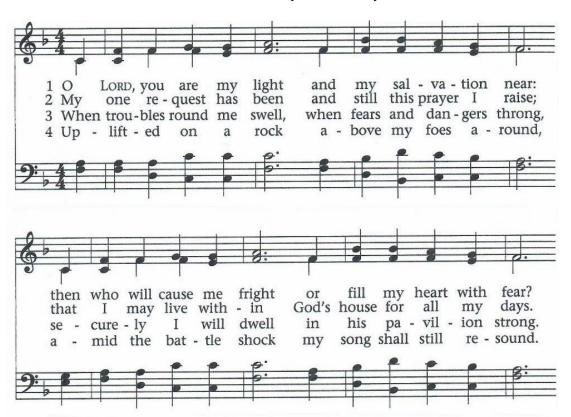
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

O Lord, You Are My Light

RHOSYMEDRE



stanza 1-unison 2-harmony 3-harmony 4-unison



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

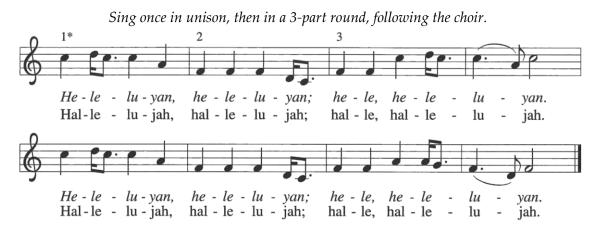
¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Prayer for Understanding

Living God, for your word that has spoken to so many and continues to speak to us today, receive our praise. **Amen.**

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day No. 798 Will You Come and Follow Me KELVINGROVE 0 "Will I fol if but call 1 you come and low me "Will 2 you leave your self be hind if Ι but call "Will 3 you let the blind ed see if Ι but call 4 "Will you love the you hide if Ι but call you 5 call Lord, your sum - mons ech true when you but oes -0 ð 6 Will name? where don't your you go you Will your name? you care for cruel and Will pris your name? the 'ners you set name? Will the fear your you quell in -Let and fol low my name. me turn same? know and nev er be the kind and nev er be the same? free and be the same? nev er side and be the same? nev er the you and be same. nev er Will you let love be shown, will you let my my Will you risk the tile stare, should your life at hos -Will you clean, and do such kiss the lep er as Will you the faith you've found shape the use to re -In your com - pa ny I'll go where your love and life name be known, will you let my be tract scare? Will you let me an swer or this un seen, and ad mit to what Ι round, through my sight touch world and and а foot - steps show. Thus I'11 live move and and 0 0. -0 me?" grown you and you in in me?" pray'r and you in you in me?" and you mean in you in me?" sound in you and you in grow in you and you in me.

*The 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.

*Prayer of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, your voice calls us to follow. Thank you for raising up people to extend that call in every generation and for all who create communities of grace today. Open our hearts to serve you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, we rejoice in the beauty and abundance of the earth. Unite us in our shared calling to be stewards of creation, to reduce waste, and to simplify our lives for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, thank you for those who run for local and national office, and all who serve as elected leaders. Gather wise and courageous voices together, that your mercy and justice would dawn upon all people and nations. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Healing God, thank you for sanctuary and safety. Uplift all who live where fear governs and evil divides. Give refugees and all who seek safety a path toward hope and new life. Grant healing and wholeness to all who are sick, lonely, or grieving. We pray for those on our prayer list, especially *family of Jerry, Virginia, Richard, Deb, Darlene & Stefan, Tom, Jim & his family, Keith, Norm, Carol & Dan, Bill, and Jerry.* Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gifting God, we give thanks for the leaders of this congregation. Bless and strengthen our council members, pastor, deacon, director of faith formation, staff, committee and ministry team leaders, worship leaders, and all those who offer their gifts to this community, that our work together would serve your mission. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Living God, we give thanks for the whole communion of saints, each who responded your call to follow. Inspire our lives with their witness. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We place our prayers before you, O God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL 🕸

*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

*Offertory Hymn No. 460 Now the Silence NOW Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up-lift - ed Now the kneel-ing Now the plea Now the Fa-ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel e - bra - tion -Now the wed-ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv en leap - ing Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny 0 0

*Invitation

Now the

Christ comes to us in, with and under the bread and wine to nourish our faith.

The uncontainable presence, grace, love, forgiveness and

Fa - ther's bless - ing

mercy of Christ come to us in this simple meal that spans all time and space.

Now

Now

Now

All baptized children of God - regardless of denominational background -

are welcome and invited to share it with us.

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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, 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, saying:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest.

*Prayer at the Table

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. And bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

Following the Lord's Prayer, you may be seated.

Taste and see! The Lord is good.

*The Communion

Those celebrating with us from your homes: please share the bread and wine or grape juice with one another using these words: The Body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. An Amen or Thanks be to God is spoken in response to these gifts.

Those celebrating with us in person: Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and an individual cup of wine or white grape juice from those serving. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

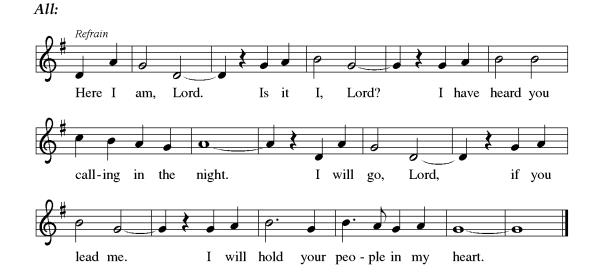
Music at Communion

Hymn No. 574

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

Cantor: "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"



Cantor: "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

Cantor: "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

✤ SENDING ✤

*Prayer After Communion

Holy One,

you have refreshed us again with food from your table. Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **Amen.**

*Benediction

Now may God,

who rejoices over you and calls you by name,

+ bless and keep you forever. **Amen.**

*Sending Hymn No. 866

We Are Marching in the Light

SIYAHAMBA





Additional stanzas: We are dancing.../We are praying.../We are singing...

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

We go to bring Jesus to people through love and the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

***Postlude** We Are Marching in the Light/Send Me, Jesus

Mark Sedio

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Our Love Offering for the month of January will help support our Free Laundry Day event being held Monday, January 16 at Holland's 24-Hour Laundromat. Holy Trinity will pay to wash and dry people's laundry and provide all the needed supplies ... detergent, fabric softener, and dryer sheets. This is our sixth year hosting this event to benefit the Robinson CLC neighborhood. Having the extra money each week to wash your family's clothes is oftentimes just not doable. This event provides families with the help they need and offers an opportunity for them to experience God's love firsthand. Thank you for your generosity!

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, 1/22	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
Monday, 1/23	7:00 p.m.	12 Tiny Things Study - via Zoom
Tuesday, 1/24	9:00 a.m.	Morning Devotions – Facebook Live
	6:30 p.m.	Derbytown Chorus – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, 1/25	1:00 p.m.	Coffee & Conversation - Panera in Fairlawn
Thursday, 1/26	9:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Devotions</i> – Facebook Live
2	6:30 p.m.	Trinity Bell Choir - Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Trinity Choir</i> – Choir Room
Friday, 1/27	9:00 a.m.	Faith Five Check-in – via Zoom
Sunday, 1/29	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Trinity Goes to Breakfast

In Our Prayers...

<u>Week of January 22:</u> Amanda (daughter of Ron from Laundromat), Virginia Anderson (mother of Darlene Anderson-Katz), Richard DeBerry (member), Deb Feeman (wife of Jim Feeman), Darlene & Stefan Katz (staff), Tom Lawson (husband of Ann Lawson), Jim Minisall & family (staff), Keith Richenbacher (son of Sally & Norm Richenbacher), Norm Richenbacher), Carol & Dan Seiberling (members), Bill Snelson (member), and the family of Jerry Snowball (brother-in-law of Linda & David Vowles)

<u>Week of January 15:</u> Camille Ellis (acquaintance of Frederica Cohen), JT Foster (friend of Stephen White), Mel Masoom & family (aquaintances of Frederica Cohen) Larry Saler (father of Amanda Archbold), and John Shea (husband of Stephen White)

<u>Week of January 15:</u> Becky Adkins (member), Rev. Gabriel Baumgardner (brother of Tom Baumgardner), Susan Detwiler (member), Judy Eisenhart (member), Shirley Jordan (member), and Kirsten Schultz (great-niece of Tom Baumgardner)

<u>Week of January 8:</u> Sandy Hamilton (member), Pastor Curtis May (nephew of Frederica Cohen), Abby Mormino (member), Sandy Plummer (member), and Melissa Trench & family (acquaintances of Molly Phelps)

*Individuals added to our prayer concerns will remain on Holy Trinity's printed list for four weeks. The names of those making the request will be printed next to the name of the person being prayed for. We kindly ask those making the request to keep our prayer list coordinators updated as to the status of the person they are requesting prayer for. We would be glad to continue praying for individuals (adding them for another four weeks) upon request. If you have updates or additions to the prayer list, please contact Sally Richenbacher, Rachel Núñez, or Pastor Becki Verbridge.

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