Trinity Church

Staten Island



2nd Sunday after Epiphany January 19, 2025

ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to support and advocate for our dynamic community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and steward the gifts we have been given by God.

Our Values:

Love + Community + Inclusion + Service + Creativity + Faithfulness + Learning

INFORMATION FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING

To accommodate all our membership, and to provide outreach into the community, this service is being live streamed and made available on YouTube. By attending, you consent to any recording, and its release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction to be used for live streaming and/or any other publication, printed or electronic, of Trinity Lutheran Church.

THEMES OF OUR WORSHIP TODAY

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

Please silence your cellphone before worship begin.

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Meditation

Maurice Durufle (b. 1902-1986)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

All That Hath Life and Breath

Rene Clausen (b. 1953)

All that hath life and breath, praise ye the Lord! Shout to the Lord, hallelujah! Sing praise, give thanks, hallelujah!

Please stand for

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Today's prayers incorporate a prayer of confession written by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In the summer of 1953 for his congregation at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
- C Amen.
- P Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being,
- We humbly confess that we have not loved you with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive, we love our friends and hate our enemies, we go the first mile but dare not travel the second, we forgive but dare not forget. And so as we look within ourselves we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you. But you, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love you will.

- P Be assured, beloved community, that in + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.
- C Amen.



Darkness cannot drive out darkness.
Only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate.
Only love can do that.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

GATHERING HYMN, ELW 841

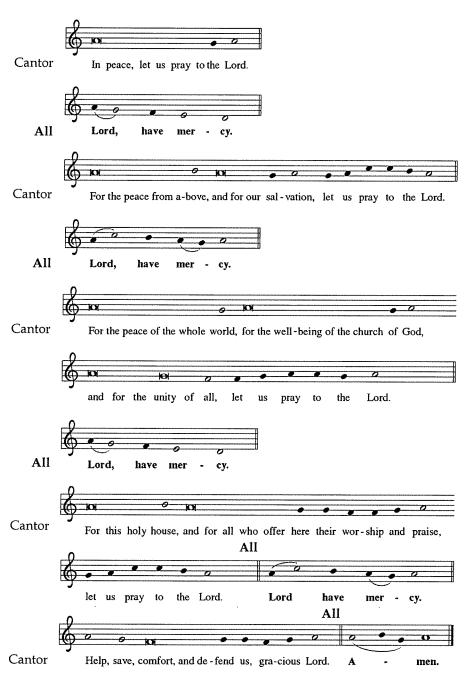


Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938 Music: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

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.

KYRIE, ELW P. 147



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, READING, PREACH AND SONG

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 62:1-5

- For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.
- A Word of God, Word of Life.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 36:5-10

The choir introduces the refrain, all repeat it.

Refrain



Tone



The choir chants the non-bold verses, the congregation joins on the bold verses.

- Your love, O LORD, reaches I to the heavens, and your faithfulness I to the clouds.
- Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like I the great deep;

you save humankind and ani- | mals, O LORD.

- ⁷How priceless is your I love, O God!
 - All people take refuge under the shadow 1 of your wings.
- They feast upon the abundance | of your house; you give them drink from the river of | your delights.
- *For with you is the | well of life, and in your light | we see light.
- Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart. Refrain

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

- ¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.
- ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by

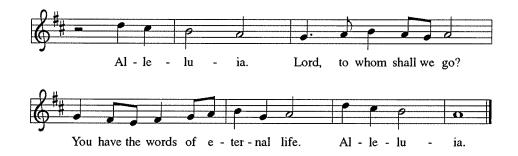
the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

- A Word of God, Word of Life.
- C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand for the

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: JOHN 2:1-11

- P The holy gospel according to John, the 2nd Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom wand said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." I Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

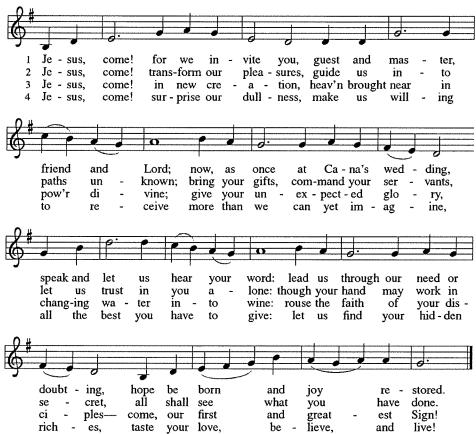
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated for the

SERMON

Please stand for the

HYMN, ELW 312



Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938 Music: Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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

Today's prayers of intercession come from a litany written to commemorate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., included in the ELCA hymnal <u>This Far by Faith</u>. The congregation responds to each petition with the words in bold.

- A Recalling the witness and the sacrifice of Martin Luther King, Jr., we pray for our nation, our world, and the mission of the Church.
 - We remember Dr. King's insight that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."
- C Therefore let us pray that we may see nothing in isolation, but may know ourselves bound to one another and to all people under heaven. We pray for anyone who is suffering in soul, mind, body or circumstance.

- A We remember Dr. King's warning that "a negative peace which is the absence of tension" is less than "a positive peace which is the presence of justice."
- C Therefore let us pray that those who work for peace in our world may first cry out for justice.
- A We remember Dr. King's lament that "the contemporary church is often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. It is so often the arch-supporter of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the church's silent and often vocal sanction of things as they are."
- C Therefore let us pray that neither this congregation nor any congregation of Christ's people may be silent in the face of wrong.
- A We remember Dr. King's hope that "dark clouds of prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities, and in some not so distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."
- C Therefore, in faith, let us commend ourselves, our church, and our common work for love and justice to the goodness of Almighty God.

PEACE

We greet one another with the peace and love of Jesus Christ.

P The peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace and love with one another and then be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see this week's "Trinity Times" for announcements.

OFFERING

The offering collected today supports the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our inclusive congregation has special commitments to the arts, addressing hunger and poverty in our community, and Christian education. Help us bring the healing love of God into the world by donating generously.

MUSICAL ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell (b. 1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in Thy name, Two or three are met together Thou are in the midst of them; Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of Thee, That by caring, helping, giving We may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

Please stand for the

Presentation of the Offering, ELW 715, vs. 1 + 5



Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957 Music: Bernadette Farrell

OFFERING PRAYER

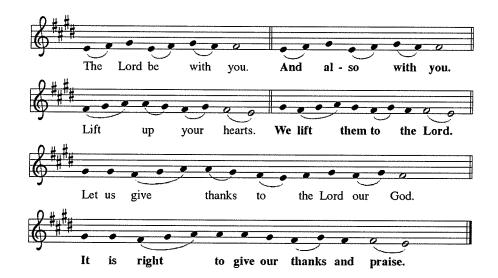
A Let us pray.
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C Amen.

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

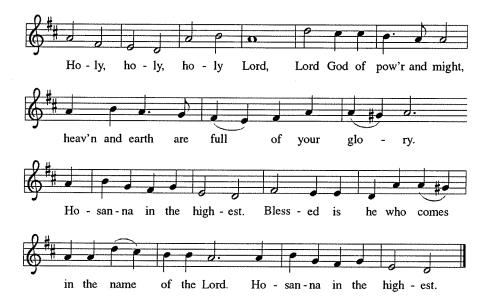
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



THE PROPER 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



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

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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 The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace! We commune today at the kneelers at the front row of pews. Come forward to the kneeler closest to you via the center aisle as indicated by the usher. You will receive the host from the pastor and wine or grape juice from the assistant. You may leave your used cup in the white bowls at the start of the side aisles as you return to your seats.

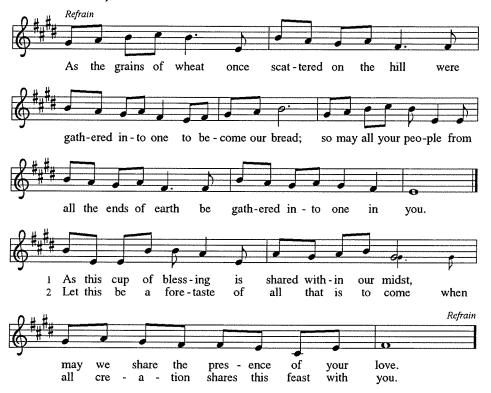
LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN, TFF 98



COMMUNION HYMN, ELW 465



Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Music: Marty Haugen

Please stand for the

TABLE BLESSING

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ + strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

C Amen.

SENDING

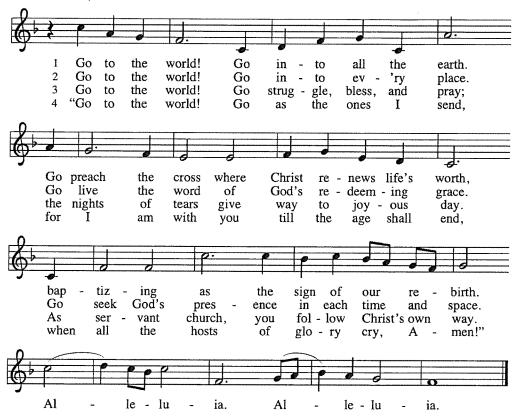
GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

BLESSING

- P The Spirit of the triune God
 + bless you with joy,
 anoint you with compassion,
 and send you in love.
- C Amen.



SENDING HYMN, ACS 991



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Procession

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS SUNDAY

Preacher/Presider	Rev. Dr. Stephanie Jaeger
Assisting Minister & Lector	Roger Wesby
Altar Guild	Kim Ryan
Director of Music & Organist	Trent Whisenant
Ushers	Pat Zulch & Joyce LaMorte
Counters	Kathy Klein & Hillie Grossarth
Livestream Technician	Peyton Blume

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR OUR PRAYERS ~ Please contact us with names to be added or removed.

Wendall Stratford, Adiza Marie Colette, John Jackson, Family and Friends of Richard Basso, Meah Guzman, Susan Kiesling, Matt Casey, Marjorie Lawrence, Vincent Somma, Family and Friends of Dave Jaeger, Nico Velez, Nicholas Volpe, Family and Friends of Sawyer Sherk, Reath Edwards, Steven Chase and the Chase Family, Ronald Campbell, Carmen Acosta, Elizabeth N. Beyan, Roe Regan, Kim Russell, Diane Deutsch, Sylvia Ann Scott, Judy Killian, Carmen Cognetta. Mary & Israel Montalvo, Bob Rautenstrauch, Joan Nellis, Deacon Margaret-Ann O'Donnell, Barbara Stack, George Skilbred, Jessica Desens, Migdalia Jimenez, Laura Lupo, Ruth Dowling, David Dowling, Lura Hellem, Bobbie Wood & her daughter, Elizabeth Martin, Virginia Gill & Family, Roald & Marlies Meyer, Victor Mistretta, Carol Vikse, Steven Tercovich, Laura Konczynski, May Moore, Marlin Campbell, Ka-Ka, Kashief Campbell, Dianne Bombardi, Ian Grande, Edie Piazza, Christopher Jarrett, Laura Bunnell, Tony Leonardi, John Niemiec, Steve, Sonia Nunez, Ellen Nelson, Darlene Nellis, Cynthia Marsh Crowell, Pastor Wolfgang Laudert, Jackie LaMorte, the Pennington Family, Kristine Klumbach, Maryann, Frank and Dawn Fazio, Barbara Sanders, and those who are suffering from the effects of the 9/11 attacks.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Joshua Lentini, Sgt George E Turner, US Army, Sgt Brendan Jocsak, US Marines.

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