



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville
Christ Lutheran Church, Sharon

The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 24, 2021

Service of the Word

Significance of the Day: As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

Gathering

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on *O Jesu Christ, Wahres Licht*

(Pachelbel, Lasky)

Greeting and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
you search us and know us.
You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.

How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,

those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and

gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Apostolic 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.

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.

Anthem

Word

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from Jonah:

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

10 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 62:5-12

5 For God alone I | wait in silence;
truly, my hope | is in God.
6 God alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.
7 In God is my deliverance | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.
8 Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge.
9 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
those of low estate can- | not be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.
10 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.
11 God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.
12 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:

29 I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short;
from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none,
30 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, 31 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 Acclamation

Alleluia.

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news.

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

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

16 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. 17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”

18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 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.

The Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

Hymn of the Day

Light Shone in Darkness



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,
2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;
3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

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

A: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need, responding, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

(Brief silence)

A: For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love. We pray especially for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael. Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A: For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth. Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A: For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth. The people of our country have been torn apart by different "truths." We pray you give us discernment and wisdom, that we can hear more clearly that which is really truth, and know that the ultimate truth comes from you alone. We pray for our president, Joe; our governor, Tom; and all who serve as elected municipal leaders and school board members in Mercer County. Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A: For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief, especially those who are sick, have tested positive or are in quarantine because of COVID, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them. Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A: For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships. Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A: In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, especially Sally, Irene, Elsie, Donald, Evelyn, Bev, Allan, and Jayna, that they point us to salvation through Christ. Lord in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

A: Are there others for whom we should pray?

P. Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Our Prayer for These Times

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot
see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Variation on *The Ash Grove*

(Held)

Serving Today

Presiding Ministers Pastor Dennis Blauser, Christ Lutheran, Sharon
Pastor Brenda Martin, Holy Trinity, Greenville
Assisting Minister Marj Stubert
Organist Maidene Hackett
Cantor Karen Emmett

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The Rev. Martin Roth, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Brian Riddle, Thiel College Campus Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, January 24, 2021, *Third Sunday after Epiphany*

- 9:30 a.m. Virtual Liturgy of the Word
10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School/Confirmation
Confirmation Class Community Service Project
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Seniors for Safe Driving

Thursday, January 28, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Zoom)

Saturday, January 30, 2021

NO Liturgy

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 31, 2021, *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

- 9:30 a.m. Virtual Liturgy of the Word
NO Sunday Church School/Confirmation
11:15 a.m. Winter Congregation Meeting via Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, February 1, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Property Committee

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Thursday, February 4, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (Zoom)

Saturday, February 6, 2021

NO Liturgy

Offering Envelopes

At the end of 2020 we learned from our Offering Envelope distributor that shipping costs on each packet of envelopes was going to almost double what it had been in the past. In order to prevent this increase for each quarter's mailings, Council / Finance chose to change to a once a year mailing delivered to the church. **Please make note that there will be no quarterly mailings to your home.**

The boxes of 2021 offering envelopes are at the church and ready for you to pick up. **These envelopes are for use beginning in February.** You can stop in Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The boxes are in the nursery in alphabetical order. If you need to make other arrangements, please call the office at 724-588-8870 and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Confirmation Class

The confirmation class, in lieu of class today, will be packing food for the Greenville school district's backpack program, one of our class's service projects for this year. Each weekend, the school district places bags of food in the backpacks of students whose families are food insecure. We will meet in person at church at 11:00 a.m. to go to the Methodist church to do that work. We encourage parents and siblings to come along and pack, since more hands make lighter the work. **Let's meet in the parking area at the church office door**, and then we'll head to the Methodist church down Clinton Street together.

Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2021, at 11:15 a.m. This is the meeting at which we approve the annual budget.

We are planning for the meeting to be a hybrid of in-person and online attendance.

Most of you will join us via a Zoom computer link. We will post the link in our Holy Trinity Facebook group, and will also email to as many of you whose email addresses are in our computer system. If you have not received communications from us in either of those places and would like to receive the Zoom link, please let Tammy know in the church office.

For others who do not have computer access, you can join in-person in Brath Hall downstairs. Pastor Brenda will be there with the computer for those attending via Zoom.

Good Shepherd January Request

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area. The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **January is Pancake mix, syrup, and cereal.**

Please note there is an urgent need for toilet paper.

Donations may be dropped off at the church office or directly at the Food Pantry.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before your call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Laurie Campbell (friend of Fran Black)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Dennis (brother of Jim Martin)	William J. (father of Catherine Mott)
Kelly (friend of Jill Murrin)	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
Earl and Carol (friends of Bonnie Long)	Lori
Tammy (friend of Jill Murrin)	Carl
Betty K.	Paul
Hank (son of Henry and Ruth Heil)	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)
Kate (friend of Paul and Sue Bittler)	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)
Jim	

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Allan Wilkins
Beverly Richards
The Rev. Donald Hake
Cynthia Richardson (mom of Ray and Cathy Richardson)
Evelyn Ramming
Sally Werner (friend of the congregation)
Jayna Spigelmeyer

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)
Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Frederiksberg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)
Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)
CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)
Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)
Ian McQuiston, US Air Force, Kuwait (friend of Betty K. Junk)