



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!

10:00a.m. Worship Service & Communion
[Sunday School]

11:00a.m. Fellowship Hour

*We are a church that actively shares
a living, daring, confidence in God's grace
with our community and the world.*

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

May the presence of the Almighty bless and comfort you, so you
leave here renewed and prepared for the week ahead.

Congregation please stand if able when indicated by the Pastor

You are also invited to say the words in **bold type**.

PRELUDE MUSIC (*a time of quiet preparation and heart reflection*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful God, ***you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.***

GREETING

GATHERING SONG

ELW#790

[Day by Day]

KYRIE:

ELW p.184

This Is The Feast:

ELW p. 187 & 188

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM: PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40

¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² ***For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.***

³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ ***Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.***

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

⁶ ***The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.***

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

8 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

10 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.

¹¹ But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

39 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual.

⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.

⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p.188 "ALLELUIA"

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, THE 6TH CHAPTER. ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

[Jesus said:] ²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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MESSAGE

***SONG OF THE DAY ELW#: 860**

[I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me]

APOSTLES CREED ELW p.105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will conclude with "God of grace"

*The congregation's response is: "**hear our prayer.**"*

Pray for those in need of God's healing, for those with medical//health

Pray for those in need for God's peace, for those who lost loved ones

PEACE

OFFERING

The offering table is in the narthex, outside the sanctuary doors.

Giving is a reminder of the blessings God gives us and gave to us through Jesus Christ.

Tithes & offerings are gathered for the support and mission of the church, including the care of those in need within our community and beyond.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

Everything That We Have

***Everything that we have everything that we are every moment is a blessing from above
It's endless love that we breathe
it's endless love that we receive-
what has freely come we now let freely go.***

***Working hard to survive is no guarantee
For the deck is always stacked against the poor
If we'd use just what we need***

***Reject the creeping cancer of greed
Like a miracle the hungry could be fed***

***May we show gratitude in the way that we live
Not with pompous prayers and not with fancy feasts
Imagine how the world should be
Then take a risk to build this dream
That's the offering that God is asking for***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING COMMUNION

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p.190

CHRIST'S WORDS AT THE TABLE

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith...

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

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p.191

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited forward for communion.

Kneel at the altar rail where you will receive communion by individual cup.

Red wine and white grape juice are available.

Gluten-free wafers are also available.

If you would just like to receive a blessing, come with your arms folded in prayer.

LAMB OF GOD ELW p.191

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG ELW#: 829

[Have You Thanked the Lord?]

DISMISSAL: *Thanks be to God.*

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The budgeted income and expenditure totals will be posted up on the overflow bulletin board each week by the finance manager, Lisa Gregg