

Second
Sunday
after the
Epiphany

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# **Mission Statement**

Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship, serve, and share Jesus.

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14 and 15, 2017

#### Welcome

The text of an early Latin hymn that dates back to the eighth century describes Jesus as the "sure foundation" who binds "all the Church in one." Although we may wonder week by week who will be at worship when we arrive at our church building, we know with certainty that our Lord is there. He is there in Word and Sacrament. He is there in the fellowship of the saints. He is there because the Church is His Church, for which He paid a great price. Gratefully, we await the gifts that He brings this day.

# **Holy Communion**

We believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a "Family Church," we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God's forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please speak to one of our pastors at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the "Fellowship Pad" in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Thank you!

### **GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SHARING OF THE PEACE + We encourage you to leave your pew and greet new people! +

**PRELUDE** 

"The Only Son from Heaven"

- Scheidemann

Please stand and face the cross during the procession to the altar.

**HYMN** 

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

LSB 395 v1-4

1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
All victorious,
Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine, And deep within our hearts now shine; There light a flame undying! In Your one body let us be As living branches of a tree, Your life our lives supplying.

Now, though daily
Earth's deep sadness
May perplex us
And distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

3 Lord, when You look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy
Warm and cheer us!
O draw near us!
For You teach us
God's own love through
You has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia!
Christ the living,
To us giving
Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

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#### **CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. [Matthew 28:19b]

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. [Psalm 130:3-4]

- P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
  - + Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination +
- C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

## **KYRIE** (Sung first by the choir, then repeated by the congregation)



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE** Glory to God in the Highest



- 2 To You, O sole-be got ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray;
- 3 For You a lone are ho ly; You on ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing— Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo-ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

- C: mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;
- P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God."

And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says:

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

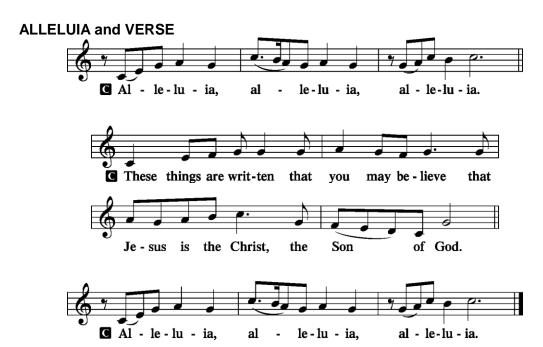
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL LESSON John 1:29-42a

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**HYMN** "The Only Son from Heaven" LSB 402

SERMON Pastor Gregory Dwyer

## **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

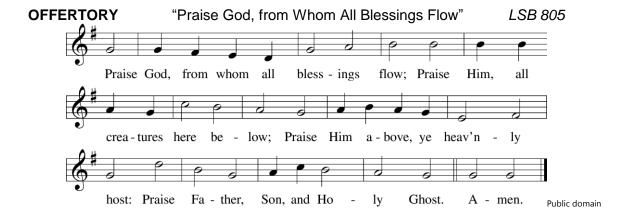
A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING + Please pass the Fellowship Pad at this time +

**OFFERING VOLUNTARY** (6:30/10:45) "The Only Son from Heaven — Scheidemann

**TRINITY CHOIR** (9:00) "Behold the Lamb of God" — Handel

Behold, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.



#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

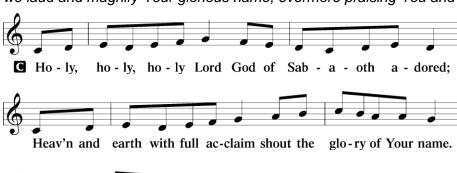
P: Lift up your hearts.

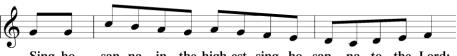
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:





Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

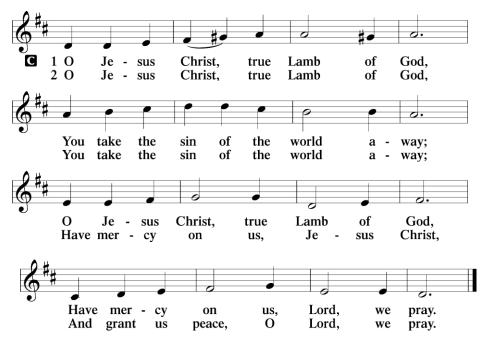
P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

#### 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.

## AGNUS DEI Lamb of God



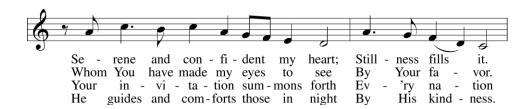
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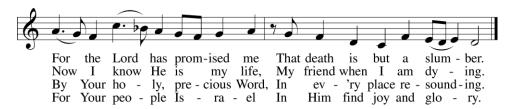
"I Lay My Sins on Jesus" LSB 606
"Lamb of God" LSB 550

# **HYMN OF THANKSGIVING** "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" LSB 938



- 2 Christ Je sus brought this gift to me, My faith ful Sav ior, 3 You sent the peo ple of the earth Their great sal va tion.
- 4 Christ is the hope and sav-ing light Of those in blind ness;





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#### CLOSING PRAYER

# A: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## C: Amen.

### BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please stand and face the cross during the recession from the altar.

**HYMN** 

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

LSB 395 v5-6

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
 Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

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#### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE 'Toccata on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

- Pelz

# Going Bach to Luther

Our hymn to focus on in January will be LSB 938, "In Peace and Joy I Know Depart." We have used this hymn a number of times in the past at Trinity, but it is good to take time and focus on it as we study Luther's hymns this year leading to the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation in October. With that being said, actually not much is known about the writing of this hymn. It appeared for the first time in 1524 in Wittenberg, published in the first hymnal of the Lutheran church by Johann Walter. Walter was Luther's "minister of music" at Wittenberg. The hymn is Luther's setting of Simeon's words at seeing the infant Jesus in the temple, from Luke chapter 2, better known to us as the Nunc Dimittis, a text that we sing almost every week at the end of communion (Lord, now you let your servant...). Not much is known about the melody of the hymn, it is typical of sixteenth century songs, and many feel that it was composed by Luther himself to go with this text. Many famous composers, including Bach and Brahms, have used this hymn as a basis for larger compositions. It is clear, with the multiple compositions using this hymn as a theme, that it was a widely sung and familiar hymn in the earlier Lutheran church.

#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sa	turday/Sunday	January 21/22
6:30 PM	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion	
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion	
10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion	
<u>Sa</u>	turday/Sunday	January 28/29
6:30 PM	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion	
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion	
10:45 AM	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion	