

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 23, 2025
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles, Washington



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God loves you dearly, and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Please pray for the church during our time of transition.
Please note: This service is live-streamed. When you come forward for communion you may be filmed. If you have concerns, please speak with the pastor or an usher.

***ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship= red hymnal in the pew rack in front of you.**

THE PRELUDE

The Vision by Tom Jones

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING

🕊 We begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity: Creator, Redeemer and Comforter.
We are hungry for your Word.

Listen, God is speaking.

We are wounded.

Remember, God loves us dearly.

We are weeping,

Jesus promises that you will have joy.

We feel alone sometimes.

We are grateful to be together today.

Trust Jesus' words of forgiveness and hope.

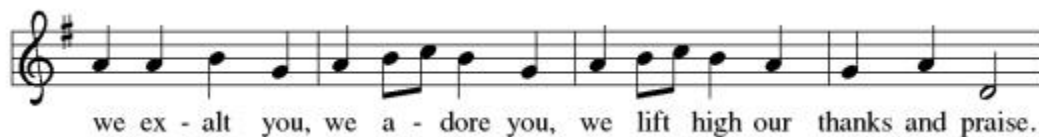
Let us give thanks for this day. Amen.

🕊 **THE GATHERING SONG** *Beloved, God's Chosen* (ELW 648)

THE 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.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE:



THE 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.**

WORD

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

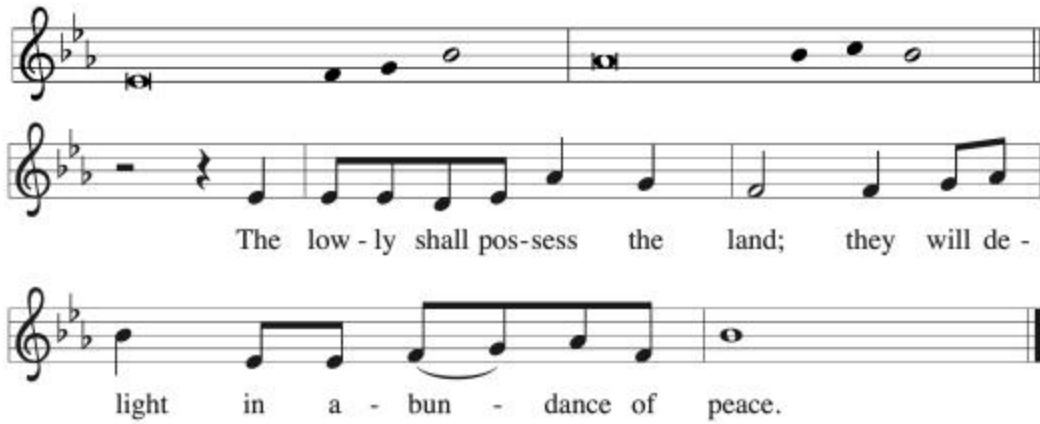
³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

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: 37:1-11, 39-40

- ¹ Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.
- ² For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass,
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD ¹ and do good;
dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.
- ⁴ Take delight ¹ in the LORD,
who shall give you your ¹ heart's desire. R
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust ¹ in the LORD,
and see what ¹ God will do.
- ⁶ The LORD will make your vindication as clear ¹ as the light
and the justice of your case like the ¹ noonday sun.
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait ¹ patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in ¹ evil
schemes.
- ⁸ Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- ¹ ly to evil. R
- ⁹ For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- ¹ sess the land.
- ¹⁰ In a little while the wicked shall ¹ be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will ¹ not be there.
- ¹¹ But the lowly shall pos- ¹ sess the land;
they will delight in abun- ¹ dance of peace.
- ³⁹ But the deliverance of the righteous comes from ¹ you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in ¹ time of trouble.
- ⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and ¹ rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you ¹ they
seek refuge. R

THE 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.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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.” The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



THE SERMON: PASTOR GAIL WHEATLEY

Following the sermon, there will be a brief period of quiet. Please use this meditative time to reflect on the sermon or pray. Our musician will play quietly. Stand when you see the pastor stand to sing the hymn.



THE HYMN OF THE DAY *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (ELW 655)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed God, you make all things new: Guide us as we seek your will for this community of Word and Sacrament, that it may be leaven for the world's bread and wine of delight for hearts in need; a gathering strong for service and glad in praise; and a people listening and responding to your presence in our midst; through Jesus, our Redeemer and steadfast companion. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

MEAL

THE OFFERING



*Our offering – of time, talent, and money – is an expression of thanks for God’s love. We give with grateful hearts knowing that many gifts are given to us in order to pass **through** us to others. Our generosity as a faith family makes a difference – in this place, in the community, and around the world God loves so much. If you wish to give electronically Scan QR code or visit our website www.go2trinity.org*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Peace Joy Love* performed by the Young Voices Youth Choir, directed by Sage Bateman

THE OFFERING PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

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 God 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING 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.

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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. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, 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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. All the bread is gluten-free. Both wine and grape juice are available.



THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN 1 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (ELW 708)

COMMUNION HYMN 2 *Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW 612)

COMMUNION HYMN 3 *Ubi Caritas et Amor* (ELW 642)



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **Amen.**

SENDING



AN ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich this couple with every good gift, that their life together may continue to show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE BLESSING

Response: **Amen**

THE SENDING SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (ELW 547)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, share the good news.

Thanks be to God, alleluia.

POSTLUDE *In Der Fremde* by Robert Schumann

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Sunday, February 23, 2025

9:30am Worship Service with Young Voices Choir

11am Fireside Chats: 'Amnon and Tamar' **Trigger warning:** rape.

11am Sunday School- Downstairs Room 3

11am Confirmation Class- Downstairs Room 1

Monday, February 24, 2025

9am Hike to Striped Peak

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

9:30am-12pm LWR Quilting

6:30pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

4-4:45pm Young Voices Choir

Sunday, March 2, 2025

9:30am Worship Service

11am Fireside Chats

11am Sunday School- Downstairs Room 3

11am Confirmation Class- Downstairs Room 1