

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles, Washington



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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.**

This is Ailanga Sunday, where we are sharing prayers and songs with the Ailanga Lutheran Junior Seminary in Tanzania. The Ailanga Lutheran Junior Seminary is a boarding secondary school educating students ages 13-20. The Ailanga School Project was formed in 2004 with 5 churches in Seattle to support this Ailanga school. High school youth and adult delegations have traveled to Ailanga every two or three years since 2004 until interrupted by the pandemic. We will be having a trip in July, and Holy Trinity member Julianna Getzin has been planning to be part of this delegation.

THE PRELUDE

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING

 Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth.

We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life.

Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ:


renew in us the living fountain of your grace;

and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in the newness of life;

for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,

and with all your creatures we give you glory,

through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

 **THE GATHERING SONG** *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* (ELW 401)

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:



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response: Amen.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm: Psalm 19

¹ The heavens declare the glo-¹ ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its¹ maker's handiwork.
² **One day tells its tale¹ to another,
and one night imparts knowledge¹ to another.**
³ Although they have no¹ words or language,
and their voices¹ are not heard,
⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends¹ of the
world,
where God has pitched a tent¹ for the sun.**
⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out¹ of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to¹ run its course.
⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end
of¹ it again;
nothing is hidden from its¹ burning heat. R**
⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-¹ vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom¹ to the simple.
⁸ **The statutes of the LORD are just and re-¹ joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light¹ to the eyes.**
⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and en-¹ dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous¹ altogether.
¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than¹ much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey¹ in the comb. R**

¹¹ By them also is your ser-^l vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is ^l great reward.

¹² **Who can detect one's ^l own offenses?
Cleanse me from my ^l secret faults.**

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion ^l over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a ^l great offense.

¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable ^l in your
sight,**

O LORD, my strength and ^l my redeemer. R

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body,
though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all
baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink
of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would
say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any
less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not
belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were
hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in
the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the
body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the
hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of
you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are
indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe
with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater
respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so
arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be
no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one
another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored,
all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has
appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of
power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of
tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work
miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all
interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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 *Listen, God Is Calling* (ELW 513)

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.**

THE PEACE

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

MEAL

THE OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Response: **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 LORD'S PRAYER (IN SWAHILI)

Baba yetu uliye mbinguni, Jina lako litukuzwe, Ufalme wako uje, Mapenzi yako yatimizwe hapa Duniani kama huko Mbinguni, Utupe leo riziki yetu, Utusamehe makosa yetu kama sisi nasi tunavyowasamehe waliyotukosea. Usitutie majaribuni, bali utuokoe na yule mwovu, Kwa kuwa ufalme ni wako, na nguvu na utukufu hata milele. Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN 1 *Let Us Break Bread Together* (ELW 471)



COMMUNION HYMN 2 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* (ACS 966)

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us

Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain
 By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your
 wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your
 peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN 3 *Eat This Bread* (ELW 472)



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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, **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 *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (ELW 866)

THE DISMISSAL

Go now to follow the Light of Jesus: see others as he did; dare to give freely as he did; and to love unconditionally as he did. Go, embraced by the Source of life, love and hope. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Sunday, January 26, 2025

11am Fireside Chats *Biblical 'Odd' Couple: David and Jonathan.*

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

9:30am-12pm LWR Quilters

6:30pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

4-4:45pm Young Voices Choir

Sunday, February 2, 2025

9:30am Worship Service

11am Fireside Chats *Biblical 'Odd' Couples*

11am Sunday School- Room 3 Downstairs

11am Confirmation Class- Room 1 Downstairs

Saturday, February 8, 2025

8:30am-3:30pm "A Year of Creation" PLU Workshop in Tacoma