



Sunday, January 17, 2021  
Second Sunday after Epiphany

## Welcome to Worship and Announcements

### Prelude

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness:**

Pastor: 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.

### **Congregation: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy God,

**C 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.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

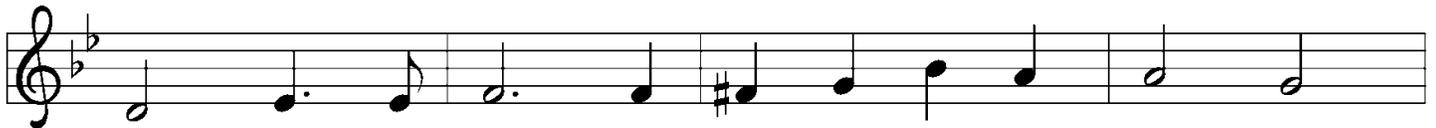
\*Gathering Hymn: "O Zion, Haste" ELW 668



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain*



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923  
Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837–1901

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**\*Greeting:**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day:**

**All Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Kidsword:** Pastor Jerry O'Neal

**Our first reading is from 1 Samuel 3:1-20**

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Psalm Hymn:** "You Are Near" arr. by Dan Schutte

(Pr. Jerry will sing and play on guitar. **Congregation will sing the refrain.** See below.)

*Refrain:*

Yahweh, I know You are near

Standing always at my side

You guard me from the foe

And You lead me in ways everlasting

**Our Second reading is from 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

<sup>12</sup>"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51**

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

Sermon: - Pastor Jerry O'Neal

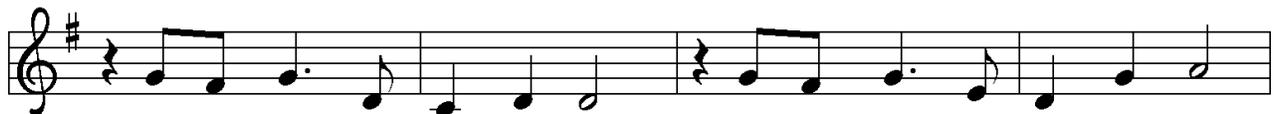
\*Hymn of the Day: "Here I Am, Lord" ELW 574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Apostles' Creed:**

**P&C 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:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "let us pray," and your response is, "Have mercy, O God."

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning for our online worship, and for those absent from our online assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, and to those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause), let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

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.

**Amen.**

**\*Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**Offering:**

If you would like to give electronically, you may

1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Store or Apple Play, or

2. Go to our website [www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com](http://www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com) and click on the green "Give" button.

3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

**Offering Music:** "Amazing Grace" Organ and Piano Duet by Kathleen Stout and Karen Huff

**\*Offering Prayer:**

L O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

C **Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer:**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)

**All 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.**

**\*Sending Call and Response:**

L God's work!

C **Our hands!**

L God's love!

C **Our hearts!**

L God's story!

C **Our voices!**

**\*Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card

C **Amen.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Sending Hymn: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" ELW 310**



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;  
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

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**\*Dismissal:**

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

## Announcements for January 17, 2021

### Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of January 17-23, 2021:

Birthdays:

January 17 – Cathy Bryan

January 17 – John Guthrie

January 17 – Patrick Montano

January 20 – Diane Scholer

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries on record.

**This week's Prayers:** Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ted Peterson, Dawn-Marie Oberly's father

Denise Amschler

Those who are infected with the COVID-19 Coronavirus and the frontline workers who are caring for them.

### 2021 Offering Envelopes:

Your 2021 Offering Envelopes may be picked up at the church in the vestibule by the front doors. Since the vestibule is unlocked you may pick up your envelopes at your convenience. If you would like offering envelopes and you can't find a set with your name on them, please contact Jenni in the office at 765-282-0619.

### Volunteers Needed:

We need volunteers to work in the Christian Ministries Food Pantry on Wednesday, January 27; Thursday, January 28 (filled); and Friday, January 29 from 9:00am to 12 Noon. We need 2 people per day. If you can help with this, please contact the church office.

### Mark Your Calendar!

**Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 24, 2021, Virtually on Zoom at 11:00am**

Reports are to be emailed to the church office no later than Monday, January 11. The church email is: holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Jenni in the church office.

Reports will be emailed and mailed (to members who do not have email access) the week of January 18. Copies will also be available in the vestibule for pick up.

During this meeting we will be voting on the new Council members and the proposed budget for 2021.

We will also hear about how God's mission through Holy Trinity continues to touch lives in our community, even through a pandemic. God works in and through all of life's ups and downs.

Below is the link for the Zoom Annual Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/6616571423?pwd=b3NqMldPTXkxS0RuOXZ3RVNabC9rUT09>

For those who do not have internet access, please call the church office by Friday, January 22 to reserve your spot in the conference call. This will let Jenni know that you want to be included in the conference call for the Zoom meeting. Jenni will call each of you on Sunday morning, January 24, and put you all into a conference call that she will attach to the Zoom meeting.

We will be mailing out letters with detailed information for everyone on how this virtual annual meeting will work.

\*Please stand as you are able.

## **Congregation Council Election**

### **Sunday, January 24, 2021**

In accordance with Holy Trinity's Constitution, the Congregation Annual Meeting will be called on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11:00am via Zoom, with the purpose of electing 2021 Council Members, approval of the 2021 proposed budget and to hear the annual reports from the various ministries of Holy Trinity. C12.02.01 of the Constitution state that notice of candidates must be given by the nominating committee at least two weeks prior to the meeting. C12.02.02 states that the congregation may nominate additional candidates providing that the nominees have agreed to stand for election and the names of such nominees are submitted to the Secretary of the congregation no later than 5 days in advance of the election.

The nominating committee submits the following names for the election:

#### **President:**

**Nancy Carlson:** Nancy Carlson joined Holy Trinity in 1982, shortly after having moved from her home state of Illinois. She is a retired professor of telecommunications at Ball State. Married 39 years to John Carlson, she has two grown children, Katie and John. Nancy is an active volunteer in the community and has previously served on church council. She led HTLC's 500th anniversary commemoration of the Reformation and the most recent vision planning activity.

#### **Vice-President:**

**Roger Hollands:** Roger Hollands and his family joined Holy Trinity when he came to Muncie as a young Assistant Professor of Political Science at Ball State in 1970. Over the years he has served several times on the council as well as being elected its secretary and as council president. Currently he is a member of the Holy Trinity Foundation Board. He has served as worship leader during Sunday services and is active in food outreach. I have been blessed in many ways here at Holy Trinity and I am thankful for the opportunity to give back.

#### **Member-At-Large [to elect 3]:**

**John Huff:** I have been a member of HTLC for decades and an usher for over 20 years. I'm retired from a 30+ year career as a Pharmaceutical Sales Representative, but please don't hold that against me! I love our HTLC people and want to see things get back to normal, whatever that will be, as soon as possible!

**Jan Segedy:** I have been a member of Holy Trinity since 2001 and am currently a choir member and secretary of Holy Trinity's Foundation Board. This will be the second time I have served on the Church Council. Teaching Elementary School children has been my passion in Michigan and at Burriss Laboratory School. After retiring from teaching in 2014, I began working part time for Michelle Walker and Thrivent Financial. I enjoy quilting, ballroom dancing, walking and traveling. My son, David, lives in Seattle and is a band drummer and home remodeling worker.

**Kate Leigh:** I joined Holy Trinity in 2009 after my son (Ian James) and I moved to Muncie. Richard and I were married here in 2011. I have assisted with the Project Stepping Stone dessert auction on several occasions. I am the Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services at Bracken Library, Ball State University. In my spare time, I read, go for walks, and watch a lot of sports, including cheering for my Green Bay Packers.

***Thank you to the Nominating Committee: Becki Bergs, Gwen Carey, John Kelly and Sue Donnellan for their work and for our nominees' willingness to serve!***