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PRELUDE

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Elizabeth Stirling

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

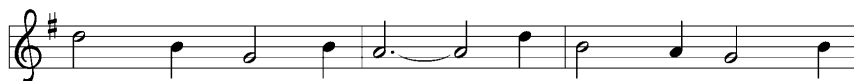
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *We Come to You for Healing, Lord* ELW 617



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

Susan Scheulen

A reading from Isaiah.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

⁵Great is our LORD and might-¹ y in power;
there is no limit¹ to God's wisdom.

⁶The LORD lifts ¹ up the lowly,
but casts the wicked ¹ to the ground.
⁷Sing to the LORD ¹ with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp ¹ to our God,
⁸who covers the heav- ¹ ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- ¹ on the mountains. **R**
⁹God provides food ¹ for the cattle
and for the young ravens ¹ when they cry.
¹⁰God is not impressed by the might ¹ of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed ¹ of a runner,
¹¹but finds pleasure in those who ¹ fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c1} Hallelujah! **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

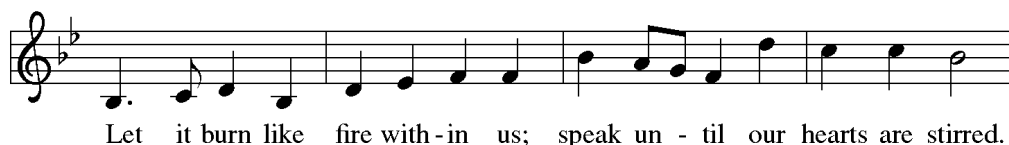
¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law.

²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Terry Hannon

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

CREED

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 OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Guide human hearts to bring your creation into harmony and balance, give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for all people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need especially Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Stephen, Christi, Juanita, Earl and Paula and other we name now (*worshippers many add names silently or aloud*). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who calls each star by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Other prayers may be offered now.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

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



OFFERING

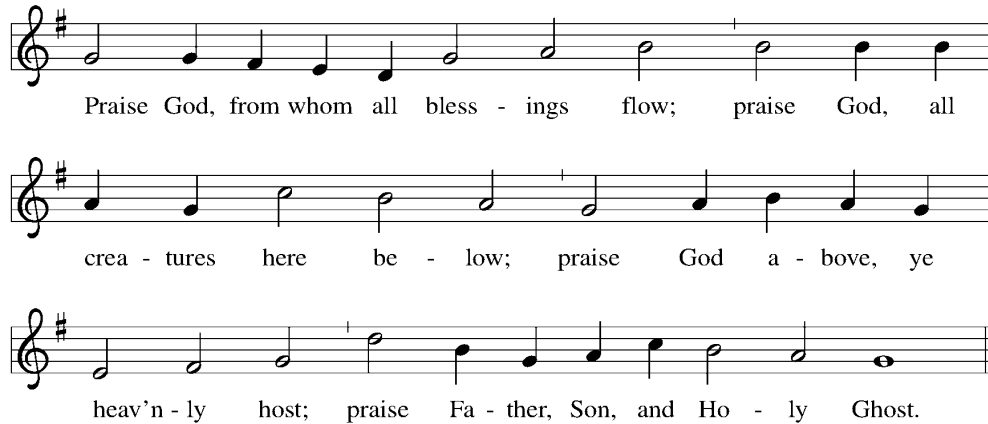
Praise to the Lord the Almighty arr. Lloyd Larson Trinity Chimes

Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.

OFFERING PRESENTATION

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

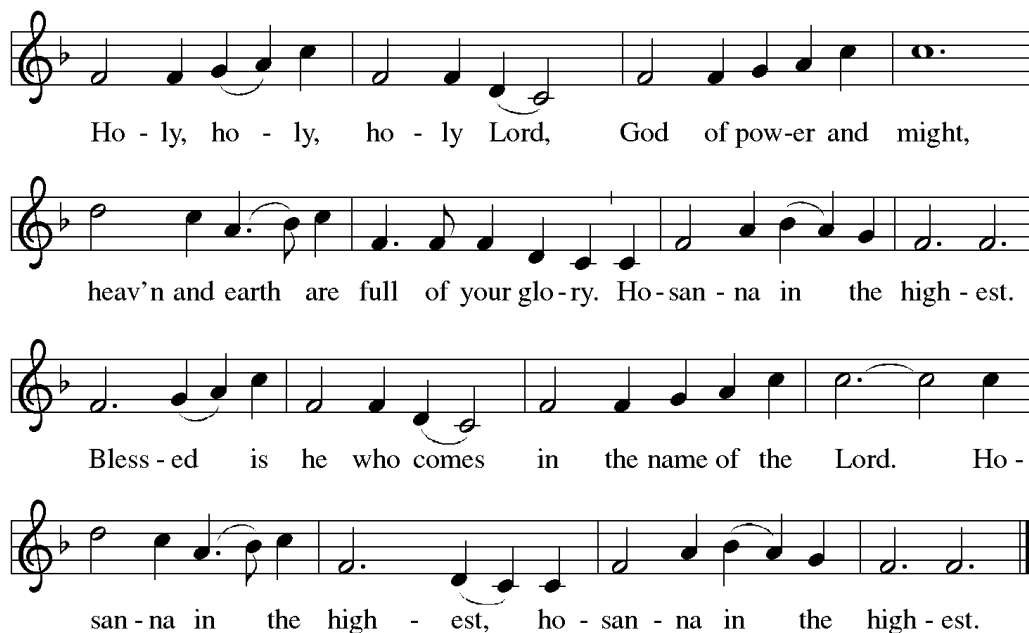
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

PREFACE

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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Those communing from home, have your package ready to open, but do not consume the elements until the pastor acknowledges those at home and says: "Take and eat. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given and shed for you." Then you may partake.

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Beauty for Brokenness



1 Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for de - spair:
 2 Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills,
 3 Ref - uge from cru - el wars, ha - vens from fear,
 4 Rest for the rav - aged earth, o - ceans and streams,
 5 Light-en our dark - ness, breathe on this flame,

Lord, in the suf - fer - ing this is our prayer.
 work for the crafts - men, trade for their skills;
 cit - ies for sanc - tu - a - ry, free - doms to share;
 plun - dered and poi - soned, our fu - ture, our dreams.
 un - til your jus - tice burns bright - ly a - gain;

Bread for the chil - dren, jus - tice, joy, peace;
 land for the dis - pos - sessed, rights for the weak,
 peace to the kill - ing fields, scorched earth to green,
 Lord, end our mad - ness, care - less - ness, greed;
 un - til the na - tions learn of your ways,

sun - rise to sun - set your king - dom in - crease.
 voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't speak.
 Christ for the bit - ter - ness, his cross for the pain.
 make us con - tent with the things that we need.
 seek your sal - va - tion, and bring you their praise.

Refrain

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us com - pas - sion, we
 pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
 Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.



1 When mem - 'ry fades, and rec - og - ni - tion fal - ters,
 2 As frail - ness grows, and youth - ful strengths di - min - ish,
 3 With - in your Spir - it, good - ness lives un - fad - ing.



when eyes we love grow dim, and minds con - fused,
 in wea - ry arms which worked their ear - nest fill,
 The past and fu - ture min - gle in - to one.



speak to our souls of love that nev - er al - ters;
 your ag - ing ser - vants la - bor now to fin - ish
 All joys re - main, un - shad - owed light per - vad - ing.



speak to our hearts, by pain and fear a - bused.
 their earth - ly tasks, as fits your mer - cy's will.
 No val - ued deed will ev - er be un - done.



O God of life and heal - ing peace, em - pow'r us
 We grieve their wan - ing, yet re - joice, be - liev - ing,
 Your mind en - folds all fi - nite acts and off - rings.



with pa - tient cour - age, by your grace in - fused.
 your arms, un - wea - ried, shall up - hold us still.
 Held in your heart, our death - less life is won.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May Christ the Son be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world. And the blessing our God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,

Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,

sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lobe Den Herren

Johann Walther (1684-1748)

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This week: Greeter: Diann Dailey, Reader: Susan Scheulen; Comm. Asst. Susan Scheulen

Next week: Greeters: Bill & Mistie McPadalin; Reader: Dorrie Greene; Comm. Asst.

Please welcome back this morning, The Reverend Terry Hannon. Pastor Hannon is retired and lives at The Village at Orchard Ridge, where she is a neighbor to Trinity's Nancy Huffman. Rostered in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod of the ELCA, she has served congregations in Reston and Alexandria and as interim Lutheran campus minister at George Mason University in Fairfax. She spent 20½ years in the U.S. Air Force before attending and graduating from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 2001.

TRENDING @ TRINITY

Sewing for the Savior will meet Tuesday, February 13 at 9:30AM in room 204. Anyone interested in hand sewing quilts is welcome to attend.

The Lutheran Church Women will meet at 11:30AM on Tuesday, February 14th in the parish hall. All women are welcome.

February 11 is Superbowl Sunday, or at Trinity, **Souper** Bowl. Wear your favorite team jersey and bring soup to be donated to the food pantry. Unlike some years, there is no meal after worship. In February Trinity is also collecting macaroni & cheese for the food pantry.

During Pastor JMe's Time of Renewal, the congregation will also be having a Time for Renewal. The Congregation Council will be leading a Bible Study entitled **Walking Together: Ministry Renewal Conversations**. It will be held in the Parish Hall around 10:50 and will run 20-30 minutes. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate. It will be led this morning by Jim Hall, looking at Exodus 16:2-12

During Pastor JMe's Time of Renewal (now until Feb. 12) if you have a pastoral emergency within regular office hours (Monday through Thursday 8AM-1PM) please call the church and Brenda will see that care is provided. Outside of those hours, please call Council President Roger Wickboldt (614-477-2431). In an emergency, Brenda or Roger will contact Pastor Melissa May.

February 14 is Ash Wednesday. Trinity will offer two services that day, both with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Services will be at noon and 7PM. During Lent there will be a soup supper each Wednesday (except Feb 28, which will be the community meal) followed by a Taizé service. Mark your calendars now and plan to participate.

2024 Chancel flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The entire year is there, so you can choose your Sundays for all of 2024.

Inclement weather policy: during winter months if the weather on a Sunday is questionable, please check your email. Council will determine if services are cancelled by 7:30AM on that Sunday then a mass email, like the weekly emails, will be sent if services are cancelled. Council members will form a phone tree to contact those without email.

Correction: February 9 is Tammy Craun's birthday, not Tammy Rogers.