



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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10:00AM

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Introduction

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, Water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

*THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.

We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ✚ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

THE GATHERING SONG: #705
God of Grace and God of Glory

* **THE 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.**

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷ But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” ⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 71:1-6

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

² **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;**

incline your ear to me and save me.

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴ **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,
my confidence since I was young.

⁶ **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my
mother’s womb you have been my strength; my praise shall
be always of you.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Sung page #151a

C: **Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of
eternal life. Alleluia.**

* P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter

* C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #631
Love Divine All Love Excelling

* **THE APOSTLES’ CREED** page 217

**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.**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation

God of grace,
Hear Our Prayer

*** PEACE**

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

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: Youth Choir He’s Got the Whole World

* **THE OFFERTORY:** Let the Vineyards be Fruitful # 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE MEAL

*** 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** (Sung) page 152
 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.

* **THE 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. 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:

- * **THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (Sung) page 153
 Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 Lord God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

* **THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

- * **THE LORD'S PRAYER** page 154
 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.

- * **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**
 The Joy of the Lord is our strength.
 Come, eat this meal of gladness.

THE LAMB OF GOD (sung) page 154
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

- * **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.

THE SENDING

- * **THE BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God
 ✠ bless you with joy,
 anoint you with compassion,
 and send you in love.
Amen.

- * **THE SENDING SONG:** #543
Go My Children With My Blessing

- * **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in Hope.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: February 2, 2025

Communion Assistant: Lynn Haab

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Lynn Haab

Usher: Chris & Baylee Rodig

Musician: Danny Allen and Youth Choir

Sound System: Laura Poethke

Serving Next Week: February 9, 2025

Acolyte: Scarlett Johnson

Lector: Hank Bariexca

Ushers: Karin & Allyson Schmalz

Musician: Ryan Peiffer

Sound System: Amber Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

SOUPER SUNDAY is coming! On February 9 we invite everyone to bring in a can of soup and \$1.00 to vote for the team you hope will win the Super Bowl! Start your Pre-game with Worship at 10:00 AM! Wear your favorite team's colors!

SUNDAY MORNING: 9am Sunday School & Worship 10AM every Sunday.

MORE INFORMATION: on these and other upcoming worship times and events can be found on the church Facebook page [HolyTrinityBT](#) and the church website: www.holytrinityelc.org

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME: Have you ever thought about joining one of our worship teams. We are always looking for new people to help usher, read, help with communion or acolyte. Please see Bonnie Mazza if you are interested.

FOOD PANTRY: Our food pantry is open the third Sunday of each month. We are in need a few people to come and take inventory of what we have left so we can restock. If you are able to help out please call the office.

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: If you want a 2024 year-end financial statement of your donations, please email Hank Bariexca at: htelctreasurer@gmail.com or call the Church office at (609) 387-1202 with your request. If you don't supply an email address the statements will be left in the Narthex for you to pick up.

COUNTERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to help count offering on Monday mornings around 10am. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry please reach out to Bonnie in the office to schedule a day and time to help out.



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today	9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship
Monday:	7:00-9:00pm Burlington Entertainers
Wednesday	5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety
Friday	7:00—10:00PM AA
Next Sunday:	9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship



Holy Trinity has accepted our Bishop's challenge from our Synod to go green. We are returning to the use of glass communion cups and products that are biodegradable.

We are asking for members of the church to bring in one coffee mug each to help us stop using so many paper cup products. These mugs will be put out for fellowship events.

Another step the church is looking into is replacing our hallway water fountain with a water bottle filling station. This would encourage our members and staff to bring a bottle and fill it up. This would help cut the cost and recycling of store bought plastic water containers.



As mentioned at our annual meeting, the church council is looking at ways to reduce our overhead cost. You will find some signup sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway. These sheets contain items and small repairs. If you are able to help out with any of the listed needs, please sign up on the sheet. Every small thing we can do to help will save the church time and money. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our council members.

