

**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023**

Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self examination

P Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Greeting

P 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.**

Praise Songs

You Are My Hiding Place

You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,

Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You, I will trust in You,
Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

*Repeat; end with **I will trust in You** the second time through*

Wellspring

River of Joy flowing deep in my soul,
Wellspring of Life won't You come make me whole
Water the desert of my thirsting days,
Fountain of Love, hear my sweet song of praise.

Chorus:

I sing with joy as I rest in You,
I sing with faith as I trust in You.
I sing with love as I worship You:
Wellspring of Life, come and make me new.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. **Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

First Reading *Isaiah 9:1-4*

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

....*The Word of the Lord*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1,4-9

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message - "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

....*The Word of the Lord*

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

(sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel *Matthew 4:12-23*

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

...*The Gospel of the Lord*
(sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Youth Time

Please be seated

Choir Anthem

Worship the Lord

Meditation

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
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Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the Church

A Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainably.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. Especially we pray for Glenda, Ralph, Evelyn, Dorothy and Cynthia.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We also pray for those impacted by war and violence and we pray for our men and women in the armed forces. We also ask for your mercy and blessing on those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the ministries of TOL and Augustana and all churches in this community. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: *(sung)*: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.**

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

{P Come and taste the joy of God!}

Communion Song

Please be seated

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.

Communion will be as follows: Please come up the aisle, pulpit side first, to receive the body/bread or a blessing, then move to receive the blood/wine/grape juice. Place empty glass in receptacle as you return to your seat.

Communion: From the Small Catechism of Martin Luther: "that person is well prepared [to receive communion] who believes these words, **given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, for the words **for you** simply require a believing heart."**

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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Today's Prayer Partner: Lanny Repman

January 22, 2023 Announcements

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time.

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the altar following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's prayer partner is Lanny Repman.

Today's Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God from Nancy Jackson in loving memory of her Mom, Shirley Myers, on her birthday.

WWI Group: Will have a brief meeting in the Fireside Lounge following the worship service **today**. All are welcome to attend.

Prayer Service for Bill Krieger: Our member, Bill Krieger, passed away this week. There will be a prayer service for Bill at Lombardo Funeral Home, 3060 Abbott Road, Orchard Park, at 7 pm on **Tuesday, January 24**. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Adult Ed: We continue with the discussions of who the "Real Jesus" may be. We'll delve into his childhood and young adult life from a variety of sources. Classes are led by Charlie Schmidtke, we meet at **1 pm**, and there will also be a Zoom option.

Monday, January 30

Was it the Temple or the Mt. of Olives?

Monday, February 13

The Essenes' Influence on Jesus

Bible Study: Pastor Fred will lead a **six-week** Bible study on the Book of Hebrews, beginning **Friday, February 3**. We will meet at Augustana Lutheran church on Fridays from 10:00 – 11:30 am. One can attend in person or on Zoom (please contact us for the Zoom link). Please join us!

Table Talk: Please join us for our monthly (2nd Wednesday of each month) discussion group; our next session will be on **Wednesday, February 8**. Our focus will be on Oprah Winfrey's "Belief" video series. A discussion will follow each episode. We meet from 6:30 till 8 pm, and there will also be a Zoom option. (Please contact Charlie Schmidtke for the link.) This discussion group is held in the evening so that those who might work during the day will be able to attend.

Souper Bowl of Caring: On **Sunday, February 12**, we have an opportunity to help fight hunger in our community by making a monetary donation to our soup pot in the narthex or by bringing in pantry staples and canned goods for the shopping cart (see the list below). All food and monetary donations will be donated to Community of Good Neighbors and/or Good Shepherd's food pantry. Always welcome are grocery donations of non-perishable items (and gift cards to grocery stores), such as:

Soups and other canned goods (vegetables, tuna, beans, etc.)

Peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, applesauce

Breakfast items: cereal, oatmeal, grits, granola bars

Boxes of pantry staples: instant potatoes, rice, mac and cheese, pasta, ramen noodles

(Please check food expiration dates before donating.)

Paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)

Personal care (feminine hygiene products, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, etc.)

Food items can be dropped off here at TOL Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. – noon - just ring the doorbell to let the office know that you're here. Thank you for your generosity!

Pizza Lunch: Come join us for a pizza/Valentines' Day lunch in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, February 19** following our worship service. All are welcome!! Please sign up on the main bulletin board.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Our annual meeting, following the worship service, is scheduled for **Sunday, March 5**. If you have not already done so, please submit your team's 2022 report to the church office no later than **Sunday, February 19** for inclusion in the printed booklet. Copies of the printed Annual Report will be available by **Sunday, February 26**, or we can email one to you on that date, if requested.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only-please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website homepage (www.trinityoldlutheran). If you have a smartphone, you can download the Tithe.ly app. Instructions for both ways of giving through Tithe.ly are on our website's homepage. Please call the office at (716) 836-4868 if you have any questions.

Mission for January: During the month of January, we will focus on Lutheran Disaster Relief. Please see the article in your January Trinity Tidings, and we thank you for your donations to this important organization.

Friends of Night People Info: Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to make 100 sandwiches each week! In addition to the sandwich ministry, there is a barrel in the main hallway for clothing donations, and in the narthex there is a tote for new socks, small sized hygiene products, such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Thank you, everyone!

Worship on Cable TV: If you are unable to join us for in-person or Zoom worship on Sundays, Lutheran worship is available on Cable TV channel 5, MeTV, Sundays at 10:00 am. "Church Unleashed" is led by Lutheran Pastors Beigner, Griffiths and Smith.

Book and Puzzle Sale: Stop by the TOL book and puzzle sale in the Resource Library, in the first room off the hallway past the main bulletin board, where you'll find something for readers of all ages! New items are continually being added at a fraction of the usual cost!

Operation Christmas Child: Once again, we are collecting items for this year’s shoeboxes throughout the year. There is a list of items needed in the Trinity Tidings and a collection box in the narthex for your items. Thank you for your continued support.

Devotionals and Calendars: If you would like a “Christ in Our Home” devotional for **January – March 2023**, please pick one up in the narthex or call the church office at 716-836-4868 to have one mailed to you. Also available in the narthex are 2023 calendars, courtesy of Roberts & Wedekindt Funeral Home.

This week’s calendar

<i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon. Please note that the office is unstaffed on Mondays. For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i>	Sun	1/22	9:30 am 11 am 12 noon 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Brief meeting – WWI – in Fireside Lounge Abiding Faith Worship GA and GAMAnon Meetings
	Mon	1/23	10 am 5:45 pm	OA Meeting Yoga (in Studio and Zoom)
	Tues	1/24	9 am 7:30 pm	Sandwich Team #2 CoDA
	Wed	1/25	12 noon 5:45 pm	Yoga (via Zoom) Yoga (in Studio and Zoom)
	Thurs	1/26	9:30 am 5:45 pm	Yoga (in Studio and Zoom) Yoga (in Studio and Zoom)
	Fri	1/27		
	Sat	1/28		
	Sun	1/29	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA and GAMAnon Meetings

Announcements: *If you’d like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send to trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com or call 716-836-4868 by Wednesday morning. Thank you.*

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