

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



February 16, 2025  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Morris Plains, New Jersey  
Pastor David Russert

# WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are glad to have you at worship with us today,  
as we receive God's good and gracious gifts!

At Trinity, we joyfully share God's love and Word with all people  
through worship, learning, fellowship, and service.

Trinity is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), meaning our beliefs and teachings follow after the Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther, who sought to bring the Church back to the pure doctrines of Scripture. Simply put, we believe, teach, and confess what the Bible says—no more, no less.

As part of the LCMS, our beliefs and teachings can be summarized as:

**Grace Alone:** God loves the people of the world, even though they are sinful, rebel against Him & do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable & save the ungodly.

**Faith Alone:** Jesus' suffering & death as the substitute for all people of all time purchased & won forgiveness & eternal life for all. Those who hear this Good News & believe it receive these gifts. God creates faith in Christ & gives people forgiveness through Him.

**Scripture Alone:** The Bible is God's inerrant & infallible Word, in which He reveals His Law & His Gospel of salvation in Christ. It is the sole rule & norm for Christian doctrine.

God bless you as He speaks to us His Word during this time of worship!

**WE OFFER BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN,  
BOTH YOUNG AND OLD! PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Adult Bible Study** – 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evenings – Ages 12+

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## A NOTE ON COMMUNION:

In this congregation, the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites those who trust His words and repent of all sin to His table.

Communion is also a confession of the faith confessed at this altar. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession different than that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (yet desire to receive the Sacrament) are asked to first speak with Pastor Russert or an usher.

*"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord." 1 Cor. 11:27-28*

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Stand*

### OPENING HYMN

551 When to Our World the Savior Came



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and  
2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple  
3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened  
4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for  
5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness  
thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from  
ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could  
us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver  
pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.  
soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"  
see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.  
cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.  
fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalms 119:1–2, 4–5; ant.: v. 7*

*I will praise you with an / upright heart,\*  
when I learn your just and righ- / teous decrees.*

Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,\*  
who walk in the law | of the LORD!

Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,\*  
who seek him with their | whole heart.

You have commanded your | precepts\*  
to be kept dil- | igently.

Oh that my ways may be | steadfast\*  
in keeping your | statutes!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*I will praise you with an / upright heart,\*  
when I learn your just and righ- / teous decrees.*

### KYRIE

*LSB 186*

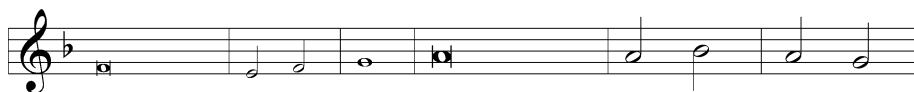


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

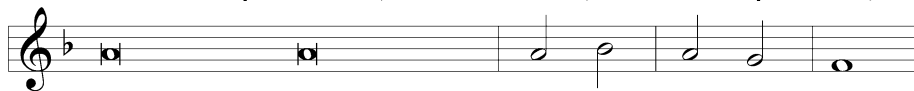
## Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



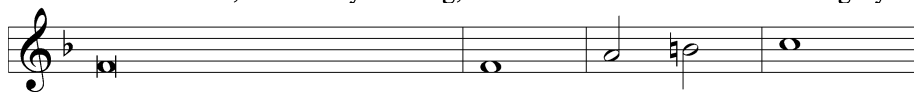
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



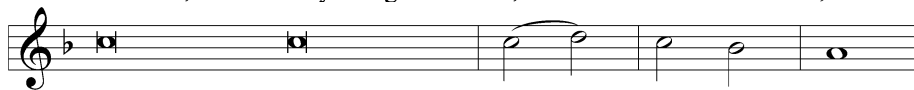
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



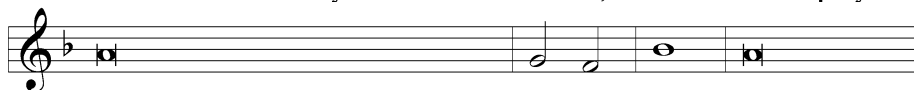
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



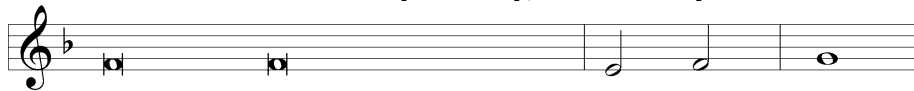
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

OLD TESTAMENT

*Jeremiah 17:5–8*

5        Thus says the LORD:  
 “Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
       and makes flesh his strength,  
       whose heart turns away from the LORD.  
 6        He is like a shrub in the desert,  
       and shall not see any good come.  
       He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
       in an uninhabited salt land.  
 7        “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
       whose trust is the LORD.  
 8        He is like a tree planted by water,  
       that sends out its roots by the stream,  
       and does not fear when heat comes,  
       for its leaves remain green,  
       and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
       for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalms 1; ant.: v. 2*

*But his delight is in the law | of the LORD,\*  
 and on his law he meditates | day and night.*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,\*  
**nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;**

<sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law | of the LORD,\*  
**and on his law he meditates | day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not | wither.\*

**In all that he does, he | prospers.**

<sup>4</sup>The wicked | are not so,\*  
**but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,\*  
**nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;**

<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
**but the way of the wicked will | perish.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*But his delight is in the law / of the LORD,\*  
and on his law he meditates / day and night.*

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 15:1–20*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

<sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 190



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17–26

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

LSB 191

☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,



very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

527 O Savior, Precious Savior



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;  
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought  
 3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;  
 4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,  
 Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,  
 The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.  
 In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.  
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.  
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.  
 And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

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**SERMON**

*Pastor David Russert*

**OFFERING**

*Stand*

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

**902 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now**



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
 hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.  
 light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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## PREFACE

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## PROPER PREFACE

LSB 194

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**C** 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

## PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

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



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*



# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## 547 The Lamb



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



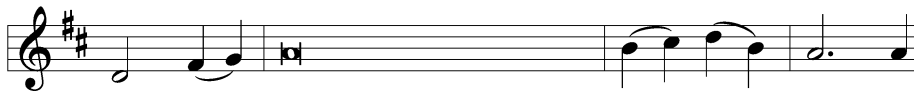
own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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*Stand*

# NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# CLOSING HYMN

## 727 On Eagles' Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -  
2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And  
3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the  
4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,  
fam - ine will bring you no fear;  
ar - row that flies by day; Though  
guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My  
Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His  
thou - sands fall a - bout you,  
on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock in whom I trust!"  
faith - ful - ness your shield.  
Near you it shall not come.  
dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

### *Refrain*



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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*Today's altar flowers are given  
to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.*



## FLOWER CHART 2025

Please consider supporting our beautiful altar flower fund by signing up for a week (or more) for continued beautiful flowers on the Altar. The new chart and envelopes are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Fill out an envelope and place in the Dimitry's mailbox at least 1 week before the date



*Thank you to all who have supported in the past!*



## PRAYER REQUEST NETWORK

Matthew 18:19 tells us *"If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."*

The Prayer Network will offer prayers for your concerns and joys.



**THE BOARD OF DIRECTION** meets once a month.

Members of the congregation are invited to attend. .

The next meeting is **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**



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