



FIRST TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022 5:30 P.M.**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 8:45 A.M.**

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

If you are a guest with us today, we are so glad you are here! We invite you to fill out a yellow card from the pew rack and put it in the offering plate during worship. You will find all of the words in the worship service projected at the front of the church or in this bulletin.

If you have something you would like us to pray about this week, you can write it on the back of the yellow card. Our staff and prayer team will pray for the requests during the week. If you so choose, we will post your request online at our prayer wall as well.

First Trinity is a Bible-based church. We believe God's Word is the sole authority for this life. We are imperfect people loving imperfect people. Our prayer for you today is that you would connect to God and grow closer and closer to Him each day.

## **SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY**

Last week we celebrated Epiphany, when God shared the good news of Jesus with the magi, who were Gentiles. This did not fall in with the expectations of the time, when God's people kept their faith within the Jewish people. We recognize the opening of the church to the Gentiles with green paraments, the color of growth. This time of year is also a traditional time to focus on missions and further expanding the church.

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Lord God, You showed Your glory and led many to faith by the works of Your Son. As He brought gladness and healing to His people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PRELUDE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Rev. Jason Christ, Associate Pastor*

**WELCOME** *Rev. Dr. Charles E. Whited, Jr., Lead Pastor*

*(Stand)*

**OPENING HYMN** *Come, Join in Cana's Feast* *Hymnal 408, verses 1-4*

*Verse 1*

Come, join in Cana's feast  
Where Christ is honored guest.  
He welcomes all who come to taste  
The wine His hands have blessed.

*Verse 2*

The old wine now is gone  
From jars that stand apart.  
No longer can it satisfy  
The yearning, thirsting heart.

*Verse 3*

But Christ, the Word made flesh,  
Bids water turn to wine.  
He fills our empty cups again  
With grace and truth divine.

*Verse 4*

Come, friends, and share the feast;  
Here drink the wine supplied  
By Him who is both guest and host—  
For us, the crucified.

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## INVOCATION

Leader To God our Creator, who makes all things whole,

**People Give praise to the One who holds all in control.**

Leader To God our Redeemer, who came to restore,

**People Give praise to the One who will reign evermore.**

Leader To God our Companion, whose counsel abides,

**People Give praise to the One who within us resides.**

Leader O Lord, open my lips,

*Women and my mouth will declare Your praise.*

Leader Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

*Men make haste to help me, O Lord.*

## CONFESSION

**Leader** John writes in the beginning of his Gospel: "The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him." God's light has indeed come in Jesus Christ. He has shone into our dark world and brought to light our dark deeds. But He does not do this to shame or condemn, but rather to forgive. So let us confess our sin to God and receive His grace again this day.

**People** **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all my sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.** *(silence for personal confession)*

## ABSOLUTION

**Leader** God has been merciful to us. For our sake He made Jesus who knew no sin to be sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. *2 Corinthians 5:21* In Christ, our sins have been forgiven as we are made righteous before God.

**People** **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Join in Cana's Feast* Hymnal 408

*Verse 5*

For now He lives and reigns  
Through all eternity  
With Father, Spirit, Three in One,  
The glorious Trinity.

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*(Sit)*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Reader** God speaks to us through the Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*In the Absolution, we receive God's forgiveness. Usually, it takes a form like "God has forgiven your sins because of Jesus", though the exact wording is quite varied. The word "Absolution" comes from the Latin, *absolvere*, which means "to loosen, set free, or absolve". (See 1 John 1:8-9)*

Reader God speaks to us through the New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

**ALLELUIA**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Reader God speaks to us through the Gospel: John 2:1-11

**People Glory to You, O Lord.**

Reader On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to You, O Christ.** *(Sit)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *Sue Steege, Director of Transformation Ministries*

**MESSAGE HYMN *The Only Son from Heaven*** *Hymnal 402, verses 1, 3-4*

*Verse 1*

The only Son from heaven,  
Foretold by ancient seers,  
By God the Father given,  
In human form appears.  
No sphere His light confining,  
No star so brightly shining  
As He, our Morning Star.

*Verse 4*

O Father, here before You  
With God the Holy Ghost  
And Jesus, we adore You,  
O pride of angel host:  
Before You mortals lowly  
Cry, "Holy, holy, holy,  
O blessed Trinity!"

*Verse 3*

O Lord, our hearts awaken  
To know and love You more,  
In faith to stand unshaken,  
In spirit to adore,  
That we, through this world  
moving,  
Each glimpse of heaven proving,  
May reap its fullness there.

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**MESSAGE *Christians Have the Best Parties*** *Rev. Dr. Charles E. Whited, Jr., Lead Pastor*

*(Stand)*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**People 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 of the world to come. Amen.**

*(Sit)*

**OFFERING INVITATION** *Give at FTGives.com or text "Give" to 716-710-8800.*

**OFFERING ANTHEM**

*The offering is a time to worship God with our gifts. We believe that all we have comes from God, and He asks us to be faithful managers for Him. We return but a portion of what He has already given us.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People** 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. 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.

### BLESSING (ONLINE)

*(Stand)*

### PREPARATION FOR LORD'S SUPPER

Leader The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take; eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Leader The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People** And also with you.

*We welcome to the  
Lord's Table  
baptized believers  
who confess their  
sins, affirm their faith  
in Jesus Christ as  
Lord and Savior, and  
who accept that  
Christ's body and  
blood are truly  
present in Holy  
Communion, given  
for the forgiveness  
of sins.*

### THE INVITATION

**AGNUS DEI** *Hymnal page 163*

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.

*(Sit)*

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

***Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*** *Hymnal 631*

*Verse 1*

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand the\_ eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

*Verse 2*

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

*Verse 3*

This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

*Verse 4*

I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

*Verse 5*

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

*Verse 6*

Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

*Verse 7*

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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## ***O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*** Hymnal 632

Verse 1

O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

Verse 2

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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*(Stand)*

## **NUNC DIMITTIS** Hymnal page 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Leader O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness  
sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have  
given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your  
children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be  
enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

## **POSTLUDE**

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