

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

#### TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | Saline, Michigan

#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

February 23, 2025

**THANK YOU** for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

**THANK OFFERING:** Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

**RESTROOMS** are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS – We are GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN to our worship service. Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but DO NOT WORRY about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school toddler bags and children's bulletins are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

483 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CW 483



Please stand if you are able

#### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

# Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

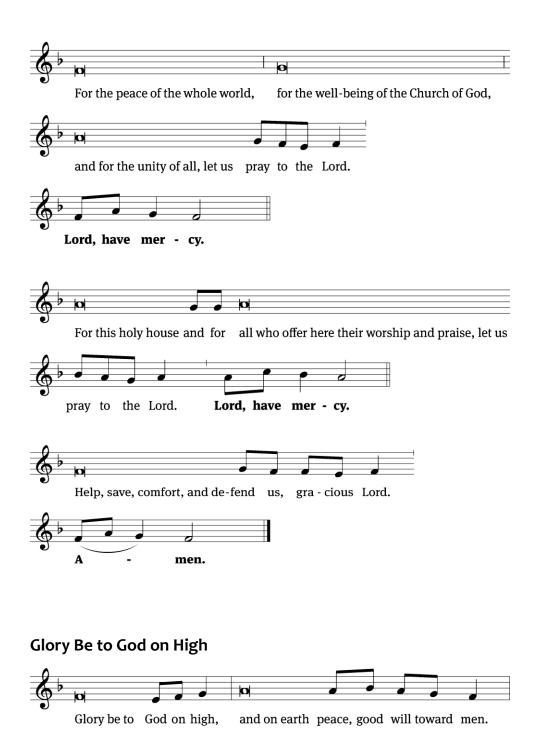
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Lord, have mer - cy.





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

#### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated

### **First Reading**

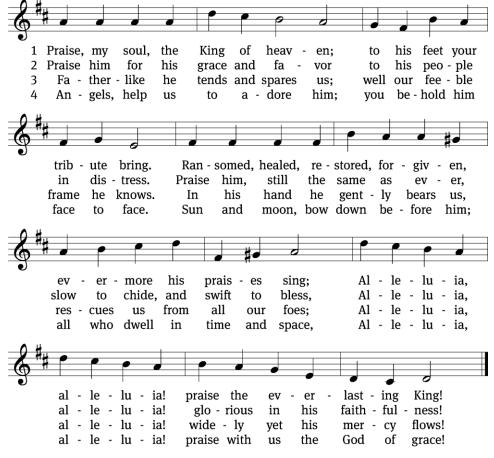
Jeremiah 17:5–8

<sup>5</sup>This is what the LORD says. Cursed is anyone who trusts in mankind, who seeks his strength from human flesh, and who turns his heart away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>He will be like a juniper bush in the wasteland. He will not see good things when they come. He lives in a dry place in the wilderness, in a salty land where no one lives. <sup>7</sup>But blessed is anyone who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. <sup>8</sup>He will be like a tree planted by water. It sends out its roots to the stream. It does not fear the heat when it comes. Its leaves will remain green. It is not concerned about a time of drought. It does not stop producing fruit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### 103B Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Psalm 103B



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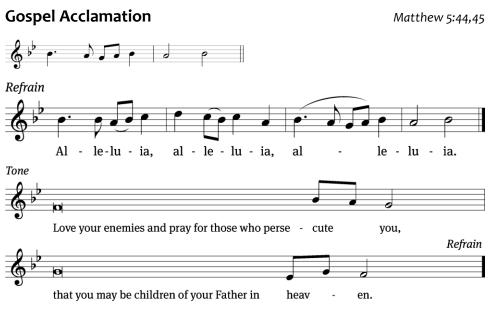
#### **Second Reading**

I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me, so that I would not become arrogant. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that he would take it away from me. <sup>9</sup>And he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will be glad to boast all the more in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may shelter me.

<sup>10</sup>That is why I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I am weak, then am I strong.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Please stand, if you are able



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### Gospel

<sup>17</sup>He went down with them and stood on a level place with a large crowd of his disciples, and a large number of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, as well as from the coastal area of Tyre and Sidon. These people came to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases. <sup>18</sup>Those who were troubled by unclean spirits were also cured. <sup>19</sup>The whole crowd kept trying to touch him, because power was going out from him and healing them all.

<sup>20</sup>He lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said: Blessed are you who are poor, because yours is the kingdom of God.
<sup>21</sup>Blessed are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, because you will laugh.
<sup>22</sup>Blessed are you whenever people hate you, and whenever they exclude and insult you and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this: Your reward is great in heaven! The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>But woe to you who are rich,
because you are receiving your comfort now.
<sup>25</sup>Woe to you who are well fed now,
because you will be hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now,
because you will be mourning and weeping.
<sup>26</sup>Woe to you when all people speak well of you,

because that is how their fathers constantly treated the false prophets.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

729 Son of God, Eternal Savior



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#### "Perfect in Weakness"

Please stand, if you are able

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

767 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

CW 767



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### Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# Lord's Prayer

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.

# Blessing

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

Please be seated





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	(11:00 a.m.) Dave Frey and Robert Niethammer
	(11:00 a.m.) Jake Vershum
	Judy Lindemann and Laura Lindemann
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