

**ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
GRAND ISLAND, NY**

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

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

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.**

SERVICE OF GATHERING

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

ELW 520

1 Dearest Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you as the promises here given draw us wholly up to heaven.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded till your Spirit breaks the night, filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.

3 Radiance of God's glory bright, Light of Light from God proceeding, Jesus, send your blessed light; help our hearing, speaking, heeding, that our prayers and songs may please you, as with grateful hearts we praise you.

4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise to you and adoration! Grant us what we need the most; all your gospel's consolation while we here on earth await you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

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.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen, amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray. **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.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] 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.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You 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.

⁴For 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.

R. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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 LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now 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. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What 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.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For 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.

¹⁸For 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.

R. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



GOSPEL READING
4:12-23

Matthew

R. The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the 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.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As 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. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As 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. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus 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.

R. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated.

SERMON

Ms. Phyllis Keeler

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

1 “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

2 “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me>”

3 “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me>”

4 “Will you love the you you hid if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

**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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition ends with the words, “Merciful God,” we respond, “receive our prayer.”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Please be seated.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Please stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P.	The Lord be with you.	C.	And also with you.
P.	Lift up your hearts.	C.	We lift them to the Lord.
P.	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.		
C.	It is right to give our thanks and praise.		

PREFACE

P. It is indeed right and good that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy God, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding God made visible, we may be drawn to love God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. Truly holy are you, O God. In the fullness of time you revealed yourself in your blessed Son Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Through him we are saved and baptized into your service. You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, have led persons from far distances to him.

On the night when his disciples betrayed and deserted him he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we, who in past years have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ, now offer ourselves to you anew, in union with Christ's offering for us, as proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ, be one body in him, cleansed by his blood, and look forward to his coming in final victory.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Come and taste the joy of God!

You may be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

We invite all to partake in the Lord's supper using the prepackaged bread and wine elements available at the entrance to the sanctuary. Afterwards, deposit the used packaging in the small containers at the ends of the pews.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

The communion elements are returned to the credence table.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P. 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.**

SERVICE OF SENDING

Please stand.

BLESSING

P. The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

P. As you leave this place, remember why you are sent into the world.

C. We are sent to serve God by inspiring faith and passion through connections, so that we can nurture and fulfill our community and the world.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. [Refrain]

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. [Refrain]

3 Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. [Refrain]

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. [Refrain]

5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. [Refrain]

DISMISSAL

A. Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to St. Timothy! St. Timothy Lutheran Church opens its doors and its arms in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and we bid you welcome.

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This Week's Calendar:

TODAY 1/22	Holy Communion	9:30 AM
Sunday 1/29	Holy Communion	9:30 AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Many thanks to Phyllis Keeler who is leading us in worship this morning!
- Please find your 2022 giving statement in the Narthex. Thank you for all your support this past year!
- We'll be joining the Rotary Club of Grand Island in Undie Sunday again this year, which will be collecting through next Sunday. These items will support the Niagara Falls Community Missions and the refugees of Journey's End. They are looking for new and unused underclothing and socks to help provide personal dignity, comfort, and warmth to less fortunate and homeless men, women, and children. These organizations are in particular need of warm socks, T-shirts of all sizes, men's underwear sizes L, XL, and XXL and all women's undergarments. Thank you for joining us as we help bring comfort and hope to those in need.
- For pastoral care needs during this time of transition, please contact Mary Wolf at stpauls1827@juno.com or at 716-984-2938. You can also contact the office. Thank you.
- Please join us in praying for the following people: The family of Richard Powers; Myles; Becky; Jim O'Connor; Cathy; Deb; Alex; Kathy Wright; Maria and baby; Colin; Gary; Jack Hewes; Lana Breiner; Nancy Gorrell; Brenda; Margaret Miller; Marion Passerelli; Marlene; Yosenia; Kurt Yaeger; Randy; Betty; Riley; Joe Morley; Richard E; Isla and Eleanor; Edna; Gloria; Brian Volo; Marianne Carroll; Danny Penque; Robin Bengaglio Richard; Joanne M.; Dottie Roehrig; Sylvia and Joe Smith; Lorraine Pfohl; and Cheryl Rosati.