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10:00 am

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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**We are blessed that you
have joined us today.**

Notes on worship:

BOLD type = people of God =You

Regular type = leader

Italic type = directions or explanations

Introduction to the Day



As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and

calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellerose! We are so glad that you are here to worship with us either in person or online. **If you are seeking a church to call home, welcome and we hope you find the comfort of Christ's Beloved Community here.** If Pastor Analyse or the Prayer Team can provide any care for you at present, please reach out in person or at pastoranalyse@holyltrinitybellerose.org or the church office at office@holyltrinitybellerose.org.

~Please stand as you are able~

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

**We have known you but have not always
loved you.**

**We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy
Spirit**

dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

**that we might proclaim your good news to
all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ✠ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW #661

I Love to Tell the Story

**1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.**

Refrain

***I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.***

2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE W&P #9
As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

~Please be seated~

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10 NRSV

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence

message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

The first reading is from Jonah beginning at the 3rd chapter.

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62:5-12

We will now read responsively from Psalm 62.

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one
who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take
no empty pride; though wealth increase, set
not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their
deeds.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
NRSV

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other
human social institutions. He does, however,
want Christians to live in the present in fervent
anticipation of God's future, which even now
has dawned through the death and
resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

The second reading is from First Corinthians
beginning at the 7th chapter.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has
grown short; from now on, let even those who
have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and
those who mourn as though they were not
mourning, and those who rejoice as though
they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as
though they had no possessions, ³¹and those
who deal with the world as though they had no
dealings with it. For the present form of this
world is passing away.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20 NRSV

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a
message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good
news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who
realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark beginning
at the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to
Galilee, proclaiming the good news of
God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and
the kingdom of God has come near; repent,
and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee,
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting
a net into the sea for they were
fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow

me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And
immediately they left their nets and followed
him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James
son of Zebedee and his brother John, who
were in their boat mending the
nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they
left their father Zebedee in the boat with the
hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

~Please be seated~

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

~Please stand as you are able~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #696 vs 1, 3, 5

Jesus, Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me":**
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."**
- 5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith saying the words of the
Apostles' 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.**

***~Please remain standing as you desire,
otherwise please be seated~***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them.

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain *especially Bob Sarro, Rich Cortese, Nadine Cortese, Christina Green, Renee Beaulieu, Janice Rajgopaul, Robert Nouza, Roseann Schillaci, Joseph Gallagher, Betty Innella, Dennis Aragona, Susan Henyan, Jackie Budds, Kenny Budds, Gloria Munsch,*

Gabriel Lu, Christine, Daniel and Linda, and the family of Shelby Green. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God our liberation, you give us an example of holy living. We rejoice in your justice. End racism and oppression in our world. Deliver all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples in conflict. Help us pray for our enemies. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another. (In the method of your comfort level.)

~Please be seated~

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

~Please stand as you are able~

OFFERTORY HYMN ELW #302 vs 1 & 3
As With Gladness Men of Old

**1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.**

**3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and
might; Heav'n and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

~Please be seated~

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. We receive communion in the form of a wafer and a small cup of wine or grape juice. Please tell the ushers if you need the bread and wine brought to you. If you are not yet receiving communion, or do not wish to receive today, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Follow the usher's directions.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.
Come and see.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #523

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Refrain

***Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.***

**1 I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family. Refrain**

**2 God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food. Refrain**

**3 May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have. Refrain**

~Please stand as you are able~

TABLE BLESSING & COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Amen

Let us pray.

Giver of every gift,

Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's
body.

Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever. **Amen.**

~Please be seated.~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able.~

BLESSING

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #810 vs. 1, 2 & 4

O Jesus, I Have Promised

**1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.**

**2 Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.**

**4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.**

DISMISSAL

What is our Mission? **Welcoming all to grow
in faith; living Christ's message of serving
and loving neighbors near and far.**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

***Thank you for worshipping
with us today. We are blessed by
your presence.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

IN PERSON SERVICES every Sunday Live and via Facebook Live @ 10:00 am. You don't have to belong to Facebook to watch. Video will also be available on our interactive bulletin at: holyltrinitybellerose.wordpress.com.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Lenten Bible study will begin Monday, January 22nd at 10am and 7 pm. We will be discussing the Gospel of Mark. Books are \$11. See the signup sheet in the narthex.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting February 6 @ 7:30 pm.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth meet twice a month on the first and third Saturday's from beginning at 6:30 pm. Contact Diane Gilroy for more information.

ALTAR GUILD

Looking for volunteers to help Denice & Pastor Analyse with Altar Guild responsibilities.

STAIRLIFT FUNDRAISER

Help us lift you up! Our stairlift to the Sanctuary needs replacing. Our goal is \$3,700.00. Please use the envelope in your bulletin to donate! Thank you for helping make HTLC more accessible.

WOMEN'S GROUP

This group is women getting together to discuss relevant topics and books, spend time uplifting and supporting each other. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm. All are welcome. Next meeting : February 21st - Dips & Discussion - topic to be decided. Any questions contact Carol Robinson or Denice Watkins.

PASTA DINNER

Join us for the January Pasta Dinner! It will be **this Saturday**, January 27th at 5:00pm. \$20/person & \$50/family of 4. Kids under 5 years old eat free. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

BINGO!

Join us for Bingo **next Sunday**, January 28th at 1pm benefitting the Midnight Run in memory of Kara Innella. Drinks and hotdogs will be sold! See Joe and Patty Innella for more information.

PINECREST REGISTRATION

Pinecrest registration for the 2024 session is now open!!! Camp will be August 4-10, 2024 for campers ages 15-26. The cost for camp is \$450 (Holy Trinity provides a half scholarship for new campers), and veteran campers can go for the same price through June 1, after which the price will increase to \$475. Register at <https://www.pinecrestllm.org/pinecrest-2024> Please reach out to Pastor Analyse if you have any questions. Pinecrest offers scholarships as well, the form for which can be found at the link above.

VIDEOGRAPHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Learn a new skill. The camera is really user friendly. See Pastor for additional information.

YOGA PRACTICE

Yoga, Thursdays, at 7 pm in the Friendship Hall. One hour for only \$10.

Contact Carol Robinson, 917-208-7340, for additional information.

BIRTHDAY CAKE SIGNUP SHEET FOR 2024

Please see signup sheet in the narthex.

January Birthdays

- 2 Gabrielle Blom
- 4 Kayla Persad
- 5 Kathy Gallagher
- 8 Lorraine Scalice
- 14 Samantha Chell
- 17 Kristian Persad
- 19 Erin Robinson
- 20 Olivia Lu
- 21 Gabriel Lu-Correa
- 24 Hannah Bakhsh
- 25 Denice Watkins
- 27 Barney Gallagher
- 29 Carol Robinson

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