



**January 28, 2024**

**10:00 am**

## **4<sup>TH</sup> 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**



*In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these*

*are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.*

### **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@holytrinitybellerose.org](mailto:pastoranalyse@holytrinitybellerose.org) or the church office at [office@holytrinitybellerose.org](mailto:office@holytrinitybellerose.org).

**~Please stand as you are able~**

### **CONFESSION & 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 #610 vs 1 & 4**

O Christ, The Healer, We Have Come

**1 O Christ, the healer, we have come  
to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored  
when reached by love that never ends?**

**4 Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us,  
shall reach the whole of humankind.**

### **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.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*~Please be seated~*

### FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20 NRSV

*Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.*

The first reading is from Deuteronomy beginning at the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter. Moses said: <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them

everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 111

We will now read responsively Psalm 111.

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be  
remembered; you are gracious and full of  
compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the  
power of your works in giving them the  
lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and  
equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of  
wisdom; all who practice this have a good  
understanding. God's praise endures  
forever.**

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 8:21-28 NRSV

*Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.*

The second reading is from First Corinthians beginning at the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*~Please stand as you are able~*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 1:21-28 NRSV  
*Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*~Please be seated~*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW #886 vs 1, 3 & 4  
Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!**
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life and health and peace.**

- 4     **He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.**

## **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.*

Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us

commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer *especially Bob Sarro, Janice Rajgopaul, Joseph Gallagher, Betty Innella, Dennis Aragona, Susan Henyan, Jackie Budds, Kenny Budds, Gloria Munsch, Christine, Daniel and Linda Lago, Anil Sharma and Ruth.* God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Liberating God, 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.**

In Christ we are inspired with joy and celebration. We rejoice and pray for all those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this month: Gabrielle Blom, Kayla Persad, Kathy Gallagher, Lorraine Scalice, Samantha Chell, Kristian Persad, Erin Robinson, Olivia Lu, Gabriel Lu-Correa, Hannah Bakhsh, Denice Watkins, Barney Gallagher, and Carol Robinson. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives. We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. 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 #612 vs 1, 3, & 4  
Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*

*Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.*

**1** You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

*Refrain*

**3** Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

*Refrain*

**4** You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

*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 #434 vs. 1, 3 & 4  
Jesus Shall Reign

**1** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

**3** People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

**4** Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

## 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](http://holyltrinitybellerose.wordpress.com).

### **SHROVE TUESDAY**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner will take place on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. \$10/person or \$25/family of 4. Kids under 5 eat free!

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

We will hold Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon. We will also have a time for people to walk-in and receive ashes and a blessing from Pastor Analyse (**No** Service) from 7pm-8pm that evening.

### **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

Lenten Bible study will continue through Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 7 pm. We are discussing the Gospel of Mark. Books are \$11. See the signup sheet in the narthex.

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Next meeting February 13 @ 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.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> - Dips & Discussion - topic to be decided. Any questions contact Carol Robinson or Denice Watkins.

### **BINGO!**

Join us for Bingo **TODAY**, January 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **STAIRLIFT FUNDRAISER**

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

### **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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