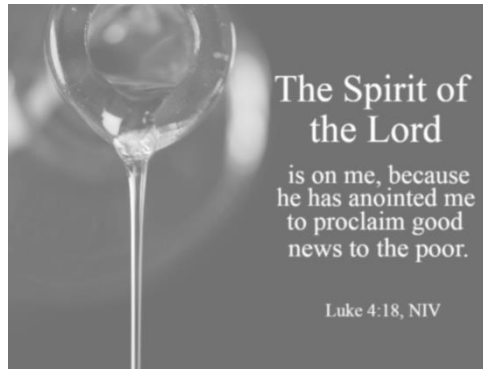


**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Ministers: Every Baptized Member**  
**Sunday, January 26, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**



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# Third Sunday after Epiphany

## Lectionary 3 WOV Holy Communion Setting Five: Bread of Life

### Introduction to the day

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

## *Gathering*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Prelude:** *"Jesus is Here"*

### Welcome and Announcements

### Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**Gathering Hymn:** *"Jesus is Here"* Chris Jubly

### 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Song of Praise:

**“Shout to the Lord”**

**ELW #821**

## Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### First Reading:

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the Lord is your strength.”*

1 All the people |of Israel| gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. 2 Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. 9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

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

### Second Reading:

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.


14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.


16 And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.


27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deacons of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31a But strive for the greater gifts.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

  
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

  
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

## **Gospel:**

**Luke 4:14-21**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke , the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

14 Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

## **Sermon:**

**Pastor Joyce Heintz**

## **Hymn of the Day:**

***"Christ, Be Our Light"***

**ELW #715**

## **Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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:** God of grace, hear our prayer.

**Peace:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **Offertory/Band Song:**

***"By Faith"***

Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Stuart Townend

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## 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.**

## Lord's Prayer

We pray together,

**Perfect Love, We turn again to you. Guide us; help us to love, so that your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day that which we need. Fill us with hope and trust. Help us to forgive our brothers and sisters (and ourselves as well); and to look on them as you look on us. Give us strength to resist temptation. When we are tempted, let us choose peace. Deliver us from our fears. For what you love is safe. And your love remains forever and always. Amen. ~Peter Parr**

## Communion Hymns:

### *"Lamb of God"*

Gary Rand | Lenora Rand

The musical score is written in E-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, with love poured out you suffer with the world, have mercy, have mercy. Lamb of God, who suffers with the world, grant us peace. grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace." Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Eb, Bb4-3, Eb, F min, Eb/G, AbMaj7, G min7, Ab, Bb4-3, (high voices) Ab, Eb, (low voices join) Ab, Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb, Eb/G, Ab, Bb, (low voices) Eb/G, Ab, Eb/G, Fm, Eb/G, Ab, Eb, Eb, F min7, Eb/G, Eb, Eb/G, Ab, Eb/G, Fm, Eb/G, Ab, Eb.

# “Broken Body of Christ”

Gary Rand | Lenora Rand

## Communion Blessing

## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

## *Sending*

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

## Sending Hymn:

## “Go Out With Joy”

Amanda Udis-Kessler.

7 F B $\flat$ 2/F F  
Go out in joy! Go out in won-der! Go out in re-ver-ence!

13 B $\flat$ 2/F F E $\flat$ /F  
Go out in glad-ness! Go forth in peace! Raise up your voice in

19 B $\flat$ maj7add2 Gm7 E $\flat$ maj9 F2  
songs of de-light to ban-ish all sad-ness!

25 F B $\flat$ 2/F F  
Go out in joy. Go out with cour-age. Go with great bra-ver-y.

31 B $\flat$ 2/F F E $\flat$ /F  
Go with full hearts. Head to the world, bro-ken and beau-ti-ful,

37

37 B♭maj7add2 G m7 E♭maj9 F2  
 wait - ing for you to take up your parts.

43 F B♭2/F F  
 Go out in joy. Go out in gra-ti-tude. As you've been gi - ven,

43 49 B♭2/F F E♭/F  
 so may you give. Faith sends you out. Hope calls you for - ward.

49 55 B♭maj7add2 G m7 E♭maj9 F2  
 Love holds you close ev - ery day that you live.

61 F B♭2/F F  
 Go out in joy. Go and do jus - tice. Cul - ti - vate kind-ness and

61 67 B♭2/F F E♭/F  
 prac - tice hu - mil - i - ty. Go out to serve. Of - fer your bless - ings.

67 73 B♭maj7add2 G m7 E♭maj9 F2  
 Share with the world your gifts and a - bil - i - ties.

79 B♭maj7add2 G m7 E♭maj9 F2  
 Go out in joy!

**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**