

Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany - January 31, 2021
The Worship of God at 8 and 9:30 o'clock

PRAISE OF THE TRIUNE GOD

Music of Gathering

The Saints in Action

*Hymn of Praise

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Psalmody Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

² **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble**

³ **and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

²³Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the great waters;

²⁴they saw the deeds of the Lord,
his wondrous works in the deep.

²⁵**For he commanded and raised the stormy
wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to heaven; they went down
to the depths; their courage melted away in
their evil plight;

²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunken men
and were at their wits' end.

²⁸**Then they cried to the Lord in their
trouble, and he delivered them from their
distress.**

²⁹**He made the storm be still, and the waves
of the sea were hushed.**

³⁰Then they were glad that the waters were
quiet, and he brought them to their desired
haven.

³¹**Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast
love, for his wondrous works to the children
of man!**

³²**Let them extol him in the congregation of
the people, and praise him in the assembly
of the elders.**

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep.

We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we
ought to have done; and we have done
those things which we ought not to have
done. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the
world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer [using debts and
debtors]

THE WORD OF GOD

From the Old Testament

Jonah 1:4-17

⁴ But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the
sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea,
so that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ Then
the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to
his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in
the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But
Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the
ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. ⁶ So
the captain came and said to him, "What do you

mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

⁷ And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” ⁹ And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” ¹⁰ Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

¹¹ Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. ¹² He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.” ¹³ Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴ Therefore they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.” ¹⁵ So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

¹⁷ And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

***Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator 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 hades.**

**On the third day he rose again; He ascended
into heaven,**

**is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge
the quick 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.**

***Song of Preparation**

Speak O Lord

Proclamation of God’s Word

“PD”

**Jonah: You Can Run, But You
Can Not Hide!**

***Dismissal with Blessing**

*Now unto Him who is able to keep you from
falling.*

*To make you stand in His presence
blameless and with great joy.*

*To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our
Lord.*

*Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and
authority.*

Both now and forevermore, Amen.

**Give Him the glory, and the majesty,
dominion, and authority.**

Both now and forevermore, Amen!

***Going Forth**

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We Welcome You. . .

*If you are spiritually weary
and in search of rest,*

*if you are mourning and you long for comfort,
if you are struggling and you desire victory,*

*if you recognize that you are a sinner
and need a Savior,*

God welcomes you here in the name of Christ.

*To the stranger in need of fellowship,
to those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,*

and to whoever will come,

*this congregation opens wide its doors
and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus
Christ.*

Today's Thought on Jonah. . .

We continue our journey with Jonah this Sunday as we see what happens when Jonah makes a "run for it!" Jonah thinks he can "get away from God" and nothing could be further from the truth!

A few additional facts about Jonah sailing to Tarshish – Spain. At that time, a sea voyage to Tarshish took almost a year with stops at ports of call on the way. Jonah was on a flight from God and any responsibilities.

As the boat sets sail for a year long journey, Jonah has gone down to his room and has fallen asleep. He is unaware of everything that is happening around him. This guy sleeps soundly but not because all is well, he thinks he is safe, but God is God!

When is awoken by the Captain and told "pray to your god," Jonah comes up to the deck and sees what is happening. He confesses his faith and says, "the only way to stop this storm is to throw me overboard." The sailors don't want to throw Jonah into the water, so they try on their own to row back to port. Finally, they relent and throw Jonah overboard and the sea becomes calm.

Contrast this to the Apostle Paul's adventure in Acts 27:23-25. Paul is sailing for Rome and a violent storm over takes the boat. Paul comes forth and declares that an Angel from God had told him that all would be saved. Paul has a confidence in God and gives hope to the crew.

That kind of courage comes from consistent communion with God. That is what Jonah lacked because of his disobedience. If Jonah knew that the storm was God's judgment on him, why didn't he either set things right with God or get off the ship? Instead, Jonah made the sailors responsible.

The sailors eventually saw that God was Yahweh who was indeed sovereign of the sea. Jonah would not go to Nineveh to prophesy to the Gentiles there, but he is caught in a situation in his escape in which Gentile sailors believed in Yahweh because of his brief

witness that Yahweh, the God of heaven, made the sea and dry land. God intended to use the prophet regardless of his resistance. There was no escape!

Food Pantry Souper Bowl Contest – The Berlin Food Pantry has extended their competition deadline to Sunday, February 14 for Trinity to receive gifts to support the Food Pantry. We've been the "large church" winner for many years! This year in memory of Lester Coslic, let's be generous in thanksgiving for all of his work at the start of the pantry and take home the prize! [PD]

Birthright Tree and Basket – is still on the wall in Fellowship Hall with several gift tags still available. Please take a tag and fulfill the wish. Birthright is always in need of items to assist families.

Installation of Consistory will be Sunday, February 7 at the 9:30 a.m. service.

Ash Wednesday – February 17th

Lent begins in less than a month. We will use the Preparatory Service once again on Ash Wednesday. Instead of receiving ashes this year – a Lenten Blessing will be offered at the appropriate distance! Worship will begin at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary.

Wednesday – February 3rd

Handbells at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.
Masks Required

Giving From 1/24/2021

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3184.00	\$2,434.93	\$749.07
Ben	\$418.00	\$213.46	\$204.54
Maint	\$155.00	\$163.46	-\$8.46
Mem	\$855.00		
Total	\$4612.00	\$2811.85	\$945.15

Benevolence Includes Food Pantry/Souper Bowl Donations of \$65

Memorials include Memorial Fund of \$750 & Food Pantry Memorials of \$105

Thank you for your giving to Trinity Church!

Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Terry Coslic, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Bryan Emerick, Tony Fertitta, Linda Gallick, Janet Gindlesperger, Kathryn Grimm, Brenda Leister, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Bob & Bonnie Murphy, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Harry Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will.

**Prayer Concerns for the Family of
Derron Twombly**

Visitation with family on Sunday, January 31st, 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 PM.

Witness of the Resurrection, Monday, February 1st at 11:00 AM.

All events will be held here at Trinity. Please enter at the Main Street door. If you need the elevator, the Vine Street entrance will be open.

Where You May Find. . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .

Large Print Bulletins Hearing Amplifiers
Recycling Boxes for Bulletins
These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Tom Croner, Russ Hillegas

The Flowers on the altar in memory of Carolyn McGinn by Mike Fogle

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***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and
Assisted by***

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Speak O Lord

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

VERSE

F/A G/B C² F C F C



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You ___ to re - ceive the food ___ of Your
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ___ ho - ly rev - er - ence, ___ true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; - Help us grasp the heights - of Your

4 Am G/B F/A G/B C² F C



ho - ly word. - Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; ___ Shape and
-mil - i - ty. ___ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes - in the
plans for us. ___ Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, - that will

7 F C/E F G C C/E G G/F C/E



fash - ion us ___ in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance ___ of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - cho down - through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your

10 G^{sus}/F G⁹/F C²/E G G/F C/E Am G^{sus} G F/A G/B C²



seen ___ to - day - in our acts of love and our deeds of ___ faith. - Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes ___ to see - Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. ___ Words of pow'r that can
prom - is - es; - And by faith we'll walk as You walk with - us. ___ Speak, O Lord, till Your

14 F C F C/E F G^{sus} G C



-fill in us ___ all Your pur - pos - es, ___ for Your glo - ry.
nev - er fail; - Let their truth pre - vail ___ o - ver un - be - lief.
church is built - and the earth is filled - with Your glo - ry.