



**Epiphany 6**  
**February 16, 2020**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**



**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**357 Division St**  
**Elgin, IL 60120**  
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## **WELCOME!**

### **Everyone is invited to receive communion!**

- Noncommuning children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you would like **to receive communion in your pew**, please let an usher know. The silver chalices contain wine, the brown chalice contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available if you prefer. Grapes are available for children who do not receive communion. Pick up a cup from basket on way to the railing.
- If you would like **a prayer included in the prayers**, please fill out a **prayer card located in the pew racks** and **put it in the offering plate**.
- **Restrooms** are located on the main level off the Community Center.
- **Hearing assistance devices and cushions** are available from the ushers.

You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community as we *follow in the footsteps of Christ*. You are received as a friend...

- Just as you are, created by God
- Whatever your color, culture & customs, your age, your abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity
- Wherever circumstances find you...in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength & hope
- Whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace & justice in Christ's name
- You are embraced as an expression of the diversity & beauty of the creation God has given us.

### **You are welcome here!**

***Bold print indicated responses spoken by the congregation.***

*Photographs may be taken during the service and at various church events. These photos may be used in a variety of written and electronic materials,*

*including our website. If you do not want your picture used, please notify the church office in writing.*

## **Gathering Music**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the eternal voice from heaven,  
the anointed and beloved one,  
the Spirit moving over the waters.

**C Amen.**

P As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in  
confession,  
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God who searches us and knows us,

**C you have shown us what is good,  
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.  
We have not been just in our dealings with others.  
We have chosen revenge over mercy.  
We have promoted ourselves  
instead of walking humbly with you.  
With what shall we come before you?  
Forgive us our sin,  
and show us your salvation  
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P Beloved of God,  
you have not received the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit that is from God,  
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.  
Receive the promise of baptism:  
You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

**C Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

### Let the Whole Creation Cry



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

## Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Teacher Jesus, too often we blame external people and situations for our heartaches and brokenness. Help us to

look inward to uncover and heal the things that defile: bitterness, hatred, jealousy, and greed. Help us instead to be agents of peace, hope, generosity, and love.

**C Amen.**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Reading: Psalm 51**

R A Reading from the book of Psalms  
Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

R The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

# Gospel Acclamation

## Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953  
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa  
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## Gospel: Mark 7:1-23

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash

it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he said to them, 'You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, "Honor your father and your mother"; and, "Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die." But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, "Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban" (that is, an offering to God)— then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, 'Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?' (Thus he declared all foods

clean.) And he said, 'It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

## Our Father, We Have Wandered



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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### Creed

P Let us affirm the faith of the Church, the faith into which we are baptized,

C **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**

**Offering Music**

## Offering Response

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## Offering Prayer

P God of wonder,  
you formed us in our mother's womb,  
and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and  
wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives  
and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and  
pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for  
your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our  
banquet of life.

## C Amen.

### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## Prayers of Intercession

A God of revelation, as we gather in praise for the gracious mystery of your Son, we remember the many needs of your church and your world.

*A brief silence.*

A Help the church to honor you with both lips and hearts, O God, and keep us focused on your word of grace, mercy, salvation, and love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Grant wisdom to all who care for the land and all who care for animals, O God, and work through them to bring the earth's abundance to all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Work through our governmental leaders, O God, and keep them from those things which defile hearts and minds. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Provide communities of love and support to those on the outskirts, O God, and make us better at truly welcoming our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bring healing and comfort to the sick, O God, and surround them with your loving presence, especially Don, Ralph,

Patty, John, Scott, Joe, Jeanne, Marissa, Sandy, Ray,  
Shirley, Aidan, Scott, Howard, Craig, David, Sue, Alex,  
Joan, Clarence, Del, Jean, Carol, Wendy, Lois, Betty, &  
Steve.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Keep us from worshiping traditions over you, O God, and  
turn our hearts to your precepts of love and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We remember the saints who now rest in you, O God, and  
pray that their witness and love live on in our lives. Lord,  
in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Guide us on the path of salvation, O God, that the radiance  
and power of your Holy Spirit working in the world will  
gather together all peoples and nations in one community  
to offer you worship and proclaim your splendor.

**C Amen.**

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Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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## Meal

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.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give 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 Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune  
 Text: "Sanctus." tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.  
 Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**Communion Music**

**Prayer after Communion**

P Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**Blessing**

P May Christ, the wisdom and power of God,  
and the source of our life together,  
keep you united in mind and purpose.  
And the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you always.

**C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.  
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional  
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## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Let your light shine!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

## Announcements

**Join us once a month; February 16** for a time of prayer and healing. We will meet after the 9:30 service in the sanctuary to pray for our world our community and any special prayer request you may have. We will follow a simple spoken service with the same gospel reading and prayer petitions. As well as lay our hands on any members who would like individual prayer and healing. Where one or more of us are gathered in Jesus name there he will be also. All are welcome to invite the Holy Spirit to move with in your life and the lives of others through spoken prayers and worship.

**Holy Trinity was asked and has accepted the request from the Northern Illinois Food Bank to host a Mobile Food Pantry** on Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm – 4pm. We need 4-5 volunteers to assist the needy in three areas:

1. Handing out Hot Chocolate and Coffee in the church hall at Holy Trinity for people in line waiting to go outside to the parking lot for their food. We don't want a line outside waiting in the cold.
2. Handing out food from the food truck.
3. Assisting the people in moving the food from the truck to their cars. Please bring a wagon if you have one. Please arrive at 2 pm to assist with set-up. See Bob Langlois if you can help!

**Donation are needed and much appreciated!** 33 gallon trash bags, paper towels, dish soap, hand soap, bank boxes (for archives) and toilet paper can be brought to church anytime and placed in church office!

## Offerings & Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Offering Needed</u>
2/8&9	86	\$6,240.00	
	\$5,540.52		

## Special Offerings

**Altar Flowers** are given by Clare Ollayos & Scott Fladland in honor of their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Worship Leaders

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska
<b>Deaconess</b>	Andrea Delaney
<b>Musician</b>	Matt Wahl
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Beth Quathamer
<b>Reader</b>	Beth Quathamer
<b>Greeter</b>	Ann Braasch
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian Janz, Ruth McNew, Dick Quathamer
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Jackie Kutina, Kris Benson, Brian Janz
<b>Radio</b>	Kristin Delaney



## **Peace by Piece: Lent 2020**

How can we build peace into our church, homes, communities, world? Join us this Lenten season as we learn together how we can do our piece to bring God's peace to others! All are welcome to join the soup supper and evening prayer each Wednesday during Lent. We will explore how the gifts of love, hope, grace, peace are key pieces in building a Christian community.

### **Ash Wednesday Worship – February 26**

Noon Worship with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes

6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday for Children (a ½ simple service for children, families, and youth)

7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes



5:30 p.m. Soup & Bread supper

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

March 4, 11, 18, 25, 4/1

Like to make soup? Contact Deaconess Andrea to sign up to bring a soup to share one for one of the Wednesdays during Lent!

**Wednesday lunches for the community**

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Talk to Bob L. if you are able to help serve, make soup, or clean-up at our Wednesday lunches for the homeless. Lunches beginning March 26 and run through Lent.

Children's Easter Activities, Saturday, April 4 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 5 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 9 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, Friday, April 10 Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 11 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12 9:30 a.m.

