

*Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin*  
*Third Sunday After Epiphany - January 24, 2021*  
*The Worship of God at 8 and 9:30 o'clock*

**PRAISE OF THE TRIUNE GOD**

Music of Gathering *CWM Rhondda* - Manz

Greeting

\*Hymn of Praise

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

\*Psalmody

Psalm 139:1-12

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

<sup>2</sup> **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> **Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**

<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> **If I ascend to heaven, you are there!**

**If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

<sup>10</sup> **even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.**

<sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

<sup>12</sup> **even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.**

**Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives.**

Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

From the Old Testament

Jonah 1:1-5

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." <sup>3</sup> But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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.

**Speaking to the Child Within Us All**

\*The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 12:38-42

<sup>38</sup> Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." <sup>39</sup> But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup> For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

<sup>41</sup> The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. <sup>42</sup> The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

**Proclamation of God's Word "PD"**  
***Jonah: The Reluctant Missionary***

**\*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.**

**Morning Prayer**

**Our Savior's Prayer [using debts and debtors]**

**The Saints In Action**

**\*Hymn *I Will Sing of My Redeemer***

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**\*Going Forth**

**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.*

**Worship Plan Change . . .**

Originally I was going to present "The Master's Men" leading up to Easter, however I was "reeled in" while reading Jonah this past week. So . . .

*For the next five Sundays we are going to explore one of the shortest books of the Old Testament – the book of Jonah. I personally believe in a literal Jonah and the story as it is recorded for us. When Jesus was challenged by the scribes and Pharisees to substantiate his extraordinary claims, Jesus replied, **a wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it expect the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.** [Matthew 12:39-40] Jesus referred to the experience of Jonah as a historical illustration of his own literal resurrection, thus reinforcing the truthfulness of this narrative.*

*The book of Jonah is a revealing story and shows us what happens when we run from God and the creative actions of God to get us back where we ought to be.*

*Jonah 1: Jonah is running from God.*

*Jonah 2: Jonah is praying to God.*

*Jonah 3: Jonah is speaking for God.*

*Jonah 4: Jonah is learning about*

*God.*

Another way to outline the book of Jonah is as follows:

Jonah FLEES  
 Jonah PRAYS  
 Jonah PREACHES  
 Jonah POUTS

*This morning we will explore Jonah who is the world's worst missionary. Chapter one opens with a lesson on God's sovereignty, a commission to Jonah, and Jonah's refusal to heed it. The late Dr. James Boice notes, "when you run away from the Lord you never get to where you are going, and you always pay your own fare. But when you go the Lord's way you always get to where you are going, and he pays the fare."*

**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 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 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.

**Giving From 1/10**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$1787.50	\$2,434.93	-\$647.43
<b>Ben</b>	\$45.00	\$213.46	-\$168.46
<b>Maint</b>	\$87.50	\$163.46	-\$75.96
<b>Organ</b>	\$100.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$2020.00	\$2811.85	-\$891.85

**Giving From 1/17**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$1910.00	\$2,434.93	-\$524.93
<b>Ben</b>	\$205.00	\$213.46	-\$8.46
<b>Maint</b>	\$20.00	\$163.46	-\$143.46
<b>Mem</b>	\$280.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$2415.00	\$2811.85	-\$676.85

Benevolence Includes Food Pantry  
 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, Debbie Boyer, Hunter Cornell, Terry Coslic, Pam Crooks, Shellby Custer, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Bryan Emerick, Tony Fertitta, Linda Gallick, Janet Gindlesperger, Kathryn Grimm, Brenda Leister, Tom Logston, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Bob & Bonnie Murphy, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Harry Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will.

**Thank you from Larry Hay** to everyone for all the cards, care, and concern during his recent battle with COVID-19.

**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:** Terry Luteri, David Saylor

***The Flowers on the altar in*** memory of Frank and Ruth Ream & Frank Jr. by Bill, Ann, and Willie Slifco.

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***A Place Where Life and Faith Meet!***

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

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# 285 God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on Thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn Thy Christ, as -  
 3. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils  
 4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that

pour Thy power; crown Thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry,  
 sail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us,  
 we de - plore; let the search for Thy sal - va - tion  
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 in the fight to set all free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore.  
 that we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee!

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA  
 8.7.8.7.8.7  
 Lower key, No. 33

# I Will Sing of My Redeemer 356

F C F      Bb C7 F C Dm C      F A Gm F F A Gm Dm C F  
           D E

1 I will sing of my Re-deem-er and his won-drous love to me;  
 2 I will tell the won-drous sto-ry how, my lost es-tate to save,  
 3 I will praise my dear Re-deem-er, his tri-umph-ant power I'll tell,  
 4 I will sing of my Re-deem-er and his heav-en-ly love for me;

C F      Bb C7 F C Dm C      F A Gm F F A Gm Dm C F  
           D E

on the cru-el cross he suf-fered from the curse to set me free.  
 in his bound-less love and mer-cy he the ran-som free-ly gave.  
 how the vic-to-ry he giv-eth o-ver sin and death and hell.  
 he from death to life hath brought me, Son of God, with him to be.

*Refrain*

Am Dm7 Gm7 C7 Dm C E F F E Dm Gm F A Gm7 Bbmaj7 Csus C

Sing, O sing of my Re-deem-er, with his blood he pur-chased me,

F A Gm C7 F G9 C Bb C F F F Bb F Gm F C C7 F  
           D E D Bb Bb D A Eb D A C

on the cross he sealed my par-don, paid the debt, and made me free.