

# Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 19, 2017

10:45 AM

## Come, We That Love the Lord *We're Marching to Zion*



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets  
4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac-cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.  
heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.  
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

### *Refrain*



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, refrain  
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry



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In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.

## Worship Participants

Every Member .....	Ministers
Elizabeth Hess.....	Pastor
Ralph Grove .....	Saturday 6:30 PM Organist
Cindy Finnegan.....	Sunday 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Organist

### Lectors

Jim Frederick.....	6:30 PM
Amanda Woodring.....	8:15 AM
Janice Knee.....	10:45 AM

### Acolytes

Logan Bartlebaugh.....	6:30 PM
Allison Everhart.....	8:15 AM
Maddison Conway .....	10:45 AM
Georgiana Sigrist .....	Flowers

### Ushers

Jim Frederick, Jonnie Frederick.....	(Saturday 6:30 PM)
Ron Eamigh, Russ Burda.....	(Sunday 8:15 AM)
Joe Luciano, Ted Williams.....	(Sunday 10:45 AM)

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Attendance: 164

## A Different Way

“You live in a dream world. Nobody actually lives like that.” Her brother-in-law couldn't believe she actually thought that it was possible, or even a goal, to love your enemies, to treat others with kindness instead of revenge, to give generously without thought of being repaid.

Jesus' words do seem to be from another world. Our world doesn't operate like the one he envisions. In our world, some people aren't even satisfied with “an eye for an eye.” Our movies, television series, and video games are filled with ever bigger explosive responses to enemies. It's rare to see one where someone desires the enemy to be redeemed instead of eliminated. At work, school, on the court, at home, it's hard to get hurt and not want to respond out of the desire to hurt back.

Jesus asks us to respond with kindness, generosity, and love, to go the second mile, even to pray for our enemies. Otherwise, the actual fighting never stops. It just goes back and forth and on and on.

It takes courage to model a different way to handle hurt. We're challenged to be courageous lovers of God, ourselves, and others—not as doormats but as those who firmly do the loving thing. That can even mean doing the tough loving thing of setting a boundary for someone.

That's the dream of the kingdom that Jesus embodies and invites us to pray for as we live it out. Jesus is the one who loves and forgives even us who have been hurtful to others, ourselves, and God. He is the one who prays for his enemies from the cross. For a world full of hurting people who hurt people, the resurrected Jesus brings light, life, healing, and hope to redeem us all.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church.** We are grateful you are joining us today for worship. All who are baptized and receive communion in their home church are welcome to commune with us. In Christ's name we welcome our visitors and ask you to please introduce yourselves to Pastor Hess.

**Sequanota Lutheran Camp** has announced its 2017 summer schedule, so it's time for Trinity members, including our young people, to start thinking about which sessions they'd like to attend.

Parents and youth can go online at [www.sequanota.com](http://www.sequanota.com) to learn what's being offered this year. We also have some schedules on the table by the cry room.

### Mark your calendars!

The next Sunderman Memorial Concert will be on Sunday, April 30, at 3:00 in the sanctuary. The concert will feature the following quartet:

Genaro Medina and Lela Tsinadze serve as concertmaster and principal viola, respectively, of the Altoona Symphony. In addition, they each concertize extensively and maintain a private teaching studio. Jeremy Klapper, violin, is a member of the Altoona Symphony, a former member of the Houston Symphony, and is currently a practicing pathologist at UPMC Altoona. Kim Cook is professor of cello at Penn State University, and is recognized as an international concert artist.

As always, the concert will be free, and refreshments will follow. The public is very welcome to attend. Invite your friends!

We are now accepting orders for Easter flowers. Envelopes are located in the back of the church. Your choice of flowers are: lilies, tulips, hyacinths and mums. Be sure to indicate which flowers you would like and if you will be claiming your flowers after the 10:45 a.m. service. The cost for each flower is \$7.00. The **dead line** to order will be **April 2**.

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45AM

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRE-WORSHIP MEDITATION:

**PASTOR:** Let us read together Mark 12:28-31 (the Jesus Rule)

**ALL:** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.

**PASTOR:** Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

#### PRELUDE

#### \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Loving God,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen**

\*ENTRANCE HYMN WOV#742 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

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#### \*GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Trinity Member**

Jim Aungst  
Judy Baird  
Tyler Bennett  
Amy Bush & Baby Zoe  
Russ Burda  
Carol Callis  
Craig Cameron  
Tina Chestney  
Debbie Conway  
Paul Hamilton  
Kathy Hatch  
Kristina Henderson  
Bob Hofmann  
Jarod Kutz  
John Kutz  
Arlene Leonard  
Jaden Rhode  
Sarah Minnoia  
Ken B. Myers  
Ray Nycum  
Dave Olinyk  
Gene/Joyce Otto  
Margaretta Perry  
Arlene Roessing  
Ruth Ann Saleme  
Doug Simons  
April Shackelford  
Alaina Stevens  
Emily Thompson  
Daniel Thompson  
Michelle Thompson  
Bert Watchey  
Donna Williams  
Nancy Yeager  
Church Health Team

**Shut-In Members**

Jo Ann Boyd  
Chris Burda  
Bob Nearhoof  
Mary Olinyk  
Joan Rhiver  
Joan Stout  
Robert Streightiff  
Bev Thompson

**Family & Friends**

Baby Allison  
Jim Andrews  
Elisabeth Armstormg  
Janet Aungst  
Michael Baughman

Baby Blade Beckwith  
Kris Bennett  
Michael Bennett  
Dee Bernicki  
Blade

Mrs. D. Brown  
Casey Bondarenka  
William Burda  
Pat Burk  
Ron Clawson  
Baby Cowan  
Danielle  
Denise  
Rodger Ecker  
Haley Gehret  
Krista Gerheim  
Gerstenberger Family  
Shyann Gooma  
Ann Gosnell  
Jack Grassmyer Child  
Dianna K. Green  
Richard Gunsallus  
Mark Haigh  
Bob Hamilton  
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Jody Haring  
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Doris Hollingshead  
Don & Martha Johnson  
Glories Kimmel  
Richard M. Kolbe  
Jim Kutz  
Lynette Latchford  
Janelle Lehr  
Rose Marlett  
Matthew Martz  
Kirin McCaulley  
Dylan McGilvary  
Mike McGraw  
Nick Merritts  
Dwayne McKnight  
Benjamin Metzger  
Charles Miller  
Kate Mimmich  
Brenda Murray  
Sharon Myers & Family  
Caydan Noel  
Beth Noye  
Jeff Nycum  
David Oswalt  
Joe Pacifico  
Bess Patton  
Bill Peterman  
Ann Pryfogle  
Sal Randazzo  
Lucille Rodell  
Joe Roub  
Nancy Roessing  
Carl Ruckinger  
Jim Settlemyer  
Jessie & Justin Shackelford  
Patricia Slone

Connie Sooy  
Elaine Stetser  
Gayle Streckland  
Darlene Sterner  
Jerry Stevens  
Becky Thompson  
Ann Van  
Nina Wallis & Children  
Joy Woodring  
Ben Yohn

**Those Serving in the  
Armed Forces**

Sarah Brown  
Jason Buck  
Nathan Frank  
Justin Patz  
Peter Quinn  
Jason Smith  
Eric Sweet

**THE FLOWERS** on the altar this week are presented by Ruth Ann Saleme in loving memory of Husband, Jim & Parents, Ernest & Elizabeth Hooper.

**THE BULLETINS** are presented by Marla & Tom Hammond in loving memory of their Parents, Verna & Lawrence Whitfield, and Ruth & Roy Hammond.

***THIS WEEK AT TRINITY!***

Sunday	8:15 AM	Worship
Feb.19	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:20 AM	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 AM	Worship
	11:45 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Monday	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Sewing Class
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Healthy You Program
	2:00 PM	Stewardship Meeting
	6:00 PM	Crochet Group
Wednesday		
Thursday	9:00 AM	Prayer Breakfast
Friday	10:00 AM	Healthy You Program
Saturday	6:30 PM	Worship

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS**

**M 7:30-8:30 PM**  
**T 9-10 AM, 7-8 PM**  
**W 7-8 PM**  
**\*Call 943-7488 for more info.**

Please also continue to keep the service men and women who are serving our country, Trinity, our council, and Pastor Hess in your prayers.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray....

**C: God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies; in our words and deeds help us to be like him through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**FIRST LESSON** Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

*The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy since God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves*

**L:** A reading from Leviticus

<sup>1</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

<sup>9</sup>When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup>You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. <sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. <sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

**L:** The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 119:33-40**

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, **and I shall keep it to the end.**

<sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; **I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Make me go in the path of your commandments, **for that is my desire.**

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**\*THE PRAYERS**

**A:** Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God’s justice, peace, and healing.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**A:** Lord in your mercy

**C: hear our prayers**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P:** Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace

**C:**



**\*CLOSING HYMN #389** “Stand Up, Stand for Jesus”

**Up**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P:** Mark 12:28-31

**C: Love God, Love others.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*Congregation Stands**

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**

**\*PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Each of you shall bring such a gift as he can in proportion to the blessing which the Lord your God has given you” Deuteronomy 16:17*

**OFFERING (PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE PEW REGISTER)**

**\*OFFERTORY (THE USHERS BRING THE GIFTS FORWARD AS WE SING)**

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.'

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711  
Music: OLD HUNDREDDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

<sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees  
**and not to unjust gain.**  
<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;  
**give me life in your ways.**  
<sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
**which you make to those who fear you.**  
<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach which I dread,  
**because your judgments are good.**  
<sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments;  
**in your righteousness preserve my life.**

### SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

*Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church and its ministry. We are God's temple because God's Spirit dwells in us, and we belong to Christ. Hence we are called to build wisely upon this sure foundation not for our own benefit but for others to experience Christ's benefits.*

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians

<sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup>For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup>If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. <sup>18</sup>Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. <sup>19</sup>For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," <sup>20</sup>and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." <sup>21</sup>So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup>whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, <sup>23</sup>and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

L: The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**\*VERSE**

**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Celtic Alleluia*

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

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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**GOSPEL** Matthew 5:38-48

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares an end to the law of vengeance. God's people will respond to evil with love and forgiveness.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the Fifth Chapter,

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>38</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup>and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup>and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. <sup>43</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your

enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

*P: The Gospel of the Lord*

**FOR THE CHILDREN**  
**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** # 401 “Before You, Lord, We Bow” (verse 1,3,5)

**\*APOSTLE'S 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.