

*No prophet is accepted  
in the prophet's hometown*

LUKE 4:24

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## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**7:45 A.M. SERVICE**

**Today's Theme:** The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

**Welcome all visitors!** We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

**Welcome to the Eucharist!** All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion.

*Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

**Prayer:** *Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**BY YOUR SILENCE OTHERS MAY HEAR THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF GOD!**



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CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



**TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:**

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

- Share God's love with our community*
  - Serve God's children*
  - Bring healing and wholeness to those in need*
  - Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study*
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**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

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

Come, people of God, to the one in whom we trust. Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

**God is our rock of refuge, our strong fortress. God saves us amid wickedness and cruelty.**

Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them. God's Word of love is ours to proclaim.

**We have come to embrace the mysteries of our faith. We are here to worship the God who empowers us.**

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

We live as if Christ had never been born.

**We abuse the privileges that are ours as children of God.**

Let us confess our sins before God in silent prayer.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

**Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Christ, have mercy.	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **ADORATION AND PRAISE**

### **ACT OF PRAISE**

O God, open my lips.

**And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## **COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Let us pray the collect together.

**Reassuring God, whose Word became flesh in Jesus, and whose healing touch empowered Christ the physician to look upon us with the compassion of a wise parent. Equip us to listen, to hear, to speak, to embody love that is patient and kind. May we bear, believe, hope, and endure, so that through us the world will hear good news, give up childish ways, and respond to the touch of your hand; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

*God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## THE PSALTER

Psalms 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 4:21-30

*People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.*

*Glory be to You, O Lord.*

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## SERMON

**“What Will We Say?”**

**Pastor Rankin**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PEOPLE'S OFFERING**

### **OFFERING DEDICATION**

In the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to use, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, and workers. In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love. Amen.

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and grace. With the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you:

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

### **THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

### **BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP**

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

**The Bread of Life, broken for us.**

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

**The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace. Amen.**

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements at the back of the sanctuary and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. **Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.**)*

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new thing you are doing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Embolden leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that they lovingly tend to those in their charge. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness. Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

***SILENT PRAYER***



Let us pray together.

Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by his goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.

## CLOSE OF WORSHIP

### **RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice. May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill you with light. Amen.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by **Sue Bowman** in memory of Donald S. Bowman & in honor of Lois J. Bowman.

**The Worship Aids** are given in honor of Charles Hambrick-Stowe's birthday on February 4 by Zachary, Rachel, and Andrew!

### Ministering Today

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
<b>Lector</b>	Rev. Sandy Morris
<b>Money Counters</b>	Diane Rice, Karen Olley, George DeLong, Jodi Keller
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Olley, Beth Bossert
<b>Building Trustee</b>	Mike Wagner
<b>Koinonia</b>	Paula Dennes
<b>Ministries</b>	<b>Card Church Staff</b> (Carol Kratz) <b>Called to Care</b> Anne Rankin <b>Visitation</b> Anita Rohrer

### **This Week at Trinity Church**

**(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)**

Monday	6:00 PM – Environmental Stewardship Task Force 7:00 PM – Choir/8:15 PM - Bells
Thursday	6:00 PM – Cub Scouts
Saturday	7:00 PM – Alanon/8:00 PM - AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM - Koinonia 10:30 AM – Worship Meals with a Mission after 10:30 service

Attendance for Sun., January 26  
Sunday School

7:45–12 10:30–74 **TOTAL – 86**  
**16**

### Happy Birthday

Wednesday – Steven Archibald, Gerald Simmons, Robbin Stone

Saturday – Hayden Knoll

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

### MEMBERS

Pat Seachrist	Janice Jenkins	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline
Ron & Donna Denlinger	Rev. Dr. Carrie Call	Jodi Keller
Don & Pat Miller	Mid Gockley	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman
Rhonda Hartenstine	Joann Peck	Scott & Jane Owens
The Lehman family	Mary Lou Shaab	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Donna Wolf & Family	George & Ellie Latsha	Lainie Christensen
Sam Minder III	Betsy Bailey	Hank Fox
Rev. Bob Musser	Donna Zirkel	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Kathleen Sensenig Adams	Betty Tyndall and family	Michael McDonough
Denise Huggins	Erika Otthofer	Rev. Ken & Marilyn Trauger
Ron Becker	Joann & Dawn Garvin	Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman
Arlene Hoxworth	Mary Lou Sturgis	John Shelsky
Betty Fogle	Autumn Shenk	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Himelwright Family		

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Family of Nancy Musser  
Family of Glenn Wible (nephew of Bob & Marlyn Wible/cousin of Lon Wible)  
Family of Ed Fledderjohn (friend of John Shelsky)  
Family of Janet Bucher (widow of Rev. Norm Bucher/friend of Trinity Members)  
Bishop Nathan Baxter and family (friends of Trinity Members)  
Brian Long (friend of George & Sandy DeLong)  
Mike Dolinski (friend of George & Sandy DeLong)  
Tom Riley (friend of Bud McCarty)  
Ryan Dennes (son of Paula Dennes)  
Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)  
John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)  
Rev. Pam Illick (pastor of Zion Lutheran, East Petersburg)  
Nancy Scholl (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)  
David Haverstick (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner)  
Dan Congelton (friend of Nancy Enders)  
Audria Husted (granddaughter of Chuck & Sue Husted)

**Cindy Greiman** (friend of Betty Fogle)  
**Carmen Sweigert** (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)  
**Marianne Gible** (friend of Trinity)  
**Carol Hooper** (sister of Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen)  
**Marlene Harlow** (friend of Gail Kogut)  
**Chad Zirkel** (son of Donna Zirkel)  
**Kaitlyn, Ben, and Lucy Miller** (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)  
**Ken Hoshauer** (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Kurt Kalbach** (brother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Mary Call** (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)  
**The Herr Family** (Former Trinity Preschool Family)  
**Sharon Brown** (sister of Sandy DeLong)  
**Chris Rice** (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)  
**David Brown** (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)  
**Melby Bush** (friend of Joan Sensenig)  
**Harvey Sick** (friend of Judy Chapman)  
**Rev. Loy Garber** (former seminarian)  
**James Malone & family**  
**Robert Richards** (brother of Jerry Richards)  
**Barry Richards** (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)  
**Tyler Miller** (grandson of Iris DeMaio)  
**Joan Kalbach** (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)  
**Jim & Kathy Long** (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)  
**John Siebern** (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)  
**Jo Jo Richards & family** (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

## **OTHER CONCERNS**

**Victims of Fires in California**  
**World Peace**

**THE FEBRUARY PARISH POST** is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

**2024 ANNUAL REPORTS** are available on both floors of the church building!

**MINISTRY SERVER SCHEDULE:** We have created a serving schedule for the various volunteer ministries for January thru March. You can find them on the table in the Narthex.

**DEVOTIONALS:** The January-March edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

*Come enjoy choirs, instrumentalists and other musical groups representing various UCC congregations in the Lancaster and Lebanon Associations for a*



# **Music Fair**

*Presented by the Mission and Ministry Team of the Lancaster Association-UCC*

## **February 2nd, 2-4pm**

*at St. John's UCC in Denver  
659 S. 4th Street, Denver PA 17517*

*At 2pm, come enjoy snacks and fellowship time while our performers set up.  
The program will begin at 2:30pm.*

*This event is free and open to the public.*

*Come celebrate the gift of music in our congregations!*



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**Diane Rice is on the planning committee for this event!  
Contact her if you have any questions!**



**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPORT:** We continue to support the medical mission project that was presented on Rally Day by Donna Geisler and her brother-in-law, Dr. Bill Lovett. Look for the display across from the church office. There are cans for you to place monetary donations. We have already raised over \$4,100 toward our goal of \$5,000!

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Children's Class will meet in the downstairs classroom.

Youth and adults are invited to gather in Isenberg Hall for our special class in February.

Our nation begins its observance of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War for Independence this year. Three February class sessions will look at the complex role Christian faith and the various church traditions played in the struggle, along with the impact of the Revolution on religious life in the New Republic.

**February 2** How religious experience set the stage for the Revolution

**February 9** Why the war was spiritually and theologically complicated

**February 16** Ways the Revolution changed religious life in America

Participants will be encouraged to reflect on ways the issues confronting Christians in the Revolution—from the start of the war in 1775 to ratification of the Constitution and Bill of Rights by 1791—are still with us in contemporary American society.

*Charles Hambrick-Stowe is minister emeritus of the First Congregational Church of Ridgefield, Connecticut. Previously, he served as academic dean of Northern Seminary in Illinois, director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and pastor at Church of the Apostles in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Westminster, Maryland. In addition to MA, and MDiv degrees, he holds a PhD in American Studies from Boston University. He is the author of numerous books and articles in the fields of American religious history and biblical studies.*



## LUNCH BUNCH

**Place:** Iron Hill, reservation under Denise Pfeiffer  
781 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17603

**Date:** February 16

**Time:** 12:30 PM

**Cost:** Paid by each person

*They will give us separate checks and we will have the*

*full menu to select from.*

**SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE!**



## TRINITY'S MEALS WITH A MISSION

February 9, 2025

Trinity will again be preparing/assembling meals for some of our members on Sunday, February 9. We will meet after the second service to prepare the meals - it should take about an hour.

If you are able to help with the assembly or delivery of the meal, please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex. Hands of all sizes are welcome to help.

If you have questions, contact Deb Lichtenwalner-717-203-9506 or [deblich@comcast.net](mailto:deblich@comcast.net).



**LOVE SUNDAY/SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** Trinity will celebrate “Love Sunday” and the “Souper Bowl of Caring” on February 9, 2025. We will collect canned goods and money for the Hempfield Power Packs. They could use the following items:

**Mac and Cheese, Peanut butter, Pasta, Soup (kid friendly - tomato, chicken noodle, etc) or cream soup for casseroles (chicken or mushroom)**

**SUPPORT THE HERR FAMILY:** In the past year, we have supported a former Trinity Preschool family who has been dealing with health issues. They are sponsoring a sub sale to help with medical costs and other expenses. There is an order sheet on the table across from the church office. The deadline to order is Wednesday, February 12. The delivery is Friday, February 28. You can make checks payable to Keri Herr. Speak with Pastor Chris if you have questions.

**MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST MEETING:** The men will be meeting at the Family Fare Restaurant for breakfast February 15 (weather permitting) at 8:00 AM. This is open to all men of the congregation! You are encouraged to invite other men to the breakfast.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** The Knit in God's Love Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting on February 18 at 1:00 p.m. and will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.



**THURSDAY, February 27, 1:30 PM**  
Sign-up sheet on table outside office

**2025 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS:** Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **February 23, March 2, 9 & 16.** Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **February 23, March 2, 16 & 23.** The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.

**KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP** happens every Sunday in Isenberg Hall at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments. The drinks/coffee will be taken care of for you! The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. **Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.**



## PARISH RESOURCE CENTER





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**WINTER WEATHER POLICY:** We have already seen some snow this season! If it snows on a Saturday night or Sunday morning, we will try to hold worship services as long as the pastor can safely travel to the church. However, there may be times when we have to change the Sunday morning schedule or cancel services & Sunday School. The pastor and the Consistory president will make these decisions in enough time to inform you through the website, Trinity Facebook page, e-mail, and church voicemail. You can always contact the pastor if you have any questions. If we decide to hold services and Sunday School, we ask that you make a personal decision on whether you can attend. We don't want you to risk your health!

**2025 CONCERT SPONSORS:** Forms are available on the table across from the church office for you to sponsor this year's concert series.





# Trinity Concert Series

*Presents*

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# VOICES *of Freedom*



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**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

**Concert – 3:00 PM**

Freewill Offering Benefits  
McCaskey Friends of Music  
and Trinity's Music Ministry



**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10**

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

**Psalm 71:1-6****SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30**

Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth], “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**Next Sunday’s Readings:** Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

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