

May 24, 2020
9:30 Worship
Seventh Sunday of Easter



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
"Participating in God's mission of life"

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*We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation
(All are welcome here)*

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*Paul expressed Jesus' promise that death would not have the final say.
Sin and death would be defeated by love.*

God's mission of life looks like this: during a global pandemic, homebound members are called, prayers are gathered, food is collected for local pantries, worship services are streamed, groceries are delivered to the vulnerable, offerings are given to the glory of God and protective masks are made and given away. God's mission of life is happening all around and through each of us.

GATHERING SONG

♪ *Because He Lives*

(E. Cash, G. Gaither, J. Ingram, M. Maher, D. Carson, W. Gaither, C. Tomlin)

*Verse: I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One;
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood.*

*Chorus: Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives.*

*Verse: I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name; He rolled the stone away.*

*Chorus: Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends.*

*Bridge: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives every fear is gone.
I know He holds my life, my future in His hand.*

*Chorus: Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends.
Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends.
Because He lives.*

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WELCOME

Pastor Tom

P: We gather virtually today in the continuing season of Easter--one day is not enough to celebrate the news that: Jesus Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! So we come together in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

ID begins to pour water in the font as PT continues:

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your word you claim us as children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

♪ *Abide With Me* *Hymn 629*

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day,
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, o Lord, abide with me.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ID: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. O Christ ...

C: ...you have indeed, been raised from the dead. Therefore, let us live as though death no longer holds us hostage, putting our hope in the one who goes before us, both in death and in eternal life, our Savior, Christ, amen.

GOSPEL

ID: Through the proclaimed Word of God, the Holy Spirit moves to instill and deepen faith. A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Mark 12:26-27a

²⁶ “And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? ²⁷ He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.”

ID: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

ID: A reading from Corinthians

1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

¹⁵ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

⁵¹ Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

ID: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Tom

A moment of silence follows the sermon for the movement of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

♪ *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* *Hymn 659*

*Will You let me be Your servant,
Let me be as Christ to You?
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christlight for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.*

*Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have to grace to
Let you be my servant, too.*

APOSTLES CREED

ID: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed:

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Share prayer concerns by posting them on Trinity's Facebook page, sharing via the chat feature of the WebEx videoconference, or emailing now to ptom@trinitykenosha.org or druggieri@carthage.edu.

ID: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

God of mercy, **"Hear our prayer"**

Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel; for the well-being of creation; for the peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, the community; for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely; for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for the congregation, and for special concerns.

Additional prayers may come from the assembly. Prayers of thanksgiving for the faithful departed may include those who recently have died and those commemorated on the church's calendar.

ID: Into your wide and merciful embrace, O God, we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your unfailing love made manifest to us in Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

ID: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

ID: If you are gathered with friends or family, share a word of peace with one another.

OFFERING

During this season of "together while apart" your financial gifts given to the glory of God are especially precious and needed. Give by:

1. Mailing a check to Trinity, 7104 - 39th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142
2. Text a dollar amount with dollar sign (i.e. \$20) to: 262-429-9785
3. Select the "Giving" button on our homepage, www.trinitykenosha.org

Thank you, and thank God for you!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: As we pray together the Lord's Prayer, please use the version that best nurtures your faith.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS - Pastor Tom

BLESSING

P: Please stand. Almighty God, Father, +Son and Holy Spirit bless us and keep us, guiding our thoughts and our actions in the grace of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

♪ *Only The Brave* (T. Hughes, M. Smith, N. Herbert)

*Verse: This is the moment,
This is why I'm living to face the giants with You.
It's now or never and though my heart is racing,
I'll leave my armor with You.*

*Your love makes us stronger,
And Your love sees us through.*

*Chorus: Only the brave will go where You go,
Into the fire but never alone.*

*We know You'll always carry us home;
Only the brave will go where You go.*

*Verse: It's all or nothing;
These scars will tell a story of how Your power broke through.
In every battle our God is never shaken;
Our hope will always be You.
Your love makes us stronger,
And Your love sees us through.
Your love is forever,
I'm Yours, I'm with You.*

*Chorus: Only the brave will go where You go,
Into the fire but never alone.
We know You'll always carry us home;
Only the brave will go where You go.*

*We're gonna go where You go.
We're gonna go where You go.
We're gonna go where You go.
We're gonna go where You go.*

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DISMISSAL

ID: Proclaim the good news. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Post-Service Memorial Day Observance

- *Pastor Tom shares remarks about Memorial Day*

♪ The Right Hand of God Hymn 889

The right hand of God is writing in our land,
Writing with power and with love,
Our conflicts and our fears, our triumphs and our tears
Are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is pointing in our land,
Pointing the way we must go,
So clouded is the way, so easily we stray,
But we're guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is striking in our land,
Striking out at envy, hate, and greed.
Our selfishness and lust, our pride and deeds unjust
Are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,
Healing broken bodies, minds, and souls,
So wondrous is its touch with love that means so much,
When we're healed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is planting in our land,
Planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love.
In these Caribbean lands, let people all join hands,
And be one by the right hand of God.

- *A prayer for peace and healing among all nations.*

♪ **O Beautiful for Spacious Skies** **Hymn 888**

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful, for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thin alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

- *Concluding prayer and sending*