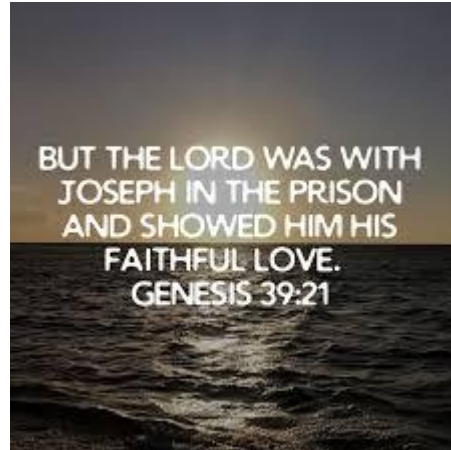


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9:30 Worship
Second Sunday of Pentecost



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Even though he has been jailed, Joseph continues to be blessed by God and finds favor with the chief jailer.

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; during times of injustice, voices of the oppressed are lifted up and listened to with respect, oppressors recognize their complicity and repent from wrong doing, and all come together to work for a more just world. God's mission of life is happening all around and through each of us.

GATHERING SONG

♪♪ *Take My Life*

(F.R. Havergal, C. Tomlin, L. Giglio/ C. Tomlin, L. Giglio, H.A.C. Malan)

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee.

Take my moments and my days,

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move

At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be

Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be

Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,

Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use

Every power as You choose.

Here am I, all of me.

Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine,

It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own,

It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour

At Your feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be

Ever, only, all for Thee.

*Here am I, all of me.
Take my life, it's all for Thee.
Here am I, all of me.
Take my life, it's all for Thee.*

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WELCOME

Pastor Tom

PT: Good morning, welcome to Trinity Kenosha, a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In 2016, Trinity voted to become an RIC congregation after acknowledging that the greater church has condemned and excluded people because of race, culture, age, gender, economic status, disability or sexual orientation. In response, we decided that living faithfully means affirming that every person is made in the image of God. We welcome all into the full life and ministry of the church. We are committed to working towards openness and understanding, justice, healing and wholeness. Our commitment to being an RIC congregation means that we not only acknowledge our own ways of condemning and excluding peoples but also work toward truly welcoming all so that there might be justice and wholeness in the world-beginning here in Kenosha! With this call to wholeness and racial justice in mind, today we begin a three-week sermon series titled, "Made in the Image of God," that explores Israel's time in Egypt and issues of racism.

Also today, we remember the martyrdom of the Emmanuel 9-the nine siblings in Christ murdered on June 17, 2015 during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.

Welcome to worship!

We gather in the name of God the Creator, God the Redeemer, and God the Sanctifier. Amen.

A LITANY FOR RACIAL HEALING

PT: We dare not rush to the language of healing before understanding the fullness of the injury and the depth of the wound.

AM: Let us not be quick to offer a band-aid, when the gaping wound requires surgery and reconstruction.

PT: We dare not rush to offer false equivalencies, diminishing a particular pain being felt in a particular circumstance in a particular historical moment.

AM: Let us not speak of reconciliation without speaking of reparations and restoration and how we can repair the breach and restore the loss.

PT: We dare not rush past the loss of this mother's child, this father's child ... someone's beloved son, friend.

AM: Let us not value property over people; societal place over personhood. Let us not covet material objects while human lives hang in the balance.

PT: We dare not value a false peace over a troubling justice.

AM: Let us not be afraid to sit with the ugliness, the messiness, and the pain that is life in community together and lose sight of the beauty this same community has for us all.

PT: Instead ...

PT: We mourn black and brown people killed extrajudicially every 28 hours in this country.

AM/ALL: We lament the loss of a teenager, dead at the hands of a police officer who described him as a demon.

PT: We weep at a criminal justice system that is not just for all.

AM/ALL: We join mourning men and wailing women rending their garments of privilege and ease who sit in the ashes of this nation's original sin.

PT: Let us be silent when we don't know what to say.

AM/ALL: Let us be humble and listen to the pain, rage and grief pouring from the lips of our neighbors and friends and family members.

PT: Let us create space in this world so that our siblings who live on the underside of history may join us in all the abundance this life has to offer.

AM/ALL: Let us pray with our eyes open and our feet firmly planted on the ground.

PT: Let us hear the sound of shattering glass and smell of smoking fires as the language of the unheard.

PT: God, in your mercy ...

PT: Show me my own complicity in injustice and indifference ...

AM/ALL: And forgive me.

PT: Equip me with a zeal for righteousness and ...

ALL: Never let me grow accustomed to fractured relationships with you or my neighbor.

A PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

PT: Let us pray. Save us, O God, from ourselves,
from racism often cloaked in pious words,
from machinations of white supremacy hidden in calls for civility,
from micro aggressions thinly veiled in arrogance,
from apologies when they don't give way to action,
from forgiveness without confessing the truth,
from reconciliation without reparation.

Deliver us, O God, from expecting siblings of color to bear this emotional work, which is not theirs to do.

We're thankful for the long arc of history that bends toward justice. By the power of the Holy Spirit, grant us wisdom and give us courage for the facing of these days for the sake of the kin-dom that we share in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

♪♪ ***O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate..... Hymn 722***

*O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore every human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
To write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.*

*As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
So may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
And help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.*

*O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
That, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
That through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.*

*O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
Whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all;
Come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
Whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. O God of all people,

C: ...you were with Joseph when his brothers sold him into slavery, you were with Joseph when his employer falsely accused him, and you were with Joseph in jail. Be with those who are experiencing slavery, false accusations, and imprisonment today due to the color of their skin. Show us how we perpetuate these problems, guide us in repentance, and give the powerful soft hearts so that all people might experience your abundant life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AM: Through the proclaimed word of God, the Holy Spirit moves to instill and deepen faith.

A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 2:13-15

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

AM: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

AM: A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 39

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ² The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ His master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put

him in charge of all that he had. ⁵ From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. ⁷ And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. ⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" ¹⁰ And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. ¹¹ One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, ¹² she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. ¹³ When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴ she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; ¹⁵ and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside." ¹⁶ Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷ and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; ¹⁸ but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside."

¹⁹ When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. ²⁰ And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. ²¹ But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²² The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done

there, he was the one who did it. ²³ The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

AM: 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

♪ *Canticle of the Turning* *Hymn 723*

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
And my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest,
Could the world be about to turn?*

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.*

*Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
To the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
And to those who would for you yearn,*

*You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn.*

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.*

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
Not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
Every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
For the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn.*

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.*

*Though the nations rage from age to age,
We remember who holds us fast;
God's mercy must deliver us
From the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
Is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
Who is turning the world around.*

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.*

COMMEMORATION OF THE EMANUEL 9 — JUNE 17

PT: On June 17, 2015, Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Rev. Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019.

AM: They were doing what we are called to as they engaged in bible study. It was Wednesday night— a stranger walked in, and these people welcomed him and prayed together: the Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, the Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Kibwe Diop Sanders, the Rev. Daniel Lee Simmons, the Rev. Myra Singleton Quarles Thompson, and the honorable state senator and pastor of the church, the Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney.

PT: This stranger wanted to ignite a “race war,” he said, after he shot and killed them, denying them the very humanity he claimed for himself, claiming rights and privileges associated with “whiteness.”

AM: Now we are grieved, once again in pain, burning and anguished, lamenting the horror of evil unleashed. And so we cry out,

All: Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us.

PT: Sorrow and heartache have come to us. Death and mourning have visited us. We feel far from you, O God, and distant from one another. And so we cry out,

All: Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us.

AM: Evil besets us in our land. We acknowledge that our nation is socialized in ways that promote and normalize colonialization. We cry out against the horrors and agonies of racism. And so we cry out,
All: Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us.

PT: The privileged of our nation have benefited from practices that dehumanize indigenous peoples. We have claimed as “discovery” lands that were not ours. These lands have been stolen and the nations, that were the original occupants of these lands, slain. And so we cry out,
All: Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us.

AM: Tribalism has led to the denial of your presence, O God. Present generations, the children whose ancestors were kidnapped and sold into slavery, those forced to labor not on their own behalf, still suffer and struggle to live in freedom while the children of colonizers, live out of “white privilege,” denying the fullness of your presence in all people. And so we cry out,
All: Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us.

PT: Assaults born of greed and murder continue propping up white privilege that is institutionalized in our church and nation, preventing us from recognizing the twin evils of racism and nationalism still perpetuated among us. And so we cry out,
All: Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us.

AM: Open our eyes, O God, open our hearts. Open our ears, O God, open our minds. Help us to behold one another as you behold us. Help us to be more firmly rooted in the practices of the gospel—so that, when we pray, the way we live will make real the dream of your beloved community within and among us. And so we cry out,
All: Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us.

PT: With the help of your mercy and grace, lead us to think, believe, and change. May your gospel’s transforming power be by the working of the

Holy Spirit be present in us, in our churches, in our nation and all the nations of the earth. May it be so. And the people said, "Amen."

All: Amen.

APOSTLES CREED

PT: Let us confess our faith together 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 commenting on the Facebook live stream or emailing to ptom@trinitykenosha.org

PT: 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.

AM: God our truth, through the ages you have spoken through prophets. Stir up in your church a passion for your word revealed in Jesus that, following the witness of the Emanuel Nine, your church studies the scriptures, shows hospitality, prays without ceasing, and embodies prophetic justice in community. Embolden church leaders and all the baptized to remember the lives of the Nine, repent of racism and white supremacy, and renew our commitment to your word revealed most fully in Jesus, our way, truth, and life. In your great mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

PT: 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

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

C: And also with you.

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

OFFERING

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Thank you, and thank God for you!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PT: 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.
Amen.

C: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PT: 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

PT: May God give you grace never to sell yourself short,
grace to risk something big for something good,
and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous
for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.

The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit
be with us now and remain with us this day and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

♪ *Waymaker* (Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu)

You are here, moving in our midst;

I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, working in this place;

I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, moving in our midst;

I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, working in this place;

I worship You, I worship You.

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
My God, that is who You are.*

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
My God, that is who You are.*

*You are here, touching every heart;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, healing every heart;
I worship You, I worship You.*

*You are here, turning lives around;
I worship You, I worship you.
You are here, mending every heart;
I worship You, I worship You.*

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
My God, that is who You are.
You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
My God, that is who You are.*

*That is who You are.
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That is who You are.*

*Even when I don't see it, You're working.
Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working.
You never stop, You never stop working.*

*Even when I don't see it, You're working.
Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working.
You never stop, You never stop working.*

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
My God, that is who You are.*

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AM: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care,
because the Lord was with him.*

Genesis 39:23