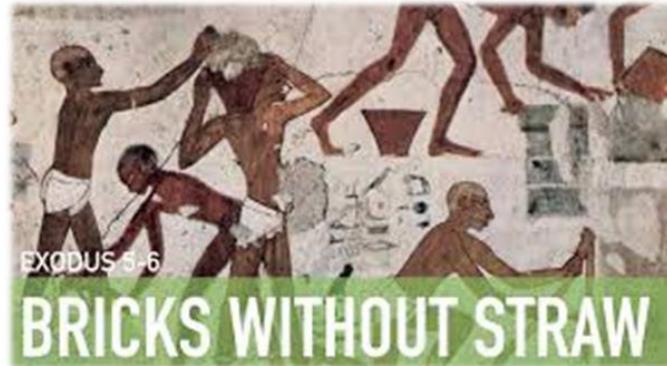


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9:30 Worship
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost



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“Participating in God’s mission of life”
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(All are welcome here)*

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Confronting the evils of Egyptian bondage would be neither quick nor easy - it would be a difficult struggle that would test the strength and courage of Moses and the people of Israel.

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

♪♪ *Amazing Grace - My Chains Are Gone*
(J. Newton, C. Tomlin, L. Giglio)

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.*

*Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.*

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains
unending love, amazing grace.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.*

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains
unending love, amazing grace.*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.
My chains are gone, I've been set free.*

*My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains
unending love, amazing grace.*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.*

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WELCOME

Intern Dalton

ID: 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 conclude our three-week sermon series titled, “Made in the Image of God,” that explores Israel’s time in Egypt and issues of racism.

Welcome to worship!

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

A LITANY ADAPTATION OF “LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING”

From the ELCA Juneteenth Worship Resource

PT: Celebration rises, up from the deep places, finding voice in the light and air no longer denied.

ID: Lift every voice and sing, sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.

PT: Celebration rises, not blind to the suffering, not blind to the sorrow. Celebration comes at a cost.

ID: Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed.

PT: Celebration rises, remembering the way we have come, the paths taken that have brought us here now to this place and time of celebration. Celebration rises, up and up, full of remembering. Remembering the ones led to freedom by Harriet; Remembering lives and freedom stolen: George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Atatianna Jefferson, Aura Rosser, Trayvon Martin, Michelle Brown and many others.

ID: We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

PT: Celebration rises, recognizing what has been done and left undone, knowing there is still and yet much to do, so much further to go. Celebration rises, naming the victories, recognizing the challenges yet ahead. Celebration rises on voices offering unfinished praise.

ID: Lest our feet stray from the places, our God where we met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget thee;

PT: Celebration rises, resisting illusions, to be embraced by the real and abiding presence of God who breaks our chains, and sets us free for freedom, in power and love and joy.

ID: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on our way; thou who has by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the past, we pray.

PT: Celebration rises, with the power of healing wings and promise to endure. Celebration rises, celebrating that by God's grace, I am because You are, You are because I am; Celebrating that the fullness of my humanity does not diminish yours and the fullness of your humanity does not diminish mine.

ID: Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land. True to who we are, True to who we have been and who we are becoming, thanks be to God.

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A PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

ID: 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

♪ *We Are Marching in the Light (Siyahamba)..... Hymn 866*

*We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oo-oo,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oo-oo,
We are marching in the light of God.*

*We are dancing in the light of God,
We are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing in the light of God,
We are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing, oo-oo,
We are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing, oo-oo,
We are dancing in the light of God.*

*We are praying in the light of God,
We are praying in the light of God.
We are praying in the light of God,
We are praying in the light of God.
We are praying, oo-oo,
We are praying in the light of God.
We are praying, oo-oo,
We are praying in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God,
We are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God,*

*We are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, oo-oo,
We are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, oo-oo,
We are singing in the light of God.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: ...you heard the groaning of Israel in Egypt, you promised them freedom from oppression, and delivered them. Hear the groaning of the oppressed today and deliver them, and reveal to oppressors what they have done so that they might repent and all might live out love for neighbor; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

A reading from the gospel of Mark.

Mark 12:29-31

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

PT: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

PT: A reading from the book of Exodus.

Exodus 5:1-6:8

⁵ Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness.’” ² But Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord, that I should heed him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and I will not let Israel go.” ³ Then they said, “The God of the Hebrews has

revealed himself to us; let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to the Lord our God, or he will fall upon us with pestilence or sword.”⁴ But the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their work? Get to your labors!”⁵ Pharaoh continued, “Now they are more numerous than the people of the land and yet you want them to stop working!”⁶ That same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, as well as their supervisors,⁷ “You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as before; let them go and gather straw for themselves.”⁸ But you shall require of them the same quantity of bricks as they have made previously; do not diminish it, for they are lazy; that is why they cry, ‘Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.’⁹ Let heavier work be laid on them; then they will labor at it and pay no attention to deceptive words.”

¹⁰ So the taskmasters and the supervisors of the people went out and said to the people, “Thus says Pharaoh, ‘I will not give you straw.’¹¹ Go and get straw yourselves, wherever you can find it; but your work will not be lessened in the least.”¹² So the people scattered throughout the land of Egypt, to gather stubble for straw.¹³ The taskmasters were urgent, saying, “Complete your work, the same daily assignment as when you were given straw.”¹⁴ And the supervisors of the Israelites, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and were asked, “Why did you not finish the required quantity of bricks yesterday and today, as you did before?”

¹⁵ Then the Israelite supervisors came to Pharaoh and cried, “Why do you treat your servants like this?¹⁶ No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, ‘Make bricks!’ Look how your servants are beaten! You are unjust to your own people.”¹⁷ He said, “You are lazy, lazy; that is why you say, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.’¹⁸ Go now, and work; for no straw shall be given you, but you shall still deliver the same number of bricks.”¹⁹ The Israelite supervisors saw that they were in trouble when they were told, “You shall not lessen your daily number of bricks.”²⁰ As they left Pharaoh, they came upon Moses and Aaron who were waiting to meet them.²¹ They said to them, “The Lord look upon you and judge!

You have brought us into bad odor with Pharaoh and his officials, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

²² Then Moses turned again to the Lord and said, “O Lord, why have you mistreated this people? Why did you ever send me? ²³ Since I first came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has mistreated this people, and you have done nothing at all to deliver your people.”

⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: Indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land.”

² God also spoke to Moses and said to him: “I am the Lord. ³ I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name ‘The Lord’ I did not make myself known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. ⁵ I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians are holding as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶ Say therefore to the Israelites, ‘I am the Lord, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸ I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord.’”

PT: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Intern Dalton

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

♪♪ *Lift Every Voice and Sing* *Hymn 841*

*Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.*

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

Adapted from the ELCA Juneteenth Worship Resource

Share prayer concerns by commenting on the Facebook live stream or emailing to ptom@trinitykenosha.org or druggieri@carthage.edu.

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:

Lord in your mercy, **“Hear our prayer”**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people and nation may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne. Lord in your mercy,

C: ...hear our prayer

Out of the darkness we cry to you, O God. Enable us to find in Christ the faith to trust your care even in the midst of pain. Assure us that we do not walk alone through the valley of the shadow, but that your light is leading us into life. Lord in your mercy,

C: ...hear our prayer

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. Lord in your mercy,

C: ...hear our prayer

O God, call us into a deeper relationship to be your church for the sake of the world. Help us to see with new eyes the injustices within church and society. Call us to have a loving heart that respects and uplifts the humanity and dignity of every person; open our ears to listen to and learn from the experiences of people of color. Open our mouths to speak up and about injustices. Join us with others to work for racial equity and inclusion for all people. Lord in your mercy,

C: ...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.

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

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

C: And also with you.

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

OFFERING Lift Every Voice and Sing - YouTube video

During this season of “together while apart” your financial gifts given to the glory of God are especially precious and needed. Three ways to give:

1. Mail 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

ID: 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

ID: 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

ID: 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

♪ *Build Your Kingdom Here* (Rend Collective)

*Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray.
Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
Like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.*

*We are Your church;
We need Your power in us.*

*We seek your kingdom first.
We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives,
For You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released;
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.*

*We are Your church;
We pray, revive this earth.*

*Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire.
Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here,
We pray!*

*Unleash Your kingdom's power,
Reaching the near and far.*

*No force of hell can stop
Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.*

*We are Your church;
We are the hope on earth.*

*Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land.
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PT: 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.