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9:30 Worship
Ninth Sunday of Pentecost



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
“Participating in God’s mission of life”
7104 - 39th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53142

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

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“And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.”

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

♪♪ *Prodigal*

(*B. McDonald, D. Frey, S. Mosley*)

*It's been a long time since you felt peace
In the valley you made where you're not meant to be,
Where the shame throws shadows on you.
But don't you forget that you're headed to more
But you've settled for less.
Don't buy the lie, "It's as good as it gets."
The same feet that left you lost and alone
Are the very same feet that can bring you back home.*

*Wherever you are, whatever you did,
It's a page in your book, but it isn't the end.
Your Father will meet you with arms open wide.
This is where your heart belongs.
Come running like a prodigal.
Come running like a prodigal.*

*There will be nights when you hear whispers
Of the life you once knew; don't let it linger.
Cause there's a grace that falls upon you.
Don't you forget in the places you're weak
He is very strong.
Don't ever believe you don't deserve love.
The same God that protects you when you're lost and alone
Is the very same God that is calling you home.*

*Wherever you are, whatever you did,
It's a page in your book, but it isn't the end.
Your Father will meet you with arms open wide.
This is where your heart belongs.
Come running like a prodigal.
Come running like a prodigal.
Oh, let your life be made new.*

*Oh, as you come into view,
Your Father's not waiting, no,
He's running too.
He's running straight to you.
Wherever you are, whatever you did.*

*Wherever you are, whatever you did,
It's a page in your book, but it isn't the end.
Your Father will meet you with arms open wide.
This is where your heart belongs.
Come running like a prodigal.
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WELCOME

AM: Good morning, welcome to Trinity Lutheran. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who welcomes and affirms all persons into the life of our faith community.

We extend a special welcome for those watching who are new to our faith community and invite you to explore our ministries by visiting our website at trinitykenosha.org. Pastor Tom and our new member team leader, Joe Falduto, are eager to listen and answer your questions about our ministries. Please feel free to email them.

Welcome to worship!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Tom

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

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Loving God,

All: ...when our path becomes difficult, we do not always turn to you. We look for an easy way out. We escape in avoidance and addiction. We forget your promises and seek what does not satisfy. Forgive us and bring us back into the strength of your Spirit.

P: God is merciful and generous, loving and forgiving. Hear and believe that the death and resurrection of Jesus washed away your sins and that new life is yours, today, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

SONG OF PRAISE

♪♪ Our Father, We Have Wandered Hymn 606

*Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
In foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
As, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.*

*And now at length discerning the evil that we do
Behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
In gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
Compassionate, forgiving, and evercaring Lord,
Grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. Creating and recreating God,

C: ...in Christ, you have made all things new. Help us to see one another as you do, through the lens of Christ. Move us to acts of compassion, reconciliation and generosity so that we might live more fully into our identity as your beloved for the sake of the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Scriptures today will be read by Paula Lattergrass via audio file)

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

A reading from the gospel of Luke.

Luke 15:25-32

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

L: A reading from the book of Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart.

¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC-LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY-video

HYMN OF THE DAY

♪♪ *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* *Hymn 605*

*“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.*

*How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?*

*In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
How trifling others' debts to us;
How great our debt to You!*

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, by your mercy reconciled,
Our lives will spread Your peace.*

APOSTLES CREED

AM: 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 or texting to: 262-287-8098.

AM: 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:

Holy God, **“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.

AM: You have given us the ministry of reconciliation, O God, that your children might know and live in your unifying spirit. Help us to let go of past preoccupations, grudges, and insults, and move forward in renewed relationships. Holy God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Be present with those who live in places where conflict and disease dominate the landscape. Protect children, unite families, and grant safe refuge for all who need it. Holy God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: In Christ all is made new. Bless the work of those who find ways of cleaning up a polluted planet and preserving the life which depends upon it. May we find our own restoration in caring for all you have made. Holy God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We sometimes become preoccupied by the complaints of our physical bodies and blind to the world outside of ourselves. Show us a better way of caring for these temporary temples, nourishing and using

them in ways which honor you and maintain our health. Bless all those who struggle with particular challenges, especially... Holy God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: We grieve those who are no longer with us, although we know they are safe and loved in your eternal home. Keep us united in spirit until that day when we shall see their faces again in your heavenly kingdom. Holy God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: (Here other petitions may be offered) Holy God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: We trust in your faithfulness, O God, to both hear our prayers and respond to them in the way which serves us and your world best. We pray all of these things in the name of Jesus our savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE *Video greeting from children of the congregation*

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

C: And also with you.

P: 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. 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

AM: 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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS - Pastor Tom

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Tom will be available until 11:30 this morning for persons to drive to church to receive individually packaged communion kits. If transportation is not possible, you may use bread and wine or juice that you have available in your home during this time of physical distancing.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praising you, O God, is our only response to your mercy and grace revealed most fully through the death and glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new
covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*read by Drew Eppler via audio file*)

AM: 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**

P: Let us gather with eagerness at our Lord's table, to be filled with good
things, blessed for our work in the gospel, and sent on our way rejoicing.
Amen.

BLESSING

P: God give you grace to claim your gifts for the gospel's sake,
courage to live your faith in spite of the costs,
and wisdom to realize that in this beautiful and dangerous world,
we're called to be faithful to Christ alone.

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

♪ *Let Your Holy Rain Fall Down* (D.Edwards, R. Stone)

*In dry and barren land, our fields have turned to sand.
Before You now we stand; Lord, come and heal this land.*

*Let Your holy rain fall down;
Let Your holy rain fall down.
Wash and cleanse within, without;
Water our soul's thirsty ground.
Let Your holy rain fall down.*

*The wells of our supply are broken and run dry.
With desperate hearts we cry, "Lord, open up the sky."*

*Let Your holy rain fall down;
Let Your holy rain fall down.
Wash and cleanse within, without;
Water our soul's thirsty ground.*

*Let Your holy rain fall down;
Let Your holy rain fall down.
Wash and cleanse within, without;
Water our soul's thirsty ground.
Let Your holy rain fall down.
Let Your holy rain fall down.
Let Your holy rain fall down.*

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FINAL PRAYER

AM: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness and share the Good News of Jesus Christ; 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.