

July 26, 2020  
9:30 Worship  
Eighth Sunday of Pentecost



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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*The pressures of the Corinthian community were pressing in on the baby Christian community. Paul encouraged the people to walk by faith, not by sight—see with the Spirit of God rather than with eyes.*

*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

♪♪ *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

*(M. Crocker, J. Houston, S. Lighthelm)*

*You call me out upon the waters,  
The great unknown where feet may fail.  
And there I find You in the mystery,  
In oceans deep, my faith will stand.  
And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves.  
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine.*

*Your grace abounds in deepest waters,  
Your sovereign hand will be my guide.  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,  
You've never failed and You won't start now.  
And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves.  
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine.*

*Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,  
Let me walk upon the waters whenever You would call me.  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.  
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## WELCOME

AM: Good morning, welcome to Trinity Kenosha. 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](http://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,

**C: ...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

♪♪ *If You But Trust In God To Guide You..... Hymn 769*

*If you but trust in God to guide you  
With gentle hand through all your ways,  
You'll find that God is there beside you  
When crosses come, in trying days.  
Trust then in God's unchanging love;  
Build on the rock that will not move.*

*What gain is there in anxious weeping,  
In helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in your Savior's keeping,  
In sorrow will he love you less?  
For Christ who took for you a cross  
Will bring you safe through every loss.*

*The Lord our restless hearts is holding,  
In peace and quietness content.  
We rest in God's good will unfolding,  
What wisdom from on high has sent.  
God, who has chosen us by grace,  
Knows very well the fears we face.*

*Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,  
Offer your service faithfully.  
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,  
You'll find God's promise true to be.  
This is our confidence indeed:  
God never fails in time of need.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sandy: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. All wise God,

**All: ...you long for us to look upon the world through the loving eyes of your Spirit. Help us to see as you do, giving ourselves where we are needed, for the sake of Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

**(Scriptures ready by Sandy Butler 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 Mark.

Mark 8:22-26

<sup>22</sup> They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Can you see anything?” <sup>24</sup> And the man looked up and said, “I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.” <sup>25</sup> Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup> Then he sent him away to his home, saying, “Do not even go into the village.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

L: A reading from the book of Corinthians. 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup> because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5</sup> For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— <sup>3</sup> if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden,

because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup> For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

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.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

♪♪ *We Walk By Faith*..... **Hymn 635**

*We walk by faith and not by sight;  
With gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."*

*We may not touch your hands and side,  
Nor follow where you trod;  
But in your promise we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near  
And seek where you are found.  
For you, O resurrected Lord,  
Are found in means divine:*

*Beneath the water and the word,  
Beneath the bread and wine.*

*And when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
May we behold you as you are,  
With full and endless sight.*

## **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](mailto:ptom@trinitykenosha.org).*

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:

God of Power, ..... **"Hear our prayer"**

*A brief silence.*

AM: When we feel weak, it is then that you make us strong in your Spirit, sufficient for the tasks which you have given us. Teach us to lean on your unfailing strength. God of Power,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: Guide all parents and those who serve as guardians for children and other vulnerable people. Give them wisdom to love, mentor, and prepare their loved ones to be kind and wise adults. God of Power,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: Just as our bodies are constantly renewed and healed, so the earth renews itself with new growth out of the old, producing new life out of death. Make us partners in the restoration of creation that all may live and thrive in peace. God of Power,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: It is frustrating, O Lord, when our physical bodies no longer do what we wish they could, or what they once were able to do. Give us your serenity to accept our changing nature and to find new and joyful ways of adapting and living into the realities of this life. Send your healing power this day to... God of Power,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: As Timothy, Titus, and Silas dedicated their lives to your mission, so may we find our joy in serving you with the best we have been given. God of Power,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: *(Here other petitions may be offered.)* God of Power,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: You are our treasure, O Lord, and in you we place our trust. Hear these prayers and strengthen us to keep serving you day by day, for the sake of Christ, **Amen.**

*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: 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**

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](http://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.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

## **SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS - Pastor Tom**

## **BLESSING**

P: 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**

♪ *Walk By Faith*

*(J. Camp)*

*Will I believe You when You say  
Your hand will guide my every way?  
Will I receive the words You say  
Every moment of every day?*

*Well, I will walk by faith,  
Even when I cannot see,  
Because this broken road  
Prepares Your will for me.*

*Help me to rid my endless fears.  
You've been so faithful for all my years.  
With one breath you make me new.  
Your grace covers all I do.*

*Well, I will walk by faith,  
Even when I cannot see,  
Because this broken road  
Prepares Your will for me.*

*Well, I'm broken,  
But I still see Your face.  
Well, You've spoken,  
Pouring Your words of grace.*

*Well, I will walk by faith,  
Even when I cannot see,  
Because this broken road  
Prepares Your will for me.*

*Well, I will walk by faith,  
Even when I cannot see,  
Because this broken road  
Prepares Your will for me.*

*Well, hallelujah, hallelu.  
Well, hallelujah, hallelu.  
Well, hallelujah, hallelu.  
Well, hallelujah, hallelu.*

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## **FINAL PRAYER**

**AM:** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness and to 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.**