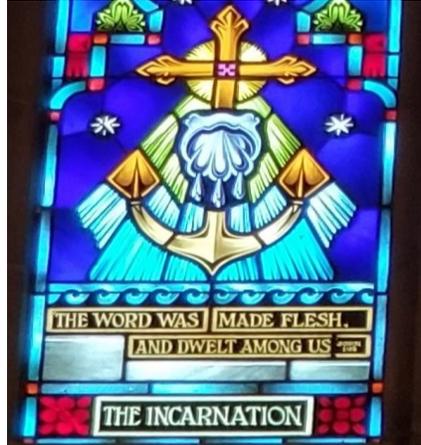


August 16, 2020
9:30 Worship
Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost



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 the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.”

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.

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. 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!

GATHERING SONG

♪♪ *My Victory* (K. Smith, T. Aitken, D. Leach, N. Horst)

*There's nowhere I could go You haven't gone,
No battle I could face You haven't won.
I know that You're for me, Your presence surrounds me.*

*I've seen You in the fire and the rain.
I've found You in the struggle and the pain.
I know that You're with me, You'll never let go of me.*

*You are my victory,
You always go before me,
Writing my destiny,
Fighting my battles for me.
You are my victory,
You always go before me,
Writing my destiny,
Fighting my battles for me.*

*When the walls of doubt and fear are all around,
I'll lift a shout and watch them hit the ground.
Oh nothing can stop You, Your praise is my breakthrough.*

*You are my victory,
You always go before me,
Writing my destiny,
Fighting my battles for me.
You are my victory,
You always go before me,
Writing my destiny,
Fighting my battles for me.*

*Let the mountains fall,
Break down every wall,
Awake inside of me faith for the unseen.
God of miracles,
All things possible,
Your promises are true, You're making all things new.*

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We gather in the name of God the Source of life, God the Redeemer of our lives, and God the Encourager who journeys with us. Amen.

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Guiding God,

C: ...you have shown us how to live a good life, yet we think we can do better on our own. We do not honor you or our neighbors, instead choosing to follow our selfish desires. We long to be free and yet hold others' wrongs against them. Release us from this endless cycle of guilt and poor choices. Restore us to yourself again, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: We are God's beloved children and we have been forgiven! Now live in the joy which this grace provides, and share the good news with others.

All: Amen

SONG OF PRAISE

♪♪ *O God In Heaven* *Hymn 748*

*O God in heaven, grant to your children
Mercy and blessing, songs never ceasing,
Grace to invite us, peace to unite us
O God in heaven, author of love.*

*Jesus, redeemer, help us remember
Your pain and passion, your resurrection,
Your call to follow, your love tomorrow
Jesus, redeemer, savior and friend.
Spirit unending, give us your blessing:
Strength for the weary, help for the needy,
Hope for the scornful, peace for the mournful
Spirit unending, comfort and guide.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. Holy God,

C: ...your name is sacred and precious. May we cherish it by calling upon you with sincerity and proclaiming your goodness to all the earth, for the sake of Jesus, Amen.

(Scriptures today will be read by Kirsten Carson 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 John.

John 1:14-16

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

L: A reading from first John.

1 John 1:1-4

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— ³ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

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

♪♪ I Love To Tell The Story Hymn 661

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.
I love to tell the story;
Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy word.
I love to tell the story;
Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story;
Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

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.

AM: Please take a moment to share prayer concerns by texting Pastor Tom at 262-287-8098, emailing to ptom@trinitykenosha.org, or commenting on the Facebook live stream.

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: Loving 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 a way to talk to you which shows us how close you hold us. May we give to your name the honor you deserve, cherishing you with our hearts and lives. Loving God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: As the Summer ends, we recognize the one who creates and brings all things full circle. We thank you for times of rest, recreation, fun and growth. We prepare ourselves for a new cycle to begin, knowing that you watch over us in all circumstances. Loving God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Even as your name is holy, so is everything you have made. Help us to honor our original covenant to care for all living creatures, protecting their habitats and ensuring their humane treatment. Loving God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: When we feel most alone, your Spirit remains with us to remind us of your never-ending presence. Bring your healing power to all those who need it most this day, especially... Loving God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: We know that when this earthly life is through, you will bring us to be with you and with all those whom we love but have lost. Until that day may we be faithful children who live out your mercy on earth. Loving God,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: We have asked and you have heard us. Gather all of these prayers into your merciful keeping, and make us grateful that you allow us to address you directly, even though you are the creator of the universe. We ask this through Christ our Lord, **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 (Kerri playing softly during the offering announcement)

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.

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 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

♪ *This Is Amazing Grace* (P. Wickham, J. Riddle, J. Farro)

*Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.*

*Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.*

*This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

*Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory.*

*Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.*

*This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!*

*This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.
All that You've done for me.*

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DISMISSAL

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.