

August 23, 2020
9:30 Worship
Twelfth 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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*“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that
God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.”*

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 Lighthouse* (*Rend Collective*)

*In my wrestling, and in my doubts,
In my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.*

*In the silence, You won't let go.
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.*

*My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness,
I will follow You! Oh!
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore,*

*Safe to shore,
Safe to shore,
Safe to shore.*

*I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.*

*My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness,
I will follow You! Oh!
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore,
Safe to shore,
Safe to shore.*

*Fire before us, You're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, You're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, You're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, You're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storms.*

*My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness,
I will follow You! Oh!
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore,*

*Safe to shore,
Safe to shore,
Safe to shore.*

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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.

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

♪♪ Christ, Be Our Light Hymn 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

*Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Signs of your kingdom come.*

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. Powerful God,

C: ...**your spirit works daily to bring about your will through the lives of your people. Work in us that we might reflect your principles of love and mercy in all we do, through Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

(Scriptures today will be read by Peni Keeling 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 1:29

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

L: A reading from first John.

1 John 1:5-2:2

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive

ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light Hymn 815

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,

And show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

*The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.*

*In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

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

AM: Please take a moment to share prayer concerns by texting Pastor Tom at 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: Renewing Spirit,....**"Hear our prayer"**

AM: When we look at the world, it is easy to see all that does not reflect your vision, O God, and be discouraged. Speak through us and the gifts you have given each of us, so that we may each be a point of light in the great constellation of Christ's love. Renewing Spirit,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: As schools prepare to begin a new academic year, be with students, staff and faculty in their joint work of preparing future citizens, workers, dreamers, artists and inventors to deal with the next generation of issues arising on this earth. Renewing Spirit,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Your creation groans as it brings forth new life out of the dying and destroyed. Revive us all for a new day on this planet, which is our home and lifeline. Renewing Spirit,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Use us to minister to those in need of all kinds of healing. Send your presence to the lost, suffering, and conflicted, and take special care of all those whom we know need your support, especially...
Renewing Spirit,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Just as we will one day be gone from this earth, we remember all those who have gone before us, taking inspiration from their example and joy in their memory. Renewing Spirit,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: (Here other petitions may be offered) Renewing Spirit,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Receive our prayers; answer our deepest cries, and show us exactly where you need each of us to be, in the name of Jesus our savior,

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

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

♪ I Am Not Alone

(K. Jobe, M. Sampson, M. Fieldes, B. Davis, G. Pittman, D. Sauder, A. Davis)

*When I walk through deep waters
I know that You will be with me.
When I'm standing in the fire
I will not be overcome.
Through the valley of the shadow
I will not fear.*

*I am not alone, I am not alone,
You will go before me,
You will never leave me.
I am not alone, I am not alone,
You will go before me,
You will never leave me.*

*In the midst of deep sorrow
I see Your light is breaking through.
The dark of night will not overtake me;
I am pressing into You.
Lord, You fight my every battle,
And I will not fear.*

*I am not alone, I am not alone,
You will go before me,
You will never leave me.
I am not alone, I am not alone,
You will go before me,
You will never leave me.*

*You amaze me, redeem me;
You call me as Your own.
You amaze me, redeem me;
You call me as Your own.*

*You amaze me, redeem me;
You call me as Your own.
You amaze me, redeem me;
You call me as Your own.*

*You're my strength, You're my defender,
You're my refuge in the storm.
Through these trials You've always been faithful;
You bring healing to my soul!*

*I am not alone, I am not alone,
You will go before me,
You will never leave me.
I am not alone, I am not alone,
You will go before me,
You will never leave 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.