

August 30, 2020
9:30 Worship
Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
“Participating in God’s mission of life”
7104 - 39th Avenue
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*We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation
(All are welcome here)*

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“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

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

Video - Bishop Paul Erickson

Statement from Bruce Milne, Council President

GATHERING SONG

 *His Mercy Is More* (M. Papa, M. Boswell)

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.*

*What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is sure.*

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.*

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.*

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

AM: 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.

AM: 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.

AM: 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

 *Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life Hymn 719*

*Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear your voice, O Son of Man.*

*In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of your tears.
From tender childhood's helplessness,
From human grief and burdened toil,*

*From famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
Your heart has never known recoil.*

*O Master, from the mountainside
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide;
Oh tread the city's streets again.*

*Till all the world shall learn your love,
And follow where your feet have trod;
Till glorious from your heaven above
Shall come the city of our God.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: ...you have provided everything that we truly need to thrive in this life. Teach us to recognize those things, and to work so that others might also have their needs provided, for the sake of Jesus, Amen.

(Scriptures today will be provided via video from the Synod)

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

A reading from the book of Romans. (Romans 11:1-2, 29-32)

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the

mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

(Matthew 15:21-28)

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Video

Rev. Jennifer Arnold

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

SPECIAL MUSIC - Video "For Everyone Born"

HYMN OF THE DAY

 *Blest Are They Hymn 728*

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
They shall be consoled.*

*Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!*

*Blest are they, the lowly ones;
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;
They shall have their fill.*

*Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!*

*Blest are they who show mercy;
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
They shall see God.*

*Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!*

*Blest are they who seek peace,
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
The glory of God is theirs.*

*Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!*

*Blest are you who suffer hate,
All because of me.*

*Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom;
Shine for all to see.*

*Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!*

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 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: Generous God,....**"Hear our prayer"**

AM: Give us discernment to know the things we need and those which we merely desire. Teach us to use all the resources at our disposal for good and healthy purposes, for the enrichment of life and the thriving of all your people. Generous God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: We lift up the efforts of relief workers around the globe responding to disasters both natural and human-made. Give them courage, wisdom, and endurance to meet the most urgent needs of people in distress. Generous God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: May our harvests be plentiful and may they be shared fairly. Bless the work of all those striving to minimize waste and distribute provisions to where they are most needed. Generous God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: The human soul can suffer when food, love, safety, and meaning are lacking. Heal those who have found themselves at any time wanting for these basic needs. Raise our awareness about deficiencies in our society and institutions. We raise up those with particular needs today, especially... Generous God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: You not only provide our earthly home with all that we need, but you have also prepared a heavenly home for us once this life is finished. Give us hope of eternal life with you and all the saints. Generous God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: You have heard the cries of your children and the prayers of your people without us saying a word. We trust in your faithfulness to answer us, for the sake of Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

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

OFFERING - “Thank You” video from the Synod

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pr. 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.**
Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**
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

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 - Reverend Kristin Nielsen

People of God, remember that you are indeed claimed by God. You are God's amazing and beloved children, so go in peace, serve the Lord, know that you are indeed blessed.

C: Amen, amen, and amen.

SENDING HYMN

♪ *From The Inside Out* (J. Houston)

*A thousand times I've failed, still Your mercy remains.
And should I stumble again, still, I'm caught in Your grace.
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Neverending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.*

*Your will, above all else, my purpose remains.
The art of losing myself in bringing You praise.
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Neverending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.*

*In my heart, in my soul, Lord, I give You control.
Consume me from the inside out, Lord.
Let justice and praise become my embrace,
To love You from the inside out.*

*Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Neverending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise
From the inside out. Lord, my soul cries out.*

*Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Neverending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise
From the inside out. Lord, my soul cries out.
From the inside out. Lord, my soul cries out, Lord.*

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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.