

August 9, 2020
9:30 Worship
Tenth 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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Early Christian communities often struggled to get their resources met, while others thrived. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to show their generosity so that all the early Christian communities could thrive.

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

♪ *I Give You My Heart*

(R. Morgan)

*This is my desire,
To honor You.
Lord, with all my heart,
I worship You.
All I have within me,
I give You praise.
All that I adore, is in You.*

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All that I adore, is in You.*

*Lord, I give You my heart,
I give You my soul.
I live for You alone.
Every breath that I take,
Every moment I'm awake,
Lord, have Your way in me.*

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I give You my soul.
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Every breath that I take,
Every moment I'm awake,
Lord, have Your way in me.*

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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. 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

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: 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 generous and loving and forgiving. Hear and believe that your sins are washed away and that new life is yours through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

SONG OF PRAISE

♪ *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Hymn 733

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PT: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. Generous God,

C: ...you call us to share what we have been given. Open us to the needs of others that we might be blessed through our giving, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

(Scriptures today will be read by Dru Spitzer 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 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

L: A reading from the book of Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

¹ We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ² for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—⁵ and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶ so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking^[c] among you. ⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹ now

finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³ I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵ As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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 - videos

HYMN OF THE DAY

♪ *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymn 631

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, oh breathe, thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;*

*Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!*

APOSTLES CREED

P: 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: 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 plenty, **“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: Your people are woven into a web of interdependence, where one's surplus may supply another's lack, and where there is always more than enough to go around. Guard us from the smallness of hoarding what we have and losing sight of all the true blessings in life. God of plenty,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: When those in one part of the world are suffering, your people in other places respond in love. Continue to connect us in this unity, which is motivated by your Spirit's compassion. God of plenty,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Enlighten us by nature's balance between light and dark, growth and dormancy, death and rebirth, and teach us to appreciate the changing and complementary seasons of our lives, whether they be marked by abundance or scarcity. God of plenty,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: It is easy to turn inward when we believe we do not have enough to survive or thrive. Expand our hearts with gratitude for all the intangible joys of life: health, happiness, and love. Send your Spirit's blessing to those who especially need it this day... God of plenty,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: We belong to you, O God, and that is enough. Hold all our prayers in your safekeeping and awaken us to live the lives to which you are calling us, in Jesus Christ,

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

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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

♪ *Your Grace Is Enough* (M. Maher)

*Great is Your faithfulness, O God;
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart.*

*So, remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.*

*Great is Your love and justice, God.
You use the weak to lead the strong.*

*You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.*

*So, remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.*

*Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.*

*Remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Yeah, Your grace is enough,
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough;
I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me.*

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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.