

September 13, 2020
9:30 Worship
Fifteenth 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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From the beginning of creation, God’s primary focus was the care of all creation with humanity serving as the caregiver. After sin entered the world, God continues to love and care for people, healing their shame, forgiving their sin and commanding us to claim our calling as caretakers of creation, of one another.

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.

Following worship today, Pastor Tom will be available until 11:30 AM at the West entrance doors to distribute Holy Communion.

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, will facilitate a learning event titled 'Trinity 101'. During this Zoom gathering, persons will learn about the mission of Trinity and the ministries we offer. Please email Kirsten, our Church Administrator, to receive the link.

Welcome to worship!

GATHERING SONG

♪♪ *Holy Is The Lord*

(C. Tomlin, L. Giglio)

*We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing,*

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with his glory.
The earth is filled with his glory.*

*We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.*

*How great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with his glory.
The earth is filled with his glory.*

*It is rising up all around.
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It's rising up all around.
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.*

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with his glory.
The earth is filled with his glory.
The earth is filled with his glory.*

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We gather in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of all ages,

C: ...you have chosen us as your own, yet we so often live as if it were not so. We succumb to things which are not good for us. We believe we know better than you. We refuse to put our trust in your promises. Sweep away our foolishness and bring us back

into a trusting relationship with the one who has lovingly created us and longs to be our strength and life.

P: Dear friends, hear the joyful words that God has given to us! Our misdeeds and folly are forgotten; grace and mercy abound. Let us give thanks that we have a compassionate creator!

All: Amen

SONG OF PRAISE

♪♪ Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Hymn 836

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: ...you created people not as subjects to rule, but as partners in tending and enjoying this bountiful earth. Help us release our shame and guilt over what we have done wrong, accepting instead your mercy and forgiveness offered through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

(Scriptures today will be provided 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 Luke. (Luke 11:4)

⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

L: A reading from the book of Genesis (Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8)

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

³Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. ⁸They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

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

♪♪ *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*..... *Hymn 858*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?*

*Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.*

*Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!*

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: 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 compassion....**"Hear our prayer"**

AM: The things which are forbidden are often the most tempting, and we seem to love pursuing them. Stand between us and our shame, that we might choose instead a path of joy and freedom, and live in the grace which you have offered. God of compassion,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Save us, O God, from ourselves,
from racism often cloaked in pious words,
from machinations of white supremacy hidden in calls for civility,
from micro aggressions thinly veiled in arrogance,
from apologies when they don't give way to action,
from forgiveness without confessing the truth,
from reconciliation without reparation. God of compassion,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Bless all grandparents—those who care for and love their children's children, those who serve as surrogate elder mentors, and those who long for grandchildren but do not have any. Strengthen ties between generations that each might be blessed and enriched by the other. God of compassion,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the ministries of our partner ELCA congregations in the Kenosha-West Racine cluster and their pastors as they seek to proclaim the gospel and do justice. Embrace them with our love, deepen their faith and give them strength:

- Cross Lutheran in Burlington and Pastors John Brink and Elizabeth Lee
- Peace Lutheran in Burlington and their pastor Susan Bowen
- North Cape Lutheran in Franksville and Pastor Brad Brown
- Grace Lutheran and Pastor Jonathan Barker
- Lakeside Lutheran and Pastor Jim Lynch
- Lord of Life and Pastor Carol Jeunnette
- Spirit Alive! and Pastor Kevin Beebe
- St. Mary's and Pastor Paul Petersen

- St. Paul's and Pastor Cindy Aasen
- Christ Lutheran in Salem and Pastor Eric Silberschmidt
- Messiah Lutheran in Twin Lakes and Pastor Melody Brink
- Norway Evangelical Lutheran in Wind Lake and Pastors Mark Jaramillo and Kristie Jaramillo Forgiving God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Loving creator, you have given us this great garden of earth to till and keep. May we resist the temptation to exploit and misuse is out of greed or possessiveness, choosing instead to cultivate its beauty and share its fruits equitably and justly. God of compassion,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: So many people are burdened with shame over events long past including events of past generations. Help us all to release what no longer serves us and be open to your renewing love. Send your healing to all who need it, especially... God of compassion,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: We remember John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, all courageous preachers of your gospel. Make us bold proclaimers of grace and mercy. God of compassion,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: *(Here other petitions are offered)* God of compassion,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Receive these prayers and all those which we offer in silence, for the sake of our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 (ELCA Outreach Video highlight)

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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS - Pastor Tom

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

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

♪ Run To The Father (C. Carnes, R. Jackson, M. Maher)

*I've carried a burden for too long on my own.
I wasn't created to bear it alone.
I hear Your invitation to let it all go.
I see it now. I'm laying it down.
And I know that I need You.
I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, no reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again.
Oh, Oh, Oh.*

*You saw my condition, had a plan from the start.
Your Son for redemption: the price for my heart.
I don't have a context for that kind of love.
I don't understand, I can't comprehend.
All I know is I need You.*

*I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, no reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again.
Oh, Oh.
Again and again and again and again.
Oh, Oh, Oh.*

*My heart has been in Your sights
Long before my first breath.
Running into Your arms
Is running to life from death.
And I feel this rush deep in my chest.
Your mercy is calling out.
Just as I am, You pull me in,
And I know I need You now.*

*I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, no reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again.*

*I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, no reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again.
Oh, Oh.
Again and again and again and again.
Oh, Oh, Oh.
Again and again.*

DISMISSAL

AM: Go forth into the world to serve God as an agent of peace and transformation. Do acts of love: compassionate listening, heartfelt confessing, and generous sharing. Be of good courage; strengthened by the love of Christ Himself. 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.