

September 27, 2020
9:30 Worship
Seventeenth 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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Joseph finally came face to face with the brothers that had done him wrong many decades ago. Here he would face a great challenge - would he avenge himself or would he offer forgiveness and seek reconciliation?

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

♪ *How Can It Be* (J. Johnson, J. Ingram, P. Mabury)

*I am guilty, ashamed of what I've done, what I've become.
These hands are dirty; I dare not lift them up to the Holy One.*

*You plead my cause, You right my wrongs;
You break my chains, You overcome.
You gave Your life to give me mine;
You say that I am free. How can it be?
Yeah. How can it be?*

*I've been hiding, afraid I've let You down;
Inside I doubt that You could love me;
But in Your eyes there's only grace now.*

*You plead my cause, You right my wrongs;
You break my chains, You overcome.
You gave Your life to give me mine;
You say that I am free. How can it be?
Yeah. How can it be?*

*Though I fall, You can make me new.
From this death I will rise with You.
Oh, the grace reaching out for me.*

*How can it be?
How can it be?*

*You plead my cause, You right my wrongs;
You break my chains, You overcome.
You gave Your life to give me mine;
You say that I am free.*

*Yeah, You plead my cause, You right my wrongs;
You break my chains, You overcome.
You gave Your life to give me mine;
You say that I am free. How can it be?
Yeah. How can it be? Yeah.*

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FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION

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: 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 people, hear the joyful words that God has forgiven 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

♪ *Be Thou My Vision* *Hymn 793*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
Raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Light of my soul, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: ...you have the power to turn our most foolish acts into something of benefit. Use our lives for your highest good, in spite of our own intentions, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AM: Scriptures today are read by Mary Siebert.

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

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

(Luke 6:35)

³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

L: A reading from Genesis. (Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21)

³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

⁵Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ⁶He said to them, “Listen to this dream that I dreamed. ⁷There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf.” ⁸His brothers said to him, “Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?” So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

¹⁷The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” ²²Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold

him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. ²⁹When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. ³⁰He returned to his brothers, and said, “The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?”

³¹Then they took Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. ³²They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, “This we have found; see now whether it is your son’s robe or not.” ³³He recognized it, and said, “It is my son’s robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.” ³⁴Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

[Many years passed, and Israel died an old man.]

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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.

P: Please text prayer concerns to 262-287-8098

HYMN OF THE DAY

♪ *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.*

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 text prayer concerns to 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 God....."**Hear our prayer**"

AM: As Joseph found the strength to let go of bitterness toward his brothers, so may we loosen our grip on old grudges and harbored animosity. Bring us into strengthened relationships with those we love. Renewing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Comfort all parents who have lost children through active military duty, and soothe their aching hearts with the balm of your spirit. We give you thanks for those who continually put themselves in harm's way out of a sense of responsibility to their country. Renewing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

- Campus Ministry of Carthage College and Pastor Kara Baylor
- 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 Church and Grace Welcome Center and Pastor Jonathan Barker
- Lakeside Lutheran and Pastor Jim Lynch
- The ELCA Outreach Center and Karl Erickson
- The Grace Welcome Center and Leif Peterson
- 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,
- Outreach for Hope and its director Chris Manke. Renewing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Through dreams and visions you revealed your plan for Joseph. May all who experience you in a similar way find purpose and guidance through their visions, and may they use their wisdom responsibly. Renewing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Free us from crippling jealousy and resentment that distances us from those we love. Heal and strengthen ties between parents and children, and between siblings who see the other as rival. Bring a special measure of your spirit to those who need it most... Renewing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Comfort us in the assurance that you have brought all those who have died into your loving eternal embrace, and that they await reunion with us in your heavenly kingdom. Renewing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Receive these prayers and invigorate us to live out your will on earth,
for which we pray through 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 (Outreach for Hope video-The Village Church, Milw.)

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: 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

♪ *Second Chance*

(Rend Collective)

My future hangs on this, You make preciousness from dust.

Please don't stop creating me.

Your blood offers the chance to rewind to innocence,

Reborn, perfect as a child.

*Oh, Your cross, it changes everything;
There my world begins anew with You.
Oh, Your cross, it's where my hope restarts.
A second chance is heaven's heart.*

*When sin and ugliness collide with redemption's kiss,
Beauty awakens by romance.
Always inside this mess I have found forgiveness;
Mercy as infinite as you.*

*Oh, Your cross, it changes everything;
There my world begins anew with You.
Oh, Your cross, it's where my hope restarts.
A second chance is heaven's heart.*

*Countless second chances, we've been given at the cross.
Countless second chances, we've been given at the cross.*

*Fragments of brokenness salvaged by the art of grace;
You craft life from our mistakes.
Black skies of my regrets, outshone by this kindness;
New life dawns over my soul.*

*Oh, Your cross, it changes everything;
There my world begins anew with You.
Oh, Your cross, it's where my hope restarts.
A second chance is heaven's heart.*

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A second chance is heaven's heart.*

*Countless second chances, we've been given at the cross.
Countless second chances, we've been given at the cross.*

DISMISSAL

AM: Almighty God guide, bless, and keep you, that you may be faithful in the ministry to which you have been called as a baptized child of God. Amen.

C: Thanks be to God.