

October 11, 2020
9:30 Worship
Nineteenth 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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The Hebrew people were alone and frightened in a new land. Their leader had disappeared up a mountain and hadn’t been seen since. Their instinct was to return to the gods they know - the gods of Egypt. When God’s wrath burned hot for them, Moses reminded God that God needed to learn the ways of the people before the people could learn the ways of God.

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

♪ *God Is Able* (B. Fielding, R. Morgan)

God is able, He will never fail.

He is Almighty God.

Greater than all we seek.

Greater than all we ask.

He has done great things.

Lifted up, He defeated the grave.

Raised to life, our God is able.

In His Name, we overcome,

For the Lord our God is able.

God is with us, God is on our side.

He will make a way.

Far above all we know.

Far above all we hope.

He has done great things.

Lifted up, He defeated the grave.

Raised to life, our God is able.

In His Name, we overcome,

For the Lord our God is able.

*God is with us,
He will go before.
He will never leave us.
He will never leave us.
God is for us.
He has open arms.
He will never fails us.
He will never fail us.*

*Lifted up, He defeated the grave.
Raised to life, our God is able.
In His Name, we overcome,
For the Lord our God is able.*

*Lifted up, He defeated the grave.
Raised to life, our God is able.
In His Name, we overcome,
For the Lord our God is able.
For the Lord our God is able.
For the Lord our God is able.*

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FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION

AM: We gather in the name of God the Creator of life, God the Redeemer of our lives, and God the Sanctifier who journeys with us. Amen.

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

AM: 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.

AM: Dear friends, 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

♪ *Our Father, We Have Wandered* *Hymn 606*

*Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
In foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
As, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.*

*And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
Behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
In gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.*

*O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
Compassionate, forgiving, and ever-caring Lord,
Grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: ...you do not punish us as our deeds deserve, but rather show compassion to your wayward people. May we in turn show grace to others, that love may abound, and all may know your mercy, through Jesus our savior. Amen.

AM: 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 Luke.

(Luke 23:34)

³⁴Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

L: A reading from Exodus.

(Exodus 32:1-14)

³²When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” ²Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” ¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you

brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?
¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

♪ *You Are Mine* *Hymn 581*

*I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.*

*I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me.*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

*I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
And all will know my name.*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

*I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

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

AM: So often we miss the mark, just as the ancient Israelites did, when we look to other sources to fill our need for you, O Lord. Forgive us for all the foolish ways in which we fail to trust you, and gently lead us back onto the path that leads to life. Patient God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: As our Jewish siblings celebrate the gift of your holy word, we rejoice that we have also received the words which proclaim your promises of never-ending love and eternal life for all your people. Patient God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Sometimes this world seems full of danger and fury, with storms and conflict raging around us. Give us peace in the middle of the tempest and assure us that your presence has never left us. Patient God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Help those who have been misled by cults and harmful ideologies to find their way back to your life-giving grace. Be with all who feel abandoned or isolated, and send your healing spirit to those whom we name this day... Patient God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Whether we live or die, we belong to you, O Lord. Assure us of the promise of your resurrection, and when our time on earth is finished, unite us once more with all your saints in light. Patient God,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Receive our prayers into your merciful arms, for the sake of Jesus our savior and friend. 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

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

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

♪ *You Never Let Go* (M. Redman, B. Redman)

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear.
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know You are near.*

*And I will fear no evil,
For my God is with me,
And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?*

*Oh no, You never let go,
Through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go,
In every high and every low.
Oh no, You never let go,
Lord, You never let go of me.*

*And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare.
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the earth.*

*And I will fear no evil,
For my God is with me,
And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?*

*Oh no, You never let go,
Through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go,
In every high and every low.
Oh no, You never let go,*

*Lord, You never let go of me.
You keep on runnin' and You never let go.*

*Singin' Oh no, You never let go,
Through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go,
In every high and every low.
Oh no, You never let go,
Lord, You never let go of me.*

*Yes I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes,
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You.
Yes I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes,
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You.*

*Oh no, You never let go,
Through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go,
In every high and every low.
Oh no, You never let go,
Lord, You never let go of me.
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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.**