

October 25, 2020  
9:30 Worship  
Reformation Sunday



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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*David wanted to build a house for God.  
Instead, God’s permanence would exist through the house of David.*

*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 on this Reformation Sunday. 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 to the Hammond family and their friends as we celebrate Gwen's confirmation today and also welcome those watching who are new to our faith community. We invite you to explore our ministries by visiting our website at [trinitykenosha.org](http://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**

♪♪ *Build Your Kingdom Here* (Rend Collective)

*Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again.  
Increase in us, we pray.  
Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,  
Like wildfire in our very souls;  
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.*

*We are Your church;  
We need Your power in us.*

*We seek your kingdom first.  
We hunger and we thirst;  
Refuse to waste our lives,  
For You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captives' hearts released;  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.*

*We are Your church;  
We pray, revive this earth.*

*Build Your kingdom here.  
Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand.  
Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire.  
Win this nation back.  
Change the atmosphere.  
Build Your kingdom here,  
We pray!*

*Unleash Your kingdom's power,  
Reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty, changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this;  
Awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.*

*We are Your church;  
We are the hope on earth.*

*Build Your kingdom here.  
Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand.  
Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire.  
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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 the covenant,

**C: ...you have never failed in your promises to us, but we often fail to be your faithful people. We waste our time and resources on things which do not give life. We doubt our abilities and hide our light away from the world. We flee from your call when it doesn't appeal to us. Forgive us and call us back to your sustaining love.**

AM: God hears us when we repent and is quick to pardon our failures. Hear the words of your forgiveness and believe that you have been restored by your creator's great mercy and compassion. Rejoice!

**All: Amen**

## SONG OF PRAISE

♪♪ *All Are Welcome* ..... *Hymn 641*

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome,  
All are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome,  
All are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome,  
All are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome,  
All are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome,  
All are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**C: ...Your true dwelling place is with your people. Make of us a holy temple where you may be praised and your will carried out for the sake of all, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

AM: Scriptures today will be read by Dru Spitzer.

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

A reading from the Gospel of Luke. (Luke 1:30-33)

<sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **CHILDREN'S VIDEO - Pastor Tom**

L: A reading from second Samuel. (2 Samuel 7:1-17)

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup>Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of

Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. <sup>15</sup>But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. <sup>17</sup>In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

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

♪♪ *Blessed Be The God Of Israel* ..... *Hymn 552*

*Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,  
Who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.*

*The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.*

*Now from the house of David a child of grace has come,  
A Savior who will lead us to our eternal home.  
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,  
The prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.*

*On all by death imprisoned the sun begins to rise,  
The dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,  
To guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;  
Oh, bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!*

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM - Gwen Mae Hammond**

### **Prerecorded video**

*"So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day." 2 Corinthians 4:14*

P: Dear Friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for this person, who is one with us in the body of Christ, who affirms her baptism this day as a sign of her participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

Sandy Butler, Learning Ministry Coordinator: I present Gwen Hammond, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Gwen, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

P: As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

***Response: In faith I turn to Christ.***

## **APOSTLES CREED**

Sandy Butler: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed: Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism;

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Gwen the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life. **Amen**

P: Let us rejoice with Gwen in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

P: Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FAITH STATEMENT - (Gwen's video)**

## **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: Faithful God,....**"Hear our prayer"**

AM: When David wanted to build you a house, you assured him that his faithful leadership was enough to please you and honor your word. Keep our vision focused on mission and service when we are tempted to be distracted by projects and ventures of little consequence. Faithful God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: As our Hindu siblings celebrate the triumph of good over evil, we give thanks that you have destroyed death's power and expanded your love to encompass all of your people. May we be living lights of hope in all the places where we find ourselves. Faithful God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: You have planted us here, O Lord, alongside animals and all that grows on the face of the earth. May we be sympathetic companions and faithful stewards of your creation. Faithful God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: We live cut off from one another, divided by both physical and spiritual walls. Bring us back to each other and make us whole again as people created for community. Heal all those in need, especially... Faithful God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: We honor Lydia, Tabitha, and Phoebe, and the multitudes of unnamed faithful women who have followed and served you throughout the ages. Bless all who dedicate their lives to you without receiving any credit. Faithful God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: We have asked and you have heard, and it is enough, O God. We thank you for answering our prayers in your good time, for the sake of Jesus our brother.

**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**

AM: 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](http://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

AM: God bless us with the power of the Holy Spirit as we depart to live our faith in Jesus', name.

**C: Amen**

#### SENDING HYMN

♪ *Only The Brave*

*(T. Hughes, M. Smith, N. Herbert)*

*Verse: This is the moment,  
This is why I'm living to face the giants with You.  
It's now or never and though my heart is racing,  
I'll leave my armor with You.  
Your love makes us stronger,  
And Your love sees us through.*

*Chorus: Only the brave will go where You go,  
Into the fire but never alone.  
We know You'll always carry us home;  
Only the brave will go where You go.*

*Verse: It's all or nothing;  
These scars will tell a story of how Your power broke through.  
In every battle our God is never shaken;  
Our hope will always be You.  
Your love makes us stronger,  
And Your love sees us through.  
Your love is forever,  
I'm Yours, I'm with You.*

*Chorus: Only the brave will go where You go,  
Into the fire but never alone.  
We know You'll always carry us home;  
Only the brave will go where You go.*

*We're gonna go where You go.  
We're gonna go where You go.  
We're gonna go where You go.  
We're gonna go where You go.*

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## **DISMISSAL**

**AM:** Go. Be encouraged. Don't lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day by the glory of God through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**C: Thanks be to God.**