

November 8, 2020  
9:30 Worship  
Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost

# MERCY

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
“Participating in God’s mission of life”  
7104 - 39th Avenue  
Kenosha, WI 53142

*We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation  
(All are welcome here)*  
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*When God called on Jonah to proclaim destruction to his mortal enemies, Jonah tried to flee. But even in the deep, dark sea God found him and granted him a second chance. God went on to give a second chance to Nineveh, too. Everyone God encountered here was filled with the abundance.*

*The mission of God is life. Hope replaces despair. Faith replaces fear. Life replaces death. How are you participating in God’s mission of life?*

## 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](http://trinitykenosha.org). Our new member team leader, Joe Falduto, is eager to listen and answer your questions about our ministries. Please feel free to email him. Welcome to worship!

## GATHERING SONG

♪♪ *Move*

*(C. McClarney, J. Pardo, L. Sweet)*

*When you move, darkness runs for cover.  
When you move, no one's turned away.  
Cause where You are, fear turns into praises.  
And where You are, no heart's left unchanged.*

*So, come, move, let justice roll on like a river.  
Let worship turn into revival.  
Lord, lead us back to You.*

*When You move, the outcast finds a family.  
When You move, the orphan finds a home.  
Lord, here we are, oh teach us to love mercy.  
With humble hearts we bow down at Your throne.*

*So come, move, let justice roll on like a river.  
Let worship turn into revival.  
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Surrender all to You alone.*

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## **FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION**

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

Let us confess our sins before God and one another, trusting in God's mercy and faithfulness.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: 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.**

P: 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

♪♪ *We Are Called* ..... *Hymn 720*

*Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
To live in the freedom of the city of God.*

*We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another,  
To walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
So hatred and blindness will be no more.*

*We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another,  
To walk humbly with God.*

*Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers united in love.  
We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another,  
To walk humbly with God.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**C: ...You show abundant mercy even when we cannot see the purpose of it. Give us your heart for compassion and love for all of your children, regardless of who or where they may be, in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC *Amazing Grace* performed by Harold "H" Huissen**

AM: Scriptures today will be read by Sandy Butler.

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

A reading from the gospel of Luke (Luke 18:13)

<sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S TIME - VIDEO**

A reading from Jonah. (Jonah 1:1-17, 3:1-10)

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." <sup>3</sup>But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

<sup>4</sup>But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup>Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep.

<sup>6</sup>The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep?"

Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.”<sup>7</sup>The sailors said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.<sup>8</sup>Then they said to him, “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?”<sup>9</sup>“I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”<sup>10</sup>Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

<sup>11</sup>Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous.<sup>12</sup>He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.”<sup>13</sup>Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them.<sup>14</sup>Then they cried out to the Lord, “Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.”<sup>15</sup>So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging.<sup>16</sup>Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.<sup>17</sup>But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

## **SERMON – Part 1**

<sup>3</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying,<sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”<sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across.<sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. <sup>8</sup>Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.” <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON – Part 2**

**Pastor Tom**

*A moment of silence follows the sermon for the movement of the Holy Spirit.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

♪♪ *Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service* ..... *Hymn 712*

*Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,*

*Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.*

*Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,  
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.*

## **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 requests 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 prayer ends with these words: God of mercy,....**"Hear our prayer"**

AM: As self-absorbed and evasive as Jonah was, you still used him to powerfully and effectively proclaim your word of grace. Likewise use us despite our flaws and resistance to your call, for the fulfillment of your mission in the world. God of mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: In times of change or upheaval, we are tempted to withdraw and be concerned only for ourselves. Open us to our neighbors, especially those with whom we disagree, encourage us to seek understanding across lines of belief and loyalties and empower us to give thanks for our many blessings. God of mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: The seas are once again crying out against the injustices which have been done to them. Empower all those working to clean the earth's oceans and prevent further loss and damage to your beautiful creation. God of mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Self-absorption separates us from the healing blessings of community and mutual support. Help us reach those who have isolated themselves and spread your spirit's healing grace. Be especially with those whom we lift up by name... God of mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: Your departed saints are gone only from our sight, not really separated from us in spirit. Keep us bound together in ties of love and bring us to that day when we will all be reunited in your kingdom. God of mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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

C: **Hear our prayer.**

AM: Receive our prayers and assure us of your unfailing mercy which is ours through Christ Jesus. 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](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

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen**

#### SENDING HYMN

♪ *Take My Life*

*(F.R. Havergal, C. Tomlin, L. Giglio/ C. Tomlin, L. Giglio, H.A.C. Malan)*

*Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee.*

*Take my moments and my days,*

*Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move*

*At the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as You choose.*

*Here am I, all of me.  
Take my life, it's all for Thee.*

*Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Your feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

*Here am I, all of me.  
Take my life, it's all for Thee.  
Here am I, all of me.  
Take my life, it's all for Thee.*

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## **DISMISSAL**

**AM:** Go, abounding in hope. Bear witness to Christ Jesus. Depart in peace.

**C: Thanks be to God.**