

January 17, 2021  
9:30 Worship  
Second Sunday of Epiphany



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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*Jesus was busy teaching, healing, and performing miracles throughout the land. Unfortunately, the ones who failed to see God working through him were the people of his own hometown.*

*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 in the name of the Lord 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

AM: The gathering song is Hymn #641, vv. 1, 3, &5

♪♪ *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 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 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.*

## FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION

P: We gather in the name of God the Creator, God the Incarnate, and God the Advocate. Amen.

Trusting in the abundant mercy and everlasting love of the Holy Triune God, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: God of light,

**C: ...You light a fire within us and ask us to shine, but we are quick to hide and make excuses. We shrink from challenges, avoid responsibility, and deny the goodness of your creation. We seek hollow praise and then don't believe it. Forgive us for hiding our God-given light and remaining self absorbed.**

P: Children of God, never fear, for you have always lived in the mercy of your creator. Hear the words of absolution and believe then: you are forgiven, you are made whole, you are restored to God. Hallelujah!

**All: Amen**

## SONG OF PRAISE

♪♪ *All Who Are Thirsty*

*Brown/Robertson*

*All who are thirsty, all who are weak,*

*Come to the fountain; dip your heart in the stream of life.*

*Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away, in the waves of His mercy*

*As deep cries out to deep*

*Come Lord Jesus come.*

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*All who are thirsty, all who are weak,*

*come to the fountain; dip your heart in the stream of life.*

*Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of his mercy.*

*As deep cries out to deep.*

*Come Lord Jesus come.*

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Come Lord Jesus come.  
As deep cries out to deep  
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As deep cries out to deep*

*Holy Spirit, come.  
Holy Spirit, come.  
Holy Spirit, come.  
Holy Spirit, come.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**C: ...You stir up your people with challenging words. Open our ears to hear truly the truth which you bring, and may it shake up our lives so that we can be your faithful witnesses in the world. Amen.**

AM: Scriptures today will be read by Linda McKinney.

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

A reading from the book of Psalms. (Psalm 146)

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup>The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the gospel of Luke.

(Luke 4:14-30)

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is,

there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## SERMON

Pastor Tom

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

♪♪ *Let Streams of Living Justice* ..... *Hymn #710*

*Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;  
Give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,  
The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;  
Abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.*

*For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,  
For love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;  
On your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.  
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;  
Dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.*

*Your city's built to music ; we are the stones you seek;  
Your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,  
Our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way - the path untried;  
Your truth - the heart of stranger; your life - the Crucified.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

AM: Please text your prayer requests to 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: God of truth,....**"Hear our prayer"**

AM: Sometimes we think we know you and your scriptures so well that there is nothing new to be learned. Keep us humble, open and receptive to the continual renewal of your Spirit among us. God of truth,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Be with those who feel estranged from familiar people and places in their lives. Reunite estranged people and mend broken relationships, and be especially with those whose names we bring before you for healing... God of truth,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: As we honor the memory of your servant Martin Luther King, Jr. and the prophetic life he lived, inspire us to continue his work for justice and champion his dream that all persons would be regarded as equals. God of truth,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: Receive our prayers and shed light on our path as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to you through your son Jesus, our Lord. 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**

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)

## **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: Almighty God, Father +Son and Holy Spirit bless us and keep us,  
guiding our thoughts and our actions in the grace of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen**

## **SENDING HYMN**

***♪Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ..... Hymn #674***

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves  
abound!*

*Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves  
abound!*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'ry where!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves  
abound!*

### **DISMISSAL**

**AM:** Go. Walk in the light of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**