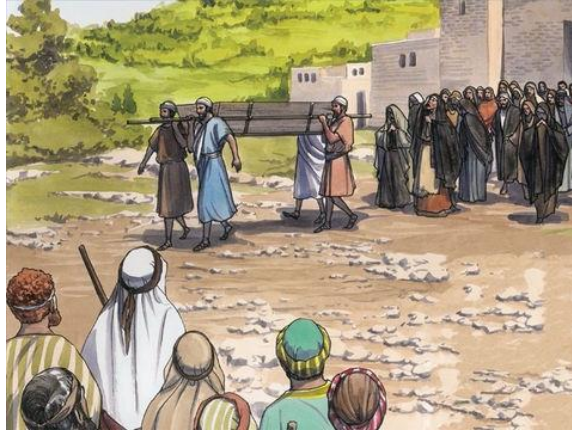


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9:30 Worship  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
“Participating in God’s mission of life”  
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(All are welcome here)*  
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*Jesus was busy healing and teaching throughout the countryside. When a Roman centurion asked for Jesus’ help, it took Jesus by surprise.*

*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!

*(not to be read but please have a slide showing Joe's email addresses:  
[faldujd5@gmail.com](mailto:faldujd5@gmail.com))*

## GATHERING SONG

♪♪ *Chainbreaker*

*Smith, Fieldes, Williams*

*If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles,  
If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies,  
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside,  
There's a better life; there's a better life.*

*If you've got pain, He's a pain taker.  
If you feel lost, He's a way maker.  
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison shaking Savior,  
If you got chains, He's a chain breaker.*

*We've all searched for the light of day in the dead of night.  
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight.  
We've all run to things we know just ain't right.  
When there's a better life, a better life.*

*If you've got pain, He's a pain taker.  
If you feel lost, He's a way maker.  
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison shaking Savior,  
If you got chains, He's a chain breaker.*

*If you believe it, if you receive it,  
If you can feel it, somebody testify.  
If you believe it, if you receive it,  
If you can feel it, somebody testify, testify.  
If you believe it, if you receive it,  
If you can feel it, somebody testify.*

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If you feel lost, He's a way maker.  
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## **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

♪♪ **Take My Life, That I May Be, verse 1** ..... *Hymn 583*

*Take my life, that I may 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.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C: ...you rewarded the faith of a Roman centurion who feared and trusted you. May we have the same unshakable faith in your mercy and ability to heal all that prevents us from serving you, for the sake of Jesus. 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 119:105-108)

<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

<sup>106</sup>I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances. <sup>107</sup>I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the gospel of Luke.

(Luke 7:1-17)

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup>A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. <sup>3</sup>When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave.

<sup>4</sup>When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is

worthy of having you do this for him, <sup>5</sup>for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.” <sup>6</sup>And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; <sup>7</sup>therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. <sup>8</sup>For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and the slave does it.” <sup>9</sup>When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” <sup>10</sup>When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

<sup>11</sup>Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup>As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother’s only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. <sup>13</sup>When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, “Do not weep.” <sup>14</sup>Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, rise!” <sup>15</sup>The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen among us!” and “God has looked favorably on his people!” <sup>17</sup>This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

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**

*♪♪ Healer of Our Every Ill ..... Hymn 612*

*Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and  
gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.  
Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*In the pain of joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,  
Give us all your vision, God of love.  
Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.  
Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.  
Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

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

AM: A Roman officer recognized the power of words to create and bring about results. May we take responsibility for the words we utter and the worlds we create with them, choosing to speak love, mercy and redemption for all. Healing God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: We live in a competitive and often ruthless world, where few prosper wildly and too many go without basic needs. Help us to even the balance and work for fair compensation of workers and distribution of resources so that all may thrive. Healing God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: Our headstrong ways have brought destruction and disaster upon this planet we call home. Show us how our equally strong powers of

innovation and creation can begin to turn around the damage we have done and bring about restoration in the natural world. Healing God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: You need only to say the word and we are healed. Cure our ills, whatever their cause, and strengthen us to continue serving you. Bless all of those whose names we bring before you today... Healing God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: Be with all who grieve the loss of loved ones, and hold them all in your comforting arms until the day when we will all be reunited in your eternal glory. Healing God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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

**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.**

## **SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS** - Pastor Tom

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Pr. Tom will be available until 11:15 this morning for persons to drive to church to receive individually packaged communion kits. If transportation is not possible, you may use bread and wine or juice that you have available in your home during this time of physical distancing.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have opened the eyes of faith  
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
that, beholding the God made visible,  
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new  
covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **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**

P: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **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**

♪ *My Guardian*

*Cantelon, Garrard, Herbert*

*King of love and grace, my guardian*

*All my hopes and fears are in your hands. I'm in Your hands.*

*Where You go, I'll go; show me the way.*

*Every step I take, be now my guide. God on my side.*

*You go before me. You're there beside me.*

*And if I wander, love will find me.*

*Goodness and mercy will always follow*

*You go before me, my guardian.*

*When I hear you say, "Trust in the way"*

*I will walk by faith and not by sight. God of my life.*

*So let Your kingdom come; Your will be done.*

*All your promises will stand forever. You're my defender.*

*You go before me. You're there beside me.*

*And if I wander, love will find me.*

*Goodness and mercy will always follow  
You go before me, my guardian.*

*You are God, our great defender, strong in love, forever faithful.  
We are Yours, and we will trust in You.  
You are God, our great defender, strong in love, forever faithful.  
We are Yours, and we will trust in You.*

*You go before me. You're there beside me.  
And if I wander, love will find me.  
Goodness and mercy will always follow  
You go before me, my guardian.*

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.