

February 21, 2021  
9:30 Worship  
1st Sunday of Lent

***“..you are worried and  
distracted by many things;  
there is need of only one thing.”***

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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*Through the parable of the Samaritan and his words to Martha, Jesus challenged his hearers to think differently, to open themselves to the possibility that their ideas of right and wrong might be off just a bit.*

*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!

## **EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN FLAME**

AM; As we prepare for Christmas, we light a new candle each week.

As we prepare for Good Friday, we extinguish a candle each week to remind us of the approaching darkness of betrayal and death.

During this time of Lenten preparation, we think of those who turned away from the light of Jesus. And we remember that we too turn away. Jesus healed many who were sick in mind, body or spirit. Only a few returned to give thanks.

**C: We realize that we have taken the gift of God for granted...that our lives have lacked gratitude. Our lack of gratitude shields the light of Christ from us and others.**

AM; We extinguish the 1<sup>st</sup> candle, confessing our own failure to give thanks to God.

## **GATHERING SONG**

*♪♪ O God of Mercy, God of Light, verses 1-4 ..... Hymn #714*

*O God of mercy, God of light,  
in love and mercy infinite,  
teach us, as ever in your sight,  
to live our lives in you.*

*You sent your Son to die for all,  
That our lost world might hear your call;  
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!  
We rest our hope in you.*

*Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:  
To feel for those his blood has bought,  
That ev'ry deed and word and thought  
May work a work for you.*

*For all are kindred, far and wide,  
Since Jesus Christ for all has died;  
Grant us the will, and grace provide,  
To love them all in you.*

P: Creator God, we glimpse your beauty in setting sun, mountain top,  
eagle's wing. We sense your power in thunder crash, lightning flash  
and ocean's roar.  
Creator God, we praise you.

Precious Jesus, we see your love stretched out upon a cruel cross.  
We stand in awe at your sacrifice, pure love poured out for  
humankind.  
Precious Jesus, we praise you.

Holy Spirit, we see your power in lives transformed, hearts on fire.  
We listen for your still, small voice, comforting, guiding, calling.  
Holy Spirit, we praise you.

## **FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION**

P: We gather in the name of Holy Triune God-Creator, Redeemer, and  
Sanctifier. Amen.  
Trusting in the abundant mercy and everlasting love of God, let us  
confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: God of mercy,

**C: ...Jesus was faithful even in the face of death, yet we so often fail you in day to day living. Our commitment is shaky, our promises are unreliable, and our actions are questionable. We quit when discipleship becomes difficult and complain that we don't get enough credit. Forgive us our neglect of your mission and our lukewarm devotion and wake us up to the urgency of your gospel.**

P: God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord.

**All: Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**C: ...You challenge us to expand our minds to your inclusive view of the world. Teach us to welcome the stranger whoever they may be, and to open ourselves to having our minds changed and our hearts transformed, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. 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 15)

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

<sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

<sup>4</sup>in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

<sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*♪♪ Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.*

A reading from the gospel of Luke.

(Luke 10:25-42)

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup>He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” <sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

*♪♪ 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.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

*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.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

*As deep cries out to deep.  
As deep cries out to deep.  
As deep cries out to deep.*

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

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

AM: You made your followers uncomfortable, O Lord, when you invited them to look beyond their closest circles of belonging and serve all your children. In the same way shake up our restricted views and open us to a bigger life where anything is possible with you. Compassionate God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: There is need of only one thing: you and your unbounded love. Show us clearly the power of accepting the other and seeing ourselves in each person we encounter. Compassionate God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: You invite us to walk gently upon the earth, treating creation as our home. Give us vision in how we live on this planet and strengthen

our efforts to protect and preserve all that you have made.  
Compassionate God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Make us present to those who need our help and show us a world beyond the confines of our comfort zone. Use us as healing ambassadors to all whom we encounter, and send your blessing to those whom we name today... Compassionate God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: Make us one with all the saints of every time and place, and inspire the deeds of our lives with their example of passion and faithfulness. Compassionate God,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms. Teach us to put our trust in you, and in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. 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**

♪ *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart, verses 1 & 4, Hymn #800*

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
And make me love you as I ought to love.*

*Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame:  
The baptism of the heav'n descended dove,  
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.*

### **DISMISSAL**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.