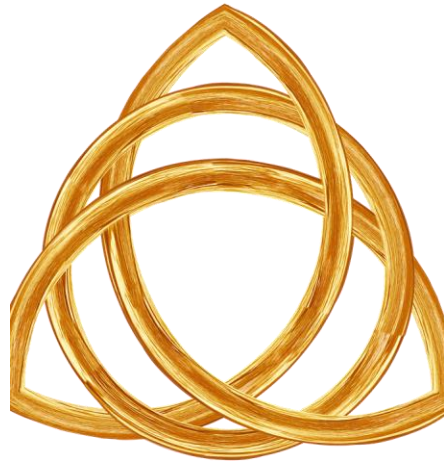


*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”*

May 30, 2021  
9:30 Worship  
The Holy Trinity



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*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: Welcome and good morning to you. Trinity is a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We welcome and affirm all persons into the life of our faith community and extend a special welcome to 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), or contacting Pastor Tom by email at [ptom@trinitykenosha.org](mailto:ptom@trinitykenosha.org). For those present in the sanctuary, you are invited to speak the responses, stand as directed, and hum to the music but please refrain from singing. Welcome to worship.

## GATHERING SONG

♪ *For the Beauty of the Earth* ..... *Hymn 879 (all verses)*

*For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:*

*Refrain:*

*Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: [Refrain]*

*For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]*

*For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]*

*For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: [Refrain]*

## **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: Merciful Creator,

**C: ...we bring our flawed and weary selves before you. We cry at the pain we see in the world: that which has been brought upon us, which we bring upon others, and which we bring upon ourselves. We know that healing is possible, but we often choose suffering instead. Visit us with your mercy and reconciliation, that we might know joy once more. Amen**

P: Weeping may last the night, but joy comes with the morning. Receive the word of our Lord's forgiveness and know that it is real - here and now. You have been restored. Your life is a testimony to God's healing power. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**All: Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

AM: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. Lord of righteousness,

**C: ...You have made your law a word of good news for us today.  
We desire to walk in your ways and follow in your footsteps.  
Recognize your righteousness with us, and make us your own.  
Amen.**

## **WORD**

AM: Let us pray... Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Bless MaryKay Hahn, who will read to us the scripture. Make us hunger for the Word of life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

A reading from the book of Psalms. (Psalm 1)

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.  
<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
<sup>6</sup> for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

L: The Gospel Acclamation welcomes the gospel and prepares our hearts to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

### ♪ (Setting 10 Gospel Acclamation)

*Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.*

A reading from the gospel of John.

(John 3:1-17)

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses

lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## SERMON

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*A moment of silence follows to allow the Holy Spirit to instill and deepen faith in Jesus Christ.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

♪ *Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory* ..... *Hymn 890*

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.*

*Refrain:*

*Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on. [Refrain]*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

AM: Please take a moment to text prayer concerns 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 prayers ends with these words: Lord, in your mercy,...**"Hear our prayer"**

AM: Lord of the law, help us to delight in your law, meditating upon it day and night. For in your law there is love, and in your love there is eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For all the trees that are nourished by streams of flowing waters, for the desert cactuses and the mountaintop evergreens, we celebrate your good creation, knowing that all good things have been made by you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: Be a strong and forming presence in the lives of those who graduate from their schools in the coming weeks. Remind them daily that you are in the world with them, and they are never alone. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Pour your healing waters upon all who suffer internally or externally, especially... Bring sweet wholeness to all in need. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: The wicked are yours, Lord, and we are the wicked. Be gentle with us when we fail, and bring all broken and imperfect people into your loving embrace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: (Here other petitions may be offered.) Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: With a mixture of sorrow and joy we remember all who have come into your kingdom before us. Make your promise of eternal life known to all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: With great joy we praise your holy name, confident that all our prayers have been heard, for the sake of Jesus Christ our savior and Lord. 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 four 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)
4. Drop your offering in the collection plate as you leave today.

## **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**

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### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: 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.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,  
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the  
resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your Holy Ones of all times and places, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**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**

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** Almighty God, Father +Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **SENDING HYMN**

♪ *O Beautiful For Spacious Skies* ..... **Hymn 888**

*O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life:  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and ev'ry gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears:  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.*

**DISMISSAL**

AM: Go. The Holy Spirit will lead and guide you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

