

“Jesus said to him, ‘Stand up, take your mat and walk.’”

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9:30 Worship
Sixth Sunday of Pentecost



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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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, or contacting Pastor Tom by email at 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

 *The God of Abraham Praise* *Hymn #831*

*The God of Abr'ham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love -
"I Am the One I Am," -
by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blest.*

*The God of Abr'ham praise!
At your supreme command
from earth I rise and seek the joys
at your right hand.
I all on earth forsake -
its wisdom, fame, and pow'r -
and you my only portion make,
my shield and tow'r.*

*The God of Abr'ham praise!
Your all-sufficient grace*

*shall guide me all my pilgrim days
in all my ways.*

*You deign to call me friend;
you call yourself my God!
And you will save me to the end
through Jesus' blood.*

*Your promise you have sworn;
I on your oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
to heav'n ascend.
I shall behold your face;
I shall your pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of your grace
Forevermore.*

*Though nature's strength decay,
and earth and hell withstand,
to Canaan's bounds I urge my way
at your command.
The wat'ry deep I pass,
with Jesus in my view,
and through the howling wilderness
my way pursue.*

*The goodly land I see,
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty
and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.*

*Before the great Three-One
the saints exulting stand
and tell the wonders God has done
through all their land.*

*The list'ning spheres attend
and swell the growing fame
and sing the songs which never end,
the wondrous name.*

*The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
they ever cry.*

*Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
I join the heav'nly lays:
to you be glory, might divine,
And endless praise!*

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 joy and sorrow,

C: ...we come into your house with the noise and cares of the world bearing down on us. We expect you to fix it or to make it go away. Instead, you offer space for us to repent, refresh, and restore. Forgive us our shortsightedness. Forgive us our selfishness. Forgive us our impatience. Show us how to enter your house with gratitude and praise.

P: Our God receives our pleas with open ears and a forgiving heart. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins, and be washed with the cleansing sound of God's grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

All: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. God of all breathing things,

C: ...Everything that breathes praises you! This planet inhales and exhales to the rhythm of your heartbeat. Today we praise your name! Amen.

AM: Please be seated.

WORD

AM: Let us pray... Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Bless Don Jambrek, who will read to us the gospel. 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.

Psalm 30 - Responsive Psalm: (recorded reading, response & refrain)

Refrain:

***Though the night of weeping may linger,
with the morning light comes joy.***

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord, my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

**For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

Refrain:

*Though the night of weeping may linger,
with the morning light comes joy.*

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

**By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong
mountain. You hid your face; I was dismayed.**

To you, O Lord, I cried; and to the Lord I made supplication.

**What profit is there in my death if I go down to the Pit? Will the
dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and
be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper.**

Refrain:

*Though the night of weeping may linger,
with the morning light comes joy.*

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Refrain:

*Though the night of weeping may linger,
with the morning light comes joy.*

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.*

L: A reading from the gospel of John. (John 5:1-18)

5 After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷ The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.” ¹¹ But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’” ¹² They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take it up and walk’?” ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. ¹⁴ Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶ Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because

he was doing such things on the sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, and I also am working.” ¹⁸ For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tom

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

♩ Faithful One

B. Doerksen

*Faithful one, so unchanging
Ageless one, you're my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on you
I call out to you, again and again
I call out to you, again and again*

*You are my rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm
Your love is, the anchor
My hope is in You alone*

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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: Mighty God,...**"Hear our prayer"**

AM: We raise our voices like trumpets, our hearts like harps, to glorify our Creator and echo your goodness. Magnify our song that all might hear and join in. Mighty God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Your praise reverberates throughout creation, in every creature that breathes and every bit of matter you have made. Turn our songs of praise to cries for justice and peace, that all may live and love your beautiful world. Mighty God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: We thank you for musicians who give voice to the deepest expressions of our human experience, who probe the depths and scale the heights of what it is to reflect our Creator's ultimate love. Mighty God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Sometimes the only sound we are capable of making is a cry for deliverance. Hear your children in pain, in need of healing, wholeness or relief. Especially be with... Mighty God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Make music of our days, and bring us at last to join the choir immortal, praising you around your holy throne. Mighty God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: (Here other petitions are offered.) Mighty God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: As children's voices are music to their parents' ears, receive the earnest prayers of our hearts, and bless the efforts of our lives to be your living legacy in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. 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: Please be seated

AM: When we give a financial gift, we give it with gratitude for all the blessings God has given us. The act of giving reminds our hearts that money is not our god. Our financial gifts support the work of our shared ministry here at Trinity as we seek to faithfully participate in God's mission of life.

Those present may place their offering in the plate in the Gathering Area as they depart the service today. Those watching may mail a check to Trinity at 7104-39th Avenue, Kenosha, WI or text a gift to 262-429-9785 including a dollar symbol before the amount. You may also visit our home page at Trinitykenosha.org and select the "Giving" button. 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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS - Pastor Tom

P: Please stand.

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

✠ They'll Know We Are Christians

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!