

“Lord, help me.”

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9:30 Worship

Third 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

♪ *You're Worthy of My Praise*

D. Ruis

*I will worship with all of my heart;
I will praise You with all of my strength;
I will seek You all of my days;
I will follow all of Your ways.*

*I will give you all my worship; I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship; You alone are worthy of my praise.*

*I will bow down and hail You as king.
I will serve You - give You everything.
I will lift up my eyes to Your throne.
I will trust You. I will trust You alone.*

*I will give You all my worship; I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship; You alone are worthy of my praise.*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: ...We don't always enter your house with joy. Sometimes we cry, "How long?" Answer us as only you can, with grace and love. Amen.

WORD

AM: In Pastor Tom's absence today we have a video sermon by Rev. Dr. Donna Childs. Her sermon is one of seven in a series of sermons by women of color titled: Survival and Love: A Womanist Preaching Series. Pastor Tom purchased the series last spring from the Wisconsin Council of Churches. Since 2020, Rev. Childs has served as the Senior Pastor of Tabernacle Community Baptist Church in Milwaukee. Rev. Childs earned her undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Marquette University and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Cardinal Stritch University. She earned the Master of Divinity Degree and the Doctorate of Ministry degree from Northern Seminary in Lombard, IL. As we grieve the losses we experienced this past year, Pastor Childs offers a message of hope through God's abiding love for us revealed in Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING

(Matthew 15:21-28)

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the

crumbs that fall from their masters' table.”²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON - Prerecorded

Rev. Dr. Donna Childs

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

♪ *Bring Peace To Earth Again* *Hymn 700*

*Where armies scourge the countryside, and people flee in fear,
Where sirens scream through flaming flights, and death is ever near:
O God of mercy, hear our prayer: bring peace to earth again!*

*Where anger festers in the heart, and strikes with cruel hand;
Where violence stalks the troubled streets, and terror haunts the land:
O God of mercy, hear our prayer: bring peace to earth again!*

*Where homes are torn by bitter strife, and love dissolves in blame;
Where walls you meant for shelt'ring care hide deeds of hurt and
shame:
O God of mercy, hear our prayer: bring peace to earth again!*

*O God, whose heart compassionate bears ev'ry human pain;
Redeem this violent, wounding world till gentleness shall reign.
O God of mercy, hear our prayer: bring peace to earth again!*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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: Merciful Lord,... **“Hear our prayer”**

AM: Holy God, we can see how faith and the ending of suffering are intertwined, feeding off each other, and growing together. Give us eyes to see the miracles of healing all around us. Merciful Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Your world is vast, O Lord, and sometimes we are overwhelmed by helplessness in the face of all there is to address. Uphold us by your spirit and empower us to dwell in your promises, not in our despair. Merciful Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: You are a model for all earthly parents, O God, the One whom we trust when we cannot turn to any other. Forgive us our shortcomings and be a shining light of steadfast love in a world which desperately needs it. Merciful Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: We cannot choose our circumstances, O Lord, but we can choose whether or not to suffer with them. When at last we have reached the end of our laments, we can trust you to complete your healing work in us, assuring us that you have been present all along. We pray especially for... Merciful Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: We are not the first to question your presence or be tempted to lose hope. Equip us as you did the saints of old with your gifts of insight, rest, and the promise of eternal salvation. Merciful Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: You are the beginning and the end, O God, and everything in between. Hold us as you hold these prayers, and deliver us into your loving embrace. 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: During this season of “together while apart” your financial gifts given to the glory of God are especially precious and needed.

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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

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.

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 - Linda McKinney

AM: 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.

SENDING HYMN

♪ *You Never Let Go*

B. Redman, R. Redman

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear.
Even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know you are near.*

*I will fear no evil; for my God is with me.
And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?*

*Oh no, You never let go; through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go; every high and every low.
Oh no, You never let go; Lord, You never let go of me.*

*I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on.
A glorious light beyond all compare.
And there will be an end to these troubles;
But until that day comes, we'll live to know You here on the earth.*

*I will fear no evil; for my God is with me.
And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?*

*Oh no, You never let go; through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go; every high and every low.
Oh no, You never let go; Lord, You never let go of me.*

*I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on.
A glorious light beyond all compare.
And there will be an end to these troubles;
But until that day comes, still I will praise You; still I will praise You.*

*Yes I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on.
And there will be an end to these troubles;
But until that day comes, still I will praise You; still I will praise You.*

*Oh no, You never let go; through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go; every high and every low.
Oh no, You never let go; Lord, You never let go of me.*

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Lord, You never let go of me. Lord, You never let go of me.*

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

C: Thanks be to God!