

“...then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.”

June 6, 2021
9:30 Worship
Second Sunday of Pentecost



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
“Participating in God’s mission of life”
7104 - 39th Avenue
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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

♪ *This Is My Father's World* Hymn #824

*This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.*

*This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget*

*that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heaven ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!*

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 joy and thanksgiving,

C: ...You invite us into your house to make a joyful noise. Teach us to cultivate gratitude so we might be best able to discern the voices and noises you need for us to hear. Amen.

WORD

AM: Let us pray... Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Bless Linda McKinney, 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 Psalms

(Psalm 28)

¹To you, O Lord, I call;
my rock, do not refuse to hear me,
for if you are silent to me,
I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
²Hear the voice of my supplication,
as I cry to you for help,
as I lift up my hands
toward your most holy sanctuary.
³Do not drag me away with the wicked,
with those who are workers of evil,
who speak peace with their neighbors,
while mischief is in their hearts.
⁴Repay them according to their work,
and according to the evil of their deeds;
repay them according to the work of their hands;
render them their due reward.
⁵Because they do not regard the works of the Lord,
or the work of his hands,
he will break them down and build them up no more.⁶
Blessed be the Lord,
for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.
⁷The Lord is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts;

so I am helped, and my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.
⁸The Lord is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
⁹O save your people, and bless your heritage;
be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A reading from the book of Exodus.

(Exodus 16:1-12)

¹⁶The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’”

¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

♪ *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* *Hymn 697*

Refrain:

*Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.*

*Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.*

*When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.*

*Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

LITANY OF LAMENT

P: Eternal God, your knowledge of us is perfect - the situations we face, the decisions we make, our motives, our passions, our losses. Today, we recall our losses and raise our lament to you. We bring to mind beloved persons and experiences Covid-19 has affected or taken from us:

- Friends and loved ones who have died and those who bear the ongoing pain of Covid's attack on their bodies.
- Family gatherings celebrating life's most precious milestones: births and birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, retirements, funerals and memorials.
- Beloved members in care homes and those hospitalized left isolated from the personal touch of loved ones for months on end.
- Job opportunities and careers derailed by business closures and shut downs.
- The communal pain and confusion of an increased awareness of racial inequity and injustice.
- Relationships strained or lost by the politicization of healthy responses to the pandemic.
- The losses of our life together as a faith community: the closure of Four Seasons and their care for persons with dementia. An emerging ministry with Carthage College. The impact on our once thriving Sunday School and children's ministry. The loss of members who have chosen to worship elsewhere or not at all and other laments that weigh heavy on our hearts.

(after a pause, leader continues)

Hear our confession, O Lord:

ALL: We confess that the pain of our losses causes us to turn inward. Centered on self, we have injured others by neglecting their cries for justice, for assistance, for compassion. We judge others for failing to meet our expectations. Forgive us, save us, heal us. Amen.

P: Beloved children of God, the Lord hears your cries and answers you: I AM the great I AM. Was it not I who spoke all of creation into existence? Who placed the stars in the sky and the waters in the deep? Who formed humankind in My likeness and breathed the breath of life into them? I AM the One who rescued Israel from slavery and defeated death through the cross. I have heard your lament and come to your aid offering mercy, forgiveness and healing. Through Christ, you are my beloved. I AM with you always freeing you from your grief to live a life of hope and joy as you participate in my mission of life for the world.

ALL: We give you our thanks and praise, O God, for hearing our lament and forgiving our sins. Through your healing power, we affirm our baptismal calling to work for justice, care for the poor and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*♪Blessed Assurance, verse 1 Hymn 638
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

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

AM: Accept the songs of our hearts, O God—robust or silent, harmonious or off-key—assuring us that what is offered with joy is always received with affection. Steadfast Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: The earth cannot help but worship its Maker, and neither can we! It's in the fabric of who you have made us to be. Keep us connected and at one with all you have made, and with all peoples who are created in your image. Steadfast Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: We enter the season of refreshment and recreation with grateful hearts. Return us to a sense of awe at this vast planet, that we might enjoy your blessings and use our energies to renew ourselves and others who need a rest. Steadfast Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we know that we can trust your faithfulness, especially when we find ourselves most in need. Refresh us and all those we name before you with your healing touch, especially... Make us whole again. Steadfast Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Your love endures forever, O God—even beyond the bounds of the grave. Give us strength to follow where our ancestors in faith have walked, knowing that the crown of life awaited them. Steadfast Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: (Here other petitions may be offered.) Steadfast Lord,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: Your hands are sure and strong, and you hold all the prayers we offer in your loving embrace. Embolden us to be the answer that you seek to bring about in the world. In the name of Jesus 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.

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

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

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

♪ *Christ Is Enough*

Morgan, Myrin

Christ is my reward and all of my devotion.

Now there's nothing in this world that could ever satisfy

Through every trial my soul will sing;

No turning back: I've been set free.

*Christ is enough for me. Christ is enough for me.
Everything I need is in You - everything I need.*

*Christ my all in all; My joy and my salvation.
And this hope will never fail. Heaven is our home.
Through every storm my soul will sing.
Jesus is here - to God be the glory.*

*Christ is enough for me. Christ is enough for me.
Everything I need is in You - everything I need.*

*I have decided to follow Jesus - no turning back, no turning back.
I have decided to follow Jesus - no turning back, no turning back.*

*The cross before me, the world behind me.
No turning back, no turning back.
The cross before me, the world behind me.
No turning back, no turning back.*

*Christ is enough for me. Christ is enough for me.
Everything I need is in You - everything I need.*

*Christ is enough for me. Christ is enough for me.
Everything I need is in You - everything I need.*

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DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!