

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 28, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Hebrews 14

L: Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

P: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

L: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

P: So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GATHERING SONG: “You are Holy/Prince of Peace” Michael W. Smith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QsYyuK1w3q0>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

P: Amen.

L: Reconciling God,

P: We confess that we do not trust in your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Beloved God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG: "I'm Trusting You" Group VBS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VDpHibftHs&t=45s>

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. ⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." ¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present any parts of your bodies to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your bodies to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having

been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

PSALM 13

¹How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? ²How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? ³Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, ⁴and my enemy will say, “I have prevailed”; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. ⁵But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. ⁶I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

MESSAGE:

Shivon Miller

SONG: “Psalm 13” Alisa Turner

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMy9CoDkxDA>

“Psalm 13- How Long Oh Lord” (Brian Doerksen)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbcE2HRhvrQ>

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy catholic church, The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Looking for a way to give to support Trinity ministry? We have now launched our Text to Give program. Simply text the amount you'd like to give to 833-610-0635. Kathy will also continue to check the mail and make deposits weekly Thank you for your generous giving that enables continued ministries.

OFFERING SONG: *“Our God”* Chris Tomlin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJpt1hSYf2o>

OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us with your gifts that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for the church of Jesus Christ around the world.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for our own congregation and for its leadership.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for the health of the earth – its lands, its seas, its animals.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield:

your mercy is great.

Let us pray for those who work in our fields and produce our food.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for peace between and within nations.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for our President, the Congress, and the Supreme Court.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for those who are oppressed, or enslaved, or poverty-stricken.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for an end to racism.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

your mercy is great.

Let us pray for both protesters and police.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for all who are sick.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

your mercy is great.

Let us pray for all who are sick or sorrowing from the coronavirus.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for medical workers and researchers.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for families facing an unprecedented summertime.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us thank God for all those who have died in the faith,
and let us pray that at our end we will join them in God's presence.

A time for prayer.

Receive our praise, O God.
Your mercy is great.

O God, the Holy One, you are yourself the cup of cold water we crave, relieving our deep thirst. Receive these prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, for your mercy is great, now and forever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator and Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: "In the Eye of the Storm" Ryan Stevenson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sx8wTnnfSc>

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.