

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 12, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden

God will give rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,

God is gentle and lowly in heart,

Find rest for your souls.

Lord Jesus we come.

GATHERING SONG: “Ancient Words” by Michael W. Smith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouTgX9hcwk4>

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.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 65:9-13

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending God's own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, God condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through this Spirit dwelling in you.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And in the sowing, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the dominion of heaven and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

PREACHING TEXT: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

MESSAGE: “Like The Rain Coming Down”

Pastor Jerome Evavold

SONG: “10,000 Reasons” – by Matt Redman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtwIT8JiddM>

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: “No Matter What” by Ryan Stevenson

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPeY_RK7akk

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

Praying separately in our homes yet united in the Spirit, let us together intercede for all the needs of the world. In response to each bid, you are invited to offer your own prayers, silently or aloud, and to conclude each petition with the words, “**Your mercy is everlasting.**”

A brief silence.

We pray for our congregation and for all the churches in the neighborhood.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

We pray for missionaries and for newly planted congregations around the world.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

We pray for those for whom growth in faith is difficult.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

We pray for farms and fields that are devastated by drought.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

We pray for all animals in search of water.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

We pray for everyone who is suffering from the heat.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

We pray for the government of our country, state, and county.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

We pray for our society to be purged of racism.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

We pray for the thousands who each day are contracting the coronavirus.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

We pray for those without jobs or health care.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

We pray for medical workers and researchers.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

We pray for all who are sick.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

We pray for all who are burdened by anxiety.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

We pray, each of us, for ourselves.

Take time for prayer.

O God, rain down your mercy on us:
your mercy is everlasting.

O merciful God, receive these prayers, and grant us your Spirit of peace and joy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: *“Everlasting God” by Lincoln Brewster*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJ8zXzZp4Jk>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God