

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 2, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Today you have received two bulletins. This bulletin follows a traditional worship liturgy and will be used on FacebookLive “Worship at Home” Sunday at 10am. The other bulletin is the service for “Vacation Bible School Shares Sunday”, which will happen on Zoom at 11am. Like every year, VBS Shares Sunday, does not include a sermon. Children and teens will be sharing the VBS Bible stories and lessons instead. If you choose to follow this bulletin, take time for personal reflection on the texts for this week.**

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 9

Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts;
We will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exalt in you;
We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

GATHERING SONG: “10,000 Reasons” Matt Redman

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

L: 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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: 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. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SONG: “As a Deer” The Worship Republic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xT5oW97mTHE>

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
or the Lord has glorified you.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.

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¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.

²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SONG: “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing” Chris Tomlin

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9I_-ShgVBE

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: “Love” We are Messengers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2IvHbXZp-I>

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Fill us again for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Confident of God’s care and upheld by the Spirit, let us pray for all who are in need, responding to the words “Lord, you are good to all” with the phrase, “hear our cry and save us.”

A brief silence.

O God our Savior, bless your church around the world. Where believers must be isolated from one another, be present to through your gracious word. Give to our bishops, pastors, deacons and congregational leaders wisdom for their tasks in this challenging time.

A brief silence.

Lord, you are good to all:
hear our cry and save us.

O God, Creator of a wondrous earth, protect the glories of your seas and lands. Replenish ground water supplies, refresh lakes and ponds, send rains where there is drought, and shelter forests from wildfires.

A brief silence.

Lord, you are good to all:
hear our cry and save us.

O God, Sovereign of the world, form the leaders of nations to strive for justice for all.

A brief silence.

Lord, you are good to all:
hear our cry and save us.

O God, Storehouse of goodness, visit all who face the coronavirus, especially those who are incarcerated. Give us, O Lord of life, a vaccine. Assist all who face eviction from their residence. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body or spirit, especially those whom we name here:

A brief silence.

Lord, you are good to all:
hear our cry and save us.

O God, Giver of bread, teach us how to feed the hungry: the children starving in war zones, the families who cannot afford groceries, the homeless on our streets, the farmers devastated by pestilence. Give to all creatures their food in due season.

A brief silence.

Lord, you are good to all:
hear our cry and save us.

O God, Lover of our souls, receive now the petitions of our hearts.

A longer period of silence.

Lord, you are good to all:
hear our cry and save us.

O God, everlasting mercy, we praise you for the lives of all who have died in the faith. At the end, bring us with all your saints to your heavenly banquet.

A brief silence.

Lord, you are good to all:
hear our cry and save us.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through 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 based on Ephesians 3: 17-19

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: “Everywhere I Go” (Vacation Bible School 2020 Song)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QAWQZF6lq0>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!