

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**TWELVETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 23, 2020**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus asks “Who do you say that I am?”

**P: Lord we come desiring to know you.**

L: Ephesians 3 reads: <sup>19</sup>*I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.*

**P: Lord we come to be filled with all that God is.**

L: Jesus says:

*I am the Good Shepherd.*

*I am the bread of life.*

*I am the true vine.*

*I am the light of the world.*

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

*I am the Messiah, Son of the Living God.*

**P: Good shepherd, draw us to you. Fill us with your life giving bread and graft us to the vine. Bring light into our darkness and open us to receive the resurrection and life that come only from you. Messiah, Son of the Living God, come.**

**GATHERING SONG: “You are Holy / Prince of Peace”**

**Michael W. Smith**

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

**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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SONG: "I Am" David Crowder**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cH\\_LLGiE0f0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cH_LLGiE0f0)

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for Abraham was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
comfort all its waste places,  
and will make its wilderness like Eden,  
and its desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in Zion,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

**PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 138**

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many parts, and not all the parts have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are parts one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son-of-Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the dominion of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**MESSAGE: Pastor Jerome Evavold**

**SONG: “Build your Kingdom Here”**

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

**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: “Do Something” Matthew West**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b\\_RjndG0IX8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndG0IX8)

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Held together in one body by the Spirit of Christ, let us pray for the church and the world, responding to each petition with words from today’s psalm, “your steadfast love endures forever.”

*A brief silence.*

Bless the church, that despite the hardships experienced during this pandemic, Christians around the globe will stand firm on the rock, who is Christ. Support pastors, deacons, and congregational committees during this difficult time. Give wisdom to churches that are considering when and how to resume their communal worship schedule.

Unfailing God, hear our prayer:

**your steadfast love endures forever.**

Bless the earth, that it be saved from ecological harm. Restore all lands and seas to the beauty and vigor that you intend. Protect animals whose habitat is endangered. Train us to be gardeners of your creation. We pray for those suffering the effects of destructive summer storms and scorching heat.

Creator God, hear our prayer:

**your steadfast love endures forever.**

Bless the leaders of nations, that they govern their people with integrity and attend to the needs of the poor. Guard the United States from violence. Give clear purpose to protestors and to police. Inspire our political parties to conduct the election season with honesty and respect for all. God of justice, hear our prayer:  
**your steadfast love endures forever.**

Bless our various means of communication, our phones, the internet, our postal service, and delivery businesses, that our communities be sustained for fruitful life together. Merciful God, hear our prayer:  
**your steadfast love endures forever.**

Bless students, that whether in class or at home they be kept safe and able to learn. Uphold faculty and families and protect all who will be affected by the opening of schools. Form college students to conduct themselves with maturity. We pray for our children and grandchildren as they return to college. Benevolent God, hear our prayer:  
**your steadfast love endures forever.**

Bless all who are in need; all who have tested positive for the virus; the sick and the dying. We pray for the unemployed; for medical workers; for those seeking a vaccine; for those who are overwhelmed with anxiety about the future. We pray for those we name here:  
Prayers for Jimmy (Marilyn Peterson's son), for Kaylie Stokes, and for Dorlene Kenney

Compassionate God, hear our prayer:  
**your steadfast love endures forever.**

Finally, we pray also for ourselves, that with Christ as our rock, we can stand firm.

*A longer period of silence.*

Merciful God, hear our prayer:  
**your steadfast love endures forever.**

We praise you for the lives of all your faithful people. We mourn the death of those we have loved. Bring us at the end, we pray, into the joy and gladness of life together in you. Eternal God, hear our prayer:  
**your steadfast love endures forever.**

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 from 2 Peter 3:18**

May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To God be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

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

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**