

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 30, 2020**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus says "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

**P: Lord, we come, seeking to follow you. Work in us that we may deny ourselves and take up our cross.**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**P: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: "Give Me Jesus" David Haas**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkJRrhZyR3I>

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**P: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

**P: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgement on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

L: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**P: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

**O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG: *"Every Move I Make"*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

### PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 26:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>Test me, O LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart and my mind.

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
I have walked faithfully with you. (continued on next page)

<sup>4</sup>I have not sat with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.  
<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of evildoers;  
I will not sit down with the wicked.  
<sup>6</sup>I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,  
that I may go in procession round your altar,  
<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>8</sup>LORD, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21-28**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>"For the Son-of-Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son-of-Man coming in his dominion."

**MESSAGE: Shivon Miller**

**SONG: "I Will Follow" Chris Tomlin**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ohvhmGSfxI>

## **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: "Here I Am Lord" Chris Bray**

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

## **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**

As we gather separately and together in the Spirit, let us pray for the needs of the world, responding to each petition with the words, "In your steadfast love, receive our prayer."

Caring for the church around the world, we pray —  
for a spirit of ecumenical cooperation,  
for the health of congregations during this difficult time,  
for our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. . .

Hear us, God our Savior;  
**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Seeing before us your good creation, we pray —  
for the repair of what we have harmed,  
for polar ice,  
for lands dealing with oppressive heat,  
for fields ravaged by storms and fires. . .

***A brief silence.***

Hear us, God our Creator:  
**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Facing so many international problems we pray —  
for the strengthening of democracies,  
for peaceful resolutions to conflicts,  
for researchers seeking a vaccine,  
for racial justice within our nation,  
for our legislators to assist the lives of the poor,  
for an ethical election campaign. . .

Hear us, God our mighty Fortress;  
**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Surrounded by people with great and hidden need we pray —  
for families frightened by the uncertain future,  
for those whose homes have burned down,  
for students deprived of effective education,  
for refugees and for prisoners. . .

Hear us, God our Hope,  
**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Aware of all who are sick and suffering we pray —  
for all who are facing the coronavirus,  
for those without medical care,  
for those we remember here before you. . .

**For Kaylie, Dorlene, Jim and Bev, Myrt, Betty, Fred, Alex and Trista**

Hear us, God our Healer;  
**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Confident of your love for us, we pray also for ourselves:

*A period of silence.*

Hear us, God our Friend;  
**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Mindful of all who have gone before us in the faith, we offer our thanks —  
for all the saints famous and forgotten,  
for medical workers who have died of the virus,  
for friends and family we have loved,  
for the promise of everlasting life with you. . .

Hear us, God our Homeland;  
**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

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 Romans 15:5-6**

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**SENDING SONG: “*Love One Another*” Newsboys**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJ6a4ptvyF8>

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**