

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP based on Hebrews 12**

L: Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,

**P: Let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.**

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: “How Great is Our God” Chris Tomlin**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBD18rsVJHk>

**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: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.  
Reconciling God,

**P: We confess that we do not trust 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 of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, 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**

L: Let us pray.

**P: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG: *"Never Let Go of Me"*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJgIPk\\_NkZY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJgIPk_NkZY)

### FIRST READING: **Jonah 3:10 — 4:11**

<sup>3:10</sup>When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God had second thoughts about the calamity that God said would be done to them; and God did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

### PSALM OF THE DAY: **Psalm 145:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!  
There is no end to your greatness.

<sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power.

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty  
and all your marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,  
and I will recount your greatness.

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30**

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For God has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for Christ as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20:1-16**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“The dominion of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>“When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**SONG: “Amazing Grace” by Peter Hollens and Home Free**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7n145-J8eig>

**MESSAGE: Pastor Jerome Evavold**

**SONG: “Your Grace is Enough”**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvIB\\_veig5s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvIB_veig5s) by Chris Tomlin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kvw6SkZ4cGI> Acoustic by Matt Maher

## 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: "Take My Life and Let It Be" by Norton Hall Band**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2zt7PzHPqk>

## 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 that might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and our world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and song. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words "graciously hear our prayer."

O God, you make the last first, and the first last. Give resources and courage to the churches around the globe that have few resources. When ministry in this time is so difficult, inspire bishops, pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders in their service.

O God, you are full of compassion:

**graciously hear our prayer.**

Continue your care for your whole creation: sun and wind, bushes and worms, cities and farms, and all your many animals. Make us into extensions of your care. Preserve the food sources of the world's endangered wildlife.

O God, you are full of compassion:

**graciously hear our prayer.**

To places of conflict and violence, bring peace, especially to the cities of our nation. Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, and development workers. Preserve protesters, and guide police. Enlighten our nation, the nations we call friends, and the nations that are deemed our enemies. Keep our election season from dishonesty.

O God, you are full of compassion:

**graciously hear our prayer.**

To all who are suffering, show your mercy. We pray for firefighters, for communities devastated by fire, for all who suffer racial injustice, for migrants who seek safety, for all who are imprisoned, for victims of crime, for the unemployed, for students and faculty during the pandemic, for medical workers, for all who are hungry: O God, the list of the needy is so long.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are full of compassion:  
**graciously hear our prayer.**

Give health and wholeness to all who are sick, to all who are suffering from the coronavirus, and to those we name before you here:

**For Mae, Julia, Fred, Myrt, Jim, Dorlene, Alex and Trista, Adrien**

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are full of compassion:  
**graciously hear our prayer.**

You show mercy beyond our expectations, far beyond our deserving. Hear now our personal prayers.

*A longer period of silence.*

O God, you are full of compassion:  
**graciously hear our prayer.**

We praise you for all the saints. We ask your presence with the Miller family as they grieve the unexpected death of Jason's father, Dave. Give us grace to live for Christ, until we join with all the faithful in your eternal life.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are full of compassion:  
**graciously hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; 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 Numbers 6**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: “No Matter What” Ryan Stevenson**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPeY\\_RK7akk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPeY_RK7akk)

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**