

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 18, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Blessed be God, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

C: **All creation sings your praises.**

GREETING

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

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: “Open the Eyes of My Heart” Michael W. Smith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwKCvuorI9E>

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.

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

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

SONG: *"I Am"* David Crowder

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cH_LLGiE0f0

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to Cyrus, the Lord's anointed, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip rulers of their robes, to open doors before Cyrus— and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

[¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peoples with equity."]

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.]

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that God has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for God's Son from heaven, whom God raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to Jesus, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then Jesus said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

MESSAGE: *"You Need To Serve Somebody"*

Pastor Jerome Evavold

SONG: *"One Thing Remains"*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_KXsMCJgBQ

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? 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: “*I Believe*” Newsboys

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjZ01FcK0yk>

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

With confidence in God’s grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words “**In mercy, receive our prayers.**”

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world: that church leaders be supported in their ministries; that national and local churches receive the necessary funding to accomplish their tasks; and that, hearing you call us by name, we join with all the baptized to give you praise, even in this time of great trouble.

A brief silence.

You are great, O God, our Redeemer:
in mercy, receive our prayers.

We pray for the earth, the lands, the waters, the animals: that what has been destroyed or harmed be renewed; that the wildness of both storms and viruses be tamed; and that all people become faithful stewards of your good creation.

A brief silence.

You are great, O God, our Creator:
in mercy, receive our prayers.

We pray for the nations of the world: that violence between and within nations cease; that ELCA World Hunger, the World Food Program of the United Nations, and other relief agencies be enabled to feed those who face starvation; that elections in the world’s democracies be conducted fairly; and that the people of our country shun acts of hostility and sedition.

A brief silence.

You are great, O God, our Sovereign:
in mercy, receive our prayers.

On this day commemorating St. Luke, we pray for all ministries of healing: that hospitals and clinics receive adequate resources; that medical care be improved in neighborhoods of poverty, in prisons, and in refugee camps; that physicians and nurses be upheld; and that kindly hospice care be available to the dying.

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A brief silence.

You are great, O God, our Healer:
in mercy, receive our prayers.

We pray for all in need: for all who suffer from the coronavirus; for all who are living with high anxiety; for those who are unemployed; for those evicted from their housing; for all who experience prejudice based on skin color, ethnicity, or economic status; for those we name here before you. . . .

Jim Lockwood, Julia, Dorlene, Alex and Trista, and Adrien. We pray for Bev McIntosh and the family of Jim McIntosh who passed away October 11th.

We pray, finally for ourselves. Strengthen our faith in Christ, and hear our personal petitions. *A longer period of silence.*

Hear us when we call upon you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name 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.

SONG: "What a Friend" Matt Maher

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6qXfZPtzsM>

BLESSING:

L: 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 us now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Everlasting God" Lincoln Brewster

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jP2nz6PG8KM>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!