

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship on the Lawn

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9:30am

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Gracious God,

C Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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OPENING

P Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
The light no darkness can overcome.
Stay with us, Lord, for it is morning,
And the day is just beginning.
Let your light scatter the darkness
And illumine your church.
God is our light and our salvation,
Our refuge and our stronghold.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
We praise your name, O God.
For with you is the fountain of life,
And in your light, we see light.

C **Amen.**

PSALMODY

P Come, let us sing to the Lord:
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.
For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
Come, let us sing to the Lord:
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.
The sea is yours, for you made it;
and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us sing to the Lord:
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep of God's hand.
Come, let us sing to the Lord:
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
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.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. 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 he 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 his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

- A The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

1 O — God, whose word well - plant - ed — yields fruit a hun - dred -
 2 O — God, of seed and har - vest, — of — sun and soil and
 3 O — God, your fi - nal har - vest — of — his - t'ry's an - cient

fold, we — praise your grac - es grant - ed — to —
 rain, at — tend the word truth we sow, lest — its —
 field will — test with truth the proud - est — that —

those who sowed of old, who by their wit - ness
 plant - ing man work can yield. Send Op - show pres - sion's blight your
 hu - man work can yield. Send Op - show pres - sion's blight your

scat - tered — good seed up - on the soil where
 Spir - it, — bright sun - shine of your in - grace, that —
 van - ish, — fair free - dom's fruits in - crease; and —

oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered — the — har - vest of their toil.
 mul - ti - tudes who hear it — your gos - pel may em - brace.
 love and joy will flour - ish — to — clothe the earth with peace.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, 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 he 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.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SONG OF PRAISE

Bring Forth the Kingdom

1 You are salt for the earth, O people;
salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people;
life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!

2 You are a light on the hill, O people;
light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people;
shine for the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

3 You are a seed of the word, O people,
bring forth the kingdom God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

4 We are a blest and a pilgrim people;
bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland;
love is the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

Professing our faith need not demand unison responsive recitation. We ask that you recite this Creed quietly to yourself or silently.

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 PRAYERS

A With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your Servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witnesses, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P By dying, Christ destroyed our death; in rising, he restores our life; in giving us his Spirit, he grants us peace; the peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

In this day of Social Distancing, we ask that you remain at your seat or in your pew and simply wave to people with whom you wish to reconcile or express Christian love.

Offering

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds we sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we
place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now
as dai - ly ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
come to food us, as comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Almighty God, your saints were often poor, yet you made them rich in works of faith. Help us bring you gifts that reflect our gratitude for the heavenly treasures you have given us.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the
sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who on the cross, opened his arms
to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Please recite this prayer quietly to yourself, or silently.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
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

Communion Liturgy



1 We praise you for the life that stirs when spring - time warms the sleep - ing
 2 We praise you for the sum - mer sun, for rip'n - ing grain and length - ened
 3 We praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, with the



earth; but most, we praise — the grace that lures our — slum - b'ring souls to
 days; but most, we praise — the grace that lures our — slum - b'ring souls to
 throug of — saints and an - gels, joined as — one in — grate - ful, — ev - er -



love in last - his ing mirth. _____
 rays. _____
 song. _____

DISTRIBUTION

As the leader/assistants give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen***

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P O giver of every good gift,
 You have fed us at your table that we might abide in your love and draw our life from you.
 Send us forth into the world to bear the fruits of the Spirit, that all creation might be filled
 with the life of the risen Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING SONG

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live. *Repeat*

The angels are not sent
into our world of pain
to do what we were meant
to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me
and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray,
to do your will today. *Repeat*

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

P Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The blessing of Almighty God, Father, +Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and forever.

C **Amen**

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125 *Years*

of reflecting God's love daily within our church, community, and world,
empowering others to become disciples of Christ. **1895 – 2020**