

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Season of Pentecost

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8:00am

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
"Who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."
Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb!
Worthy is Christ who has ransomed us by his blood
From every tribe and tongue and nation,
And made his people a kingdom, and priests to our God.
Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!

C **Amen.**

PRAYER

P Almighty God, eternal Lord, we praise you for your love and ask for your continuing favor.
Look upon our human need, and touch us with your healing hand.

P Help us to live in peace and prosper us in our honest pursuits.
Sustain any who suffer because of their faith, and be the physician of the sick and the
mighty defense of the distraught.

P Uphold your church in every place, and give us the will to give of ourselves for the building of
your kingdom.
Pour upon us a new measure of your Spirit, that we may rise above our apathy so as to assume
greater responsibility for the service of others.

P Give us, O God, comfort and consolation, the zest of life and the courage of faith, until that day
when in mercy you call us to be with you forever,

C **Through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I

hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Professing our faith does 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 Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the nations. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed (*especially*). Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give thanks for those who have died in faith. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through 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.

THE OFFERING

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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

As the leaderassistants 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

Silence for reflection follows.

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.

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**