

Welcome to Worship at
Trinity Lutheran Church, Osceola, WI
Pentecost 9 - August 2, 2020

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

Hymn #613 - *“Come, You Thankful People, Come”*

**Come, you thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest-home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker shall provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest-home.**

**All the world is God’s own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take his harvest home,
From his field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the weeds to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come
To your final harvest-home;**

**Gather all your people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In your garner to abide.
Come with all your angels, come;
Raise the glorious harvest-home.**

Confession of Sins:

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace and forgiveness for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. O Lord, have mercy on us!**

P: Upon this your confession, I as a called servant of Christ and His Word announce to you the grace of God, and in the place of and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

First Lesson: Joel 3:12-16

Let the nations be roused. Let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will be seated to judge all the nations. Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow, because the nations' wickedness is so great! Multitudes, multitudes in the Valley of Decision! For the Day of the Lord is near in the Valley of Decision. The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars will stop shining. The Lord will roar from Zion and shout from Jerusalem. The sky and the earth will tremble. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel. (EHV)

Psalm 18:

Refrain: The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my de'liverer;
My God is my rock, in whom I take 'refuge.**

**He reached down from on high and took ‘hold of me;
He rescued me from my powerful ‘enemy.**

**He brought me out into a ‘spacious place;
He rescued me because he delight’ed in me.**

Refrain: The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**You, O LORD, keep my lamp ‘burning;
My God turns my darkness ‘into light.**

**You save the ‘humble
But bring low those whose eyes are ‘haughty.**

**You give me your shield of ‘victory,
And your right hand sus’tains me.**

**Glory be to the Father and ‘to the Son
And to the Holy ‘Spirit,
As it was in the be’ginning,
Is now, and will be forever, ‘Amen.**

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Second Lesson; Romans 8:26-27

In the same way the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we should pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that are not expressed in words. And he who searches our hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints, according to God’s will.
(EHV)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He presented another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. The servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the

weeds come from?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy did this.’ The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?’ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, ‘First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He answered them, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One. The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels. Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue to break the law. The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.” (EHV)

The Apostles’ Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn #755 - “Your Kingdom, O God”

**Your kingdom, O God, is my glorious treasure,
My pearl of incomparable worth.
Its value exceeds every standard of measure,
Surpassing the wealth of the earth.
Lord, give me your grace and the power of the Spirit**

To value this treasure aright
That, never allured by the world, I inherit
Your kingdom of glory and light.

Your kingdom, O God, is alive with the power
Your Word and your Spirit bestow.
Like yeast, they affect the whole measure of flour,
Enabling your kingdom to grow.
Empower me, Lord, as I live your commission,
Though humble my service may be,
And bring ev'ry planting to perfect fruition,
A mustard seed grown to a tree.

Your kingdom, O God, is a field for the growing
Of seeds that your mercy has sown,
But still in our midst is the enemy sowing
The weeds that imperil your own.
Sustain me, O Lord, till your day of returning
And harvest me homeward at last,
To shine in the homeland that quiets all yearning,
Where sorrow and danger are past.

The Sermon: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
 “**What Shall We Do About The Weeds?**”
 Pastor Percy Damrow
 (Printed version not available)

Prayers:

O Jesus, Lord of the Church, who commanded us to preach **salvation** in Your name, we pray for our **pastors**, who are Your **servants**. Through the Holy Spirit's enlightenment give them a true **understanding** of Your Word, and sanctified **wisdom** to handle it correctly. Let them never become guilty of **believing** or **teaching** false doctrine. Lend them **boldness** to take a **firm** stand against all that is **false** and **sinful** - to reprove, rebuke, admonish, and exhort the hearts and souls of sinners. Fill Your servants with a holy fervor to **feed** the flock under their care with the precious **Gospel**, which alone can **comfort** sinners and **save** those who believe. Supply them with the enthusiasm of true **missionaries**, that they may be compelled to go out into the highways and byways of this world to call sinners to **repentance**, and invite them to the feast of **salvation**. Bless their labors with much **fruit**, that many hearts may be **strengthened**, and many souls

won through the Word they preach.

And as we ask for Your grace for our **pastors**, so also we plead a similar blessing for all the **members** of this flock. Cause us to be **receptive** to the Word of God, setting our hearts aglow with **faith** and **love** for You, our Savior. May we never act **contrary** to Your Word, but always live in **harmony** with it. Cause us to be a continual source of **inspiration** and **encouragement** to others, always promoting **peace** and **harmony** between God's people. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

Hymn #541 - "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

**Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide,
Nor let your Word, that heav'nly light,
For us be ever veiled in night.**

**O God, how sin's dread works abound!
Throughout the earth no rest is found,
And falsehood's spirit wide has spread,
And error boldly rears its head.**

**In these last days of sore distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That pure we keep, till life is spent,
Your holy Word and sacrament.**

**Lord Jesus, help, your Church uphold,
For we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.
Oh, prosper well your Word of grace,
And spread its truth in ev'ry place.**

**Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;
The guile and rage of Satan stay!
Oh, may your mercy never cease!
Give concord, patience, courage, peace.**

**The cause is yours, the glory, too,
So hear us, Lord, and keep us true.
Your Word alone is our defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.**

**Oh, grant that in your holy Word
We here may live and die, dear Lord,
And when our journey's ending here,
Receive us into glory there.**

P: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your Word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit! As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Blessing:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn #408 - "Christians, While on Earth Abiding"

**Christians, while on earth abiding,
Let us never cease to pray,
Firmly in the Lord confiding
As our parents in their day.
Be the children's voices raised
To the God their parents praised.**

**May his blessing, failing never,
Rest upon his people ever.**

**Bless us, Father, and protect us
From all harm in all our ways;
Patiently, O Lord, direct us
Safely through these fleeting days.
Let your face upon us shine;
Fill us with your peace divine.
Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit!
Praise him, all who life inherit!**