

Welcome to Worship at  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Osceola, WI  
Pentecost 7 - July 11, 2021

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 #444 - *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”***

**If you but trust in God to guide you  
And place your confidence in him,  
He'll give you strength and stand beside you  
When days are dreary, dark, and dim.  
For those who trust his changeless love  
Build on the rock that does not move.**

**How can these anxious worries aid you,  
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
Will not his wings of mercy shade you  
Whenever troubled times arise?  
Our cross and trials do but press  
The heavier for our bitterness.**

**Be patient and await his leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content;  
Then take whate'er your Father's pleasure  
And his discerning love have sent.  
Doubt not; your inmost wants are known  
To him who chose you for his own.**

**Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,  
Perform your duties faithfully,  
And trust his Word; though undeserving,  
You'll find his promise true to be.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted him indeed.**

### **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: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." The Spirit entered into me as he spoke to me and brought me up to my feet. Then I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to disloyal nations, who have been disloyal to me. They and their fathers have rebelled against me to this very day. These children of mine are brazen-faced and hard-hearted. I am sending you to them, and you are to tell them that this is what the Lord God says. Then, whether they listen or do not listen - for they are a rebellious house - then they will know that a prophet has been among them. (EHV)

### **Psalm 143**

**Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for 'mercy;  
In your faithfulness and righteousness come to 'my relief.**

**Do not bring your servant into 'judgment,  
For no one living is righteous be'fore you.**

**My spirit grows faint with'in me;  
My heart within me 'is dismayed.**

**Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**Answer me quick'ly, O LORD;  
Do not hide your 'face from me.**

**Let the morning bring me word of your un'failing love,  
For I have put my 'trust in you.**

**Teach me to do your will, for you 'are my God;  
May your good Spirit lead me on 'level ground.**

**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.**

**Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

Therefore, to keep me from becoming arrogant due to the extraordinary nature of these revelations, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me, so that I would not become arrogant. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that he would take it away from me. And he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will be glad to boast all the more in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may shelter me. That is why I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I am weak, then am I strong. (EHV)

**Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.

**Gospel: Mark 6:1-6**

Jesus left there and went to his hometown. His disciples followed him. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did this man learn these things? What is this wisdom that has been given to this man? How is it that miracles such as these are performed by his hands? Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't his sisters here with us?" And they

took offense at him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own house.” He could not do any miracles there except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching. (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 #411 - “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”**

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev’rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Ev’rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged -  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness -  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge -  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
You will find a solace there.**

**The Sermon:       2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
                          “Can Suffering Be Good?”  
                          Pastor Percy Damrow**

**Prayers:**

Most merciful heavenly Father, it is truly a privilege for us to be here today, to worship You together as a family of **believers**, and we are **thankful**. We are also thankful to You for the privilege of speaking to You in **prayer**. Teach us to **avail** ourselves of Your abundant goodness and blessings, by **using** that privilege day and night. Our souls are **weary**, and our hearts **ache** from the **sins** that afflict us, and the **temptations** that assail us each and every hour. Give us a courageous **faith** which boldly lays all the burdens of our hearts and lives before Your throne of **grace**. Teach us that as afflictions **increase** in our lives, we are to pray more **often** and more **fervently**. Since prayer is an activity of **faith**, help us in our prayer life by **deepening** our trust in You. May our prayers always proceed from **contrite** hearts truly **sorry** for our sins - and from **believing** hearts, trusting in Your **forgiveness** through the blood of Jesus. May our prayers always find **acceptance** at Your throne of grace. Make the Bible the **treasure** of our hearts, and cause us to be **guided** in our prayers by the **counsel** and **promises** that it gives.

Father, we know that our prayers are **acceptable** only because Your **Spirit** is working in our hearts. Therefore, in accord with Jesus' invitation, we ask You to bestow on us the gift of the **Holy Spirit**. Cause Him to dwell in us **richly**. May He not only increase our **faith**, and teach us to **pray**, but may He also **intercede** for us with groans, which words cannot express.

Finally, dear Lord, **forgive** our sins for Jesus' sake. **Relieve** the burdened, **cheer** the sorrowful, **strengthen** the weak, **recall** the erring, **heal** the sick, **release** the suffering, and **fulfill** the wants of the needy. **Replenish** our love when it grows cold, and **rekindle** any dying embers of faith. 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 #429 - *"What God Ordains is Always Good"***

**What God ordains is always good;  
His will is just and holy.  
As he directs my life for me,  
I follow meek and lowly.  
My God indeed in ev'ry need  
Knows well how he will shield me;  
To him, then, I will yield me.**

**What God ordains is always good;  
He never will deceive me.  
He leads me in his righteous way  
And never will he leave me.  
I take content what he has sent;  
His hand that sends me sadness  
Will turn my tears to gladness.**

**What God ordains is always good;  
He is my friend and Father.  
He will not let me suffer harm  
Though many storms may gather.  
Now I may know both joy and woe;  
Some day I shall see clearly  
That he has loved me dearly.**

**What God ordains is always good.  
Though I the cup am drinking  
Which savors now of bitterness,  
I take it without shrinking.  
For after grief God grants relief,  
My heart with comfort filling  
And all my sorrow stilling.**

**What God ordains is always good;  
This truth remains unshaken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
I shall not be forsaken.  
I fear no harm, for with his arm  
He will embrace and shield me;  
So to my God I yield me.**

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 #439 - "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"**

**Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.**

**Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
For you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!  
So take my hand and lead me unto the end.**