

Welcome to Worship at
Trinity Lutheran Church, Osceola, WI
Pentecost 8 - July 26, 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 #255 - “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

**Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before thee;
Come thou also unto me.
Where we find thee and adore thee,
There a heav’n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou;
Let it be thy temple now!**

**Here thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep thy gift divine,
Howsoe’er temptations thicken;
May thy Word still o’er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;
Let thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near thee
While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.**

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: Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it. (EHV)

Psalm 65:

Refrain: **The earth is full of the goodness of God, the goodness of our God.**

**Praise awaits ‘you, O God,
You call forth ‘songs of joy.**

**You care for the land and ‘water it;
You soften it with showers and ‘bless its crops.**

**The streams of God are filled with 'water
To provide the peo'ple with grain.**

Refrain: The earth is full of the goodness of God, the goodness of our God.

**You crown the year with your 'bounty,
And your carts overflow with a'bundance.**

**The grasslands of the desert 'overflow;
The hills are clothed with 'gladness.**

**The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are man'tled with grain;
They shout for 'joy and sing.**

**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: The earth is full of the goodness of God, the goodness of our God.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:18-25

For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time. And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. Indeed, it was for this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for something we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patient endurance. (EHV)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. A large crowd

gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. He told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen, a sower went out to sow. As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear. So listen carefully to the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown along the path. The seed that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown." (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 #283 - "*Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening*"

**Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning,
As a servant to his lord.**

Prayers:

Dear Father in heaven, we thank You that You have made us Your children, and that You have given us the privilege of helping build Your kingdom. We want Your kingdom to come, and we want to do our part. Show us how we may sow the seed of Your **Word**, proclaim Your **name**, and speak of Your glorious **majesty** and Your wonderful **works**.

Open a way for **each** of us to serve You in our congregation. Use **us** and our **talents** in the ways which will serve You **best**. Don't let us sit back and **wait**, while it is important for us to seek opportunities for **service**.

Lord, give us the **courage** to witness for You at **home**, at **work**, on our **vacations**, or **wherever** we may be, that the people with whom we live and work may know how much we **love** You. Increase our faith and love for You, and use our witness for the conversion of **unbelievers**, and the strengthening of **believers**. 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 #324 - "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"

Almighty God, your Word is cast

Like seed into the ground;

Now let the dew of heav'n descend

And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the foe of Christ and man

This holy seed remove,

But give it root in ev'ry heart

To bring forth fruits of love.

**Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.**

**Whene'er the precious seed is sown,
Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.**

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 #329 - "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration
For the gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To your truth may we be found.**

**So whene'er the signal's given
Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angels' wings to heaven,
Glad the summons to obey,
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with Christ in endless day.**