

Welcome to Worship at
Trinity Lutheran Church, Osceola, WI
Pentecost 18 - September 26, 2021
100th Anniversary Worship Service #2

Hymn #623 - *“God the Father, Son, and Spirit”*

**God the Father, Son, and Spirit,
Ever-blessed Trinity,
Humbly now our thanks we offer,
All unworthy though we be.
Freely you have showered blessings
Countless as the ocean’s sands,
Blessings rich and overflowing
On the labors of our hands.**

**Once you brought our fathers’ footsteps
To this land we hold so dear,
Lengthening the cords and curtains
Of their habitation here,
Strengthening your temple’s pillars
As you have from age to age,
Giving us, their sons and daughters,
An abiding heritage.**

**Grant that we your Word may cherish
And its purity retain.
Lord, unless you are the builder,
All our labor is in vain.
Keep us from all pride and boasting,
Vanity and foolish trust,
Knowing that our work without you
Soon will crumble into dust.**

**God of grace and love and blessing,
Yours alone shall be the praise.
Give us hearts to trust you truly,
Hands to serve you all our days.**

**Lord, bestow your future blessing
Till we join the heav'nly host,
There to praise and serve you ever,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Remembering God's Promises

M: Gracious Father, for centuries You promised a Savior who would crush the head of Satan. You revived Adam and Eve with this promise. You uttered it again to the patriarchs; Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You announced it from the mountaintops through Your prophets; Moses, Isaiah, David, and others. And when Your time was right, You fulfilled Your promise through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We stand here today as spiritual heirs of the forgiveness You promised and accomplished through Christ.

C: **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.**

M: Almighty Father, together with Your Son You promised to send the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost You vividly displayed the keeping of that promise. Today this promise continues in its fulfillment as You send Your Holy Spirit to our hearts through the Gospel in Word and Sacraments which are administered in this congregation and around the world.

C: **The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

M: We are attacked on every side. Our flesh tempts us from within, the world tempts us from without, and the Devil schemes against both our flesh and this world. Though all else will fail, we rely on Your Word, because the promises You give us there will survive

C: **God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

M: When Your Holy Christian Church has struggled, Your wisdom always prevailed. You have had plans and ideas for us - You have had a direction You wanted to lead us.

C: **Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

M: Renew us again through Word and Sacrament, reform our hearts and minds, and restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place, the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the fathers of our church's past.

C: **May the Lord be with us as He was with our fathers; may He never leave us or forsake us.**

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, of confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy which harms our faith and hinders our work. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference for public worship, destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word which harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

C: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

M: Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and if it is Your will, success in our labor. Give us faith to take up again the trumpet none can silence or mistake - for all the world to hear: The feast is ready! Come to the feast!

C: Amen.

Hymn: “*Let All Things Now Living*” - CW #260

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us; his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.**

**His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”**

Prayer of the Day:

M: O God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We thank You for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of Your favor over the past 100 years. Increase our faith, knit us together in the

bonds of love, and make our fellowship an example to all people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

1st Lesson: Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from eternity to eternity you are God. You grind people to dust, and you say, "Return, children of Adam." For a thousand years in your sight are like a day, like yesterday that has gone by, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away like a flood. They are like sleep in the morning, like grass which changes quickly. In the morning it sprouts and grows. By evening it is cut down, and it withers. Surely, we are consumed by your anger, and by your wrath we are terrified. You have laid out our guilty deeds in front of you. Our hidden sins are revealed in the light of your face. For all our days pass away under your fury. We finish our years like a sigh. The days of our lives add up to seventy years, or eighty years if we are strong. Yet the best of them are trouble and sorrow, for they disappear quickly, and we fly away. Who can understand the power of your anger? But your fury is consistent with the fear that is owed to you. Teach us to number our days in such a way that we bring a heart of wisdom. Turn, O Lord! How long! Change your mind toward your servants. Satisfy us in the morning with your mercy, so that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. Let your deeds be seen by your servants and your majesty by their children. May the kindness of the Lord our God rest upon us. Establish the work of our hands for us. Yes, establish the work of our hands. (EHV)

The First Article of the Apostles' Creed:

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

2nd Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

As a prisoner in the Lord, therefore, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in the one hope of your calling. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all. But to each one of us grace was given, according to the measure of the gift from Christ. He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ. This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ's activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love. (EHV)

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed:

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with

gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But you, who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” (EHV)

The Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed:

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Hymn #622 - “For Many Years, O God of Grace”

**For many years, O God of grace,
This church has been your dwelling place
And we your congregation.
Upon the precious cornerstone
Our faith is built, and Christ alone
Is still our one foundation.
Today we pray:
Let us greet you, Lord, and meet you here with singing.
All our praises to you bringing.**

**Here children have been born anew;
Their parents brought them unto you,
Your promises confessing.
Here many found a table spread;
They ate Christ’s body with the bread
And drank the cup of blessing.
Today we pray:
Banish sadness, as with gladness we adore you,
Gladly worship here before you.**

**Here when the marriage vows were made,
Both bride and bridegroom sought your aid,
Your love their own transcending.
Here mourners with their troubled hearts
Have found the peace your Word imparts,
The joy that has no ending.
Today we pray:
May the story of your glory here resounding
Be a song of grace abounding.**

The Sermon: 1 Peter 2:1-10
The Theme: “God’s Building Project”
Built with living stones
Built to God’s glory
Pastor Peter Wells

Prayer of the Church:

M: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. As we celebrate this anniversary we reflect on Your past help, and are encouraged in our hope for the future. We praise You for keeping and sustaining Your people throughout the ages and for preserving the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments among us. We also praise You for using us to touch others with the Good News that sinners are reconciled to You through the life and death of Jesus Christ. Now we ask You to give us courage and hope as we move day by day into the future. Keep safe all those who assemble here in Your name. Don't permit the evil one to pluck us out of Your mighty hand. Strengthen us in the confidence that You have already overcome our greatest enemies - sin, death, and the devil. Increase our trust in Your precious promise that You are always with us. Cause Your Holy Spirit to work mightily in us and through us, so that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Be with us as we strive to pass down to our children the truths that have been passed down to us. Continue to make our congregation a beacon of Your light in this sin-darkened world. Grant that this celebration of Your gracious activity in the past may only be a prelude to the far greater celebration which we will enjoy forever in the joy and glory of the world to come. Continue to be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home. 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.**

Final Exhortation:

M: Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another. Show sympathy, brotherly love, compassion, and humility. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. Instead, speak a blessing, because you were called for the purpose of inheriting a blessing.

C: Indeed: Let the one who wants to love life and to see good days keep his tongue from evil and his lips from saying anything deceitful. Let him turn from evil and do what is good. Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their requests. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

M: Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you should happen to suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not be afraid of what they fear, and do not be troubled.

C: But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you. But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience,

M: So that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers. Indeed, it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil,

C: Because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

The Blessing:

M: 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 his favor, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn - *"The Lord Has Blessed Our People"* (sung to Hymn #538)

**The Lord has blessed our people
By giving us His Word
Through pastors and through teachers
Who shared what they had heard;
God's faithfulness and grace are
Great gifts without a price
They shared with us their love for
Our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**As years passed by, our people,
Through triumphs and through strife,**

**Confessed that Jesus Christ is
The Way, the Truth, the Life.
Each generation passed on
The faith they held so dear
So that their children's children
Would praise God with them here.**

**For generations coming,
Our people take their stand
On faithfulness to God's Word,
And places in the hands
Of those who gather with us
The wonders God has done -
Salvation through Christ Jesus,
His one and only Son.**

**And as we share these blessings,
God's love, God's truth, God's peace,
Our songs of praise, our off'rings,
Our service will not cease
Revealing to our neighbors
And to the nations, too,
The Lord's eternal love for
The world, for me, for you.**