

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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PENTECOST**



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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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PRELUDE Day by Day/My Father's World

GATHERING

WELCOME & PARISH NOTICES

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS AMEN.

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GATHERING SONG What Is This Place

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What is this place where we are meeting?
Only a house, the earth its floor.
Walls and a roof sheltering people,
windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives
when we are gathered here,
and know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling,
sparks that are sown in us like seed:
names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders
sent from the past are all we need.
We in this place remember and speak
again what we have heard:
God's free redeeming word.

And we accept bread at this table,
broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living,
we are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive
what we need to increase:
our justice and God's peace.

GREETING **C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY AMEN.

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WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 65: [1-8] 9-13

Read responsively by full verse

[¹ You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;
to you shall vows | be fulfilled

² **To you, the one | who answers prayer,
to you all | flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are strong- | er than we are,
but you blot out | our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell
there!**

**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness | of
your temple. R**

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our
salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded a- | bout with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your | marvelous
signs;**

you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy. R]

(Continued...)

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is | full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak
them- | selves with grain;

let them shout for | joy and sing. **R**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

(continued...)

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SPOKEN)

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L: Alleluia, C: our hearts burn within us,
L: Alleluia, C: as you open to us the scriptures.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

L: The Holy Gospel according to ... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

(continued...)

¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord, **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY We Plough The Fields And Scatter

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We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand,
who sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

(continued...)

You only are the maker
of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread.

We thank you, our creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts
but what you most would treasure—
our humble, thankful hearts.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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L: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING

BLESSING Amen

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SENDING SONG Sent Forth By God's Blessing

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This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

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DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

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POSTLUDE Be Still, My Soul J. Sibelius

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME We are happy that you have chosen to join us today. You have increased our joy with your presence, and we hope you will return again soon.

FLOWER CHART If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on a specific day, please add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the Pastor's office.

MY SISTER'S PLACE Please leave donations at the My Sister's Place box in Koehler Hall. Some of the most needed items include toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, laundry detergent, hand soap, cleaning supplies, full sized toiletries, feminine hygiene products, granola bars, fruit cups and gift cards for grocery stores, Tim Hortons, Giant Tiger and pharmacies. Gift Cards can be left in the office with Angela.

THE MISSION STORE IS ASKING FOR DONATIONS of clothes, hoodies and footwear. Donations can be dropped off in the office with Angela.

PLEASE HELP EVERYONE GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER by wearing a name tag during service and the coffee hour. Please return the name tag to the appropriate box before you head home.

TO HELP MAINTAIN A HEALTHY WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT, hand sanitizer has been placed in the pews for the use of all congregants.

IN OUR PRAYERS

If you or a family member is going into hospital, please let us know so that Pastor Nadine can plan to visit.

We pray for those in our community especially Teresa Hamilton, Rosemary Christensen, Jean Krautner, Mary Anne Stewart, Kathy Hough, Don Cook and Marie Gray.

We also pray for healing and comfort for those close to our congregation as we name - Deborah & Bobby, daughter and son of Sharon Mantle, Mavis Copeman, sister of Jean Hohnstein, Steve Hodgins, Janice Drogemuller, daughter in law of Barb Drogemuller, Margy Mantz, wife of Pastor Frank Mantz and Marlin and Sharon Wentzell and family as they mourn the loss of Sharon's sister, Marion Hinsperger, who passed away Tuesday July 7th.

We also pray for Peace Christian Church, a Lutheran Fellowship in Chatham and Pastor Paul Sodtke.

IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Pastor: Pastor Nadine Schroeder Kranz

Director of Music: Ross McDonald

Piano: Dave Hutchison

Reader: Lydia Reinhard

Greeters: Jean Hohnstein

Coffee Hosts: Mirna Rodriguez

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