

TRI-LUTHERAN WORSHIP SERVICE

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Celebrate Jesus
Celebrate Grace
Celebrate Community
Celebrate being Lutheran



Kootenai County Fairgrounds

Lutheran Church of the Master – Coeur d'Alene
Trinity Lutheran Church – Coeur d'Alene
Calvary Lutheran Church – Post Falls

Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Welcome to the Annual Tri-Lutheran Worship Service. The congregations represented here today are all a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (www.ELCA.org). We are congregations in the tradition of Martin Luther, but more importantly we are a part of Jesus' one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. This service helps us remember that the Church does not belong to us, we belong to it, and that it is much bigger than any of our individual congregations.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in all of our worship services each Sunday. The Lord's Supper will be central in today's worship. All are invited to participate in this feast of grace regardless of age, religious background, or church membership. We believe that Christ is truly present in this sacrament, in and through the bread and wine; in and through the eating, the sharing, and the trusting. If you do not wish to receive the sacramental elements, you are invited ask the pastor for a blessing. White grape juice and Gluten-Free bread are available. *Please inform an usher if you are unable to come forward, and communion ministers will come to you.*

COVID-19 Precautions: We know that the in-person worship precautions we are taking may be more or less rigorous than you expect. We have done our best to follow the guidelines recommended by the Center for Disease Control. We will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 in Kootenai County and continue to adapt our procedures accordingly.

This Morning's Worship Leaders:

Liturgist: Pastor Dan Forsgren
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Coeur d'Alene

Preacher: Pastor Bob Albing
- Lutheran Church of the Master, Coeur d'Alene

Presiding Minister: Pastor Matt Erickson
- Calvary Lutheran Church, Post Falls

GATHERING

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PD: We come together as people united by our need for a Savior. We are God's Church, bound by Jesus' unfathomable love. Though separated by varied experience, diverse gifting, assorted callings, and even by space. We are three congregations called together by the Holy Spirit into one Body where everyone belongs, and all people are essential. We are gathered to meet with, worship, and be transformed by the God who calls us, one God: Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PD: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

PD: You are invited to a moment of silent reflection and confession before God...

[A moment of silence for self-reflection and confession]

PD: Most merciful God,

C: ...we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,

renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen

PD: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by Jesus' authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN:

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

LEAD BY GERRY FAIRCHILD, TERRY FAIRCHILD, AND ROSE DEMPSEY OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

PD: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON:

PD: Kyrie eleison

C: Lord, have mercy.

PD: Christe eleison

C: Christ, have mercy.

PD: Kyrie eleison:

C: Lord, have mercy.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

GLORY TO GOD

Women: Glory to God, glory to God,

Men: Glory to God in the highest;

Everybody: **Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Pastor Dan: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise
you for your glory.

Women: Glory to God, glory to God,

Men: Glory to God in the highest;

Everybody: **Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Pastor Bob: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of
the Father; receive our prayer.

Women: Glory to God, glory to God,

Men: Glory to God in the highest;

Everybody: **Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Pastor Matt: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Women: Glory to God, glory to God,

Men: Glory to God in the highest;

Everybody: **Glory to God, glory to God,
And peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PD: Let us pray

C: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us, your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

JONAH 3: 10 TO 4:11

READ BY DAN ENGLISH OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ² And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. ³ Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?" ⁵ Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city.

⁶ Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die

and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

R: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTOR BOB

PSALM:

(read responsively)

PSALM 145: 1-8

READ BY MARRY MORROW OF LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

R: ¹ I will extol you, my God and King,

C: **and bless your name forever and ever.**

R: ² Every day I will bless you

C: **and praise your name forever and ever.**

R: ³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

C: **and his greatness is unsearchable.**

R: ⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another,

C: **and shall declare your mighty acts.**

R: ⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

C: **and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

R: ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,

C: **and I will declare your greatness.**

R: ⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness

C: **and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

R: ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,

C: **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

EPISTLE:

PHILIPPIANS 1: 21-30

READ BY DELORES JOHNSON OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

R: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand as you are able)

PD: We stand and join in the Gospel Acclamation

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.



GOSPEL:**Matthew 20: 1-16**

PB: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twentieth chapter, beginning with the first verse.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

PB: The Gospel of our LORD

C: Praise to you, O Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY:

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

LEAD BY MARY WARD & ROSE DEMPSEY OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

APOSTLES' CREED

PD: Let us join together in confessing the faith which holds us fast.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PM: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

PM: ... Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

(Closing petition)

PM: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PD: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please greet those around you with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERTORY:

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

PD: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,

C: and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

PD: Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,

C: that we may be fed with the bread of life.

PD: Gather the hopes and dreams of all;

C: unite them with the prayers we offer now.

PD: Grace our table with your presence, Lord,

C: and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

PM: Merciful God,

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER *(Prayer of Celebration)*

Eucharistic prayer continues, with the words of institution

PM: On the night in which he was betrayed...

PM: ...We ask that Jesus would remember us in His Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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**

Christ welcomes all to his table. The ushers will direct you toward the front, and when you have received the sacramental bread and wine or a blessing, you may return to your seat.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

PD: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father +, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SOME SENDING INSTRUCTIONS

As we are sent out:

PD: Children of God, Lutherans of Kootenai County, we have been called together to worship the Lord, to meet with God, and to be knit together as the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: We are one body for the sake of our neighbors.

PM: Then go in peace to love and serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

PB: And all God's people say

C: AMEN!

SENDING HYMN: *I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY*

LEAD BY AUREL & LOREN MASON, JAMIE MISNER, AND SALLY HOLTZ OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EXPECTATIONS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP PARTICIPATION:

- **If you have any flu-like symptoms**, a fever, or have likely been in contact with COVID-19, please stay home.
- **Wear masks throughout worship.** We have masks you can have. We know this is tricky with glasses, but we need you to wear masks.
- **We will not be shaking hands, hugging, or touching one another.** This is hard for us we know, but necessary.
- **Stay at least 6ft apart.** If you have a circle of contact, such as your household or neighbors, that you are already in regular contact with please come to worship together. We will seat you together and you can be in closer proximity with those folks. Otherwise, please keep your distance.
- **Don't sing unless given explicit permission to do so.** If you simply can't make it through worship without singing along it might be better to stay home and worship online so that you can belt out those hymns. It turns out singing is absolutely the best way to get respiratory viruses out of your lungs and suspended in the air for others to receive. If any singing happens in the sanctuary it will be limited and with definite precautions being taken.
- **Take Your Allergy Meds.** Allergy symptoms can be very similar to flu-like symptoms. If you have a runny nose, are sneezing or have other flu-like symptoms we would like you to stay home. If allergy medications alleviate those symptoms take your meds and you are welcome to come while medicated.
- **Dress for the weather.** The doors to the exterior will be wide open so our heating and cooling system will not be very effective. Dress accordingly.
- **Arrive a little early.** Because of the seating precautions we are taking it may take a little while to get everyone seated until we get used to this.
- **Be flexible.** You won't get to sit in "your seat." Please be willing to follow the instructions given when you arrive. Best practices are constantly changing, so we all need to be flexible.
- **Be Gentle.** We know that there are lots of opinions about what is best for everyone in our current world. One of our core values is that we practice disagreeing well. Some of our precautions may seem overboard or insufficient based on your view of things. We would love to hear your thoughts, but we need you to be gentle and honor the good-faith efforts we all are making.