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Setting Eight

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

C Almighty God, by the preaching of your servant Paul, you caused the light of the Gospel to be spread to all peoples of the world. May we celebrate and follow in his foot steps to speak of our own faith in you. May we be examples of your love in all the world showing in our lives the word of the Gospels. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Let us remember Paul's teaching to the Galatians, that we are all children of God this day.
- C We are all God's children through faith in Jesus Christ. All who are baptized into Christ are clothed with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male or female, for all are one in Jesus Christ. (*Galatians 3:26-28*)
- P We are all children of God. Yet, we fail in many ways to live into this promise. Therefore, let us turn to the Lord and confess our ways.
- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ± Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

GREETING

- P 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



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God

Psalm 119:1-8 Sung responsively



¹Happy are they whose | way is blameless, who follow the teaching | of the LORD!

²Happy are they who observe | your decrees and seek you with | all their hearts,

³who never do | any wrong,

but always walk | in your ways.

⁴You laid down | your commandments, that we should | fully keep them.

⁵Oh, that my ways were made | so direct that I might | keep your statutes!

⁶Then I should not be | put to shame, when I regard all | your commandments.

⁷I will thank you with | a true heart, when I have learned your | righteous judgments.

⁸I will | keep your statutes; do not utter- | ly forsake me.

SECOND READING: 1ST CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:21-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

²¹"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.' 22But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. ²³Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, ²⁴leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.²⁷ You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna. 31"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.' ³²But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.' ³⁴But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. ³⁷Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior

ELW HYMN 838

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- 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

A Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

- A Shepherding God, you protect and guide us with your word. Lead your church into ever closer relationship with you, that we might better know your commands, hold fast to your decrees, and live in your law. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A God of the cosmos, heaven and earth bear witness to the splendor of all you have created. Bless the ground, trees, waterways, and skies with abundant life. Restore synergy between humankind and the natural world, that we may live in harmony with the world you have made. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

A God of peace, you show solidarity with all who suffer. Bring an end to violence, war, discrimination, and all other forms of deadly hate, that we may experience your love through the power of justice. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of hope, you provide bountifully for all people. Use our lives to alleviate global injustice and eliminate poverty, that all benefit from the abundant gifts you pour out for your people. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of growth, you nurture this community and that of Trinity Lutheran in Hays, Faith Lutheran in Oberlin, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Prairie Village, Kansas, Immanuel Lutheran in Kansas City, and Lutheran Senior Services in St. Louis, Missouri. Cultivate in us a spirit of service to one another, and bless us in the ministry we share. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of joy, you bless Jane Lewis, Chuck Sodergren, and Howard Reece as they celebrate their birthdays this week, Troy Pomeroy and Brett Henry as they remember their baptisms, and Sam & Charlotte Blenden as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel, we give you thanks for our forebears in the faith who now rest in your eternal grace and love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

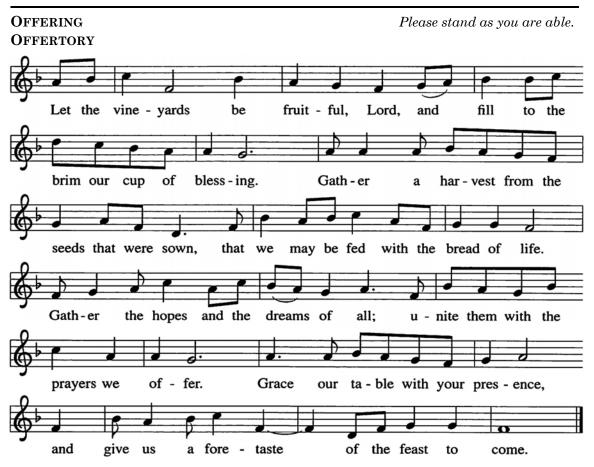
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



OFFERTORY PRAYER

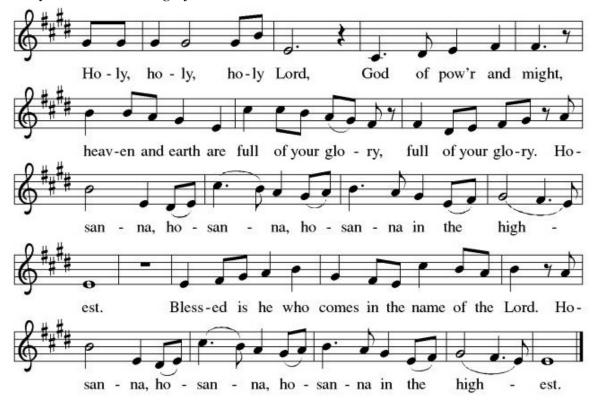
A God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with Paul and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
- In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

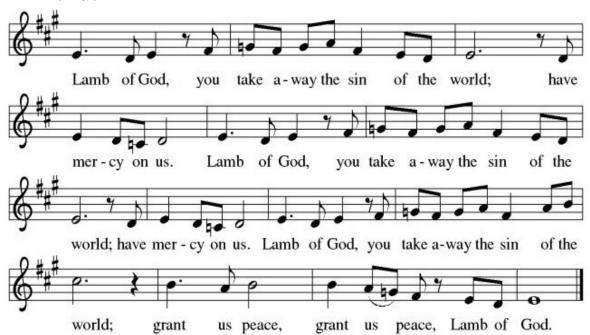
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate a desire to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing. We now have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS

One Bread, One Body There Is a Balm in Gilead ELW HYMN 496 ELW HYMN 614

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

P May God bless you and send you in mission to the world. In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O God of Light

ELW 507

SENDING

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767



Doorstep needs a few key items which they are in need of right now:

Shampoo Deodorant Jelly (any flavor) Canned Fruit (any kind) Egg Noodles

Doorstep is open Monday – Friday from 8am – 3pm for donations.

The Topeka Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites you to an organ recital by Hentus van Rooyen on **Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church, 817 SW Harrison S. Dr. van Rooyen is professor and organist at Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS. Included in this free event are works by J.S. Bach, Gustav Merkel, Daniel Gawthrop, and Jean Langlais. We hope you can join us!

| | UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY | |
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| | Adult Sunday School | |
| | Worship with Holy Communion | |
| | March Trinity Tidings deadline | |
| | Women's AA | 5:00 PM |
| Tues., Feb. 18 | Quilters | 9:00 AM |
| · · | Priscilla Circle Bible Study | |
| | Women's AA | 5:30 PM |
| Thurs., Feb. 20 | Men's AA | 7:00 PM |
| Sat., Feb. 22 | LFACT Fiber Arts Workshop | 8:30 AM |
| • | Adult Sunday School | |
| | Worship with Holy Communion | 10:30 AM |

| Worship Assistants | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | USHEI(S) | | | | | Hosts | Minister | Minister |
| February 16, 2020 | Carol Marker | Duane Pomeroy | Mitch Bean | Duane Pomeroy | Rosie Nichols | Cindy McGinnis & Team 1 | Duane & Debbie Pomeroy | Ted Murphy | Pr. Andrew Patty |
| February 23, 2020 | Marilyn Hypse | Ted Murphy | Laurie Jackson | Debbie Pomeroy | Cindy McGinnis | Cindy McGinnis & Team 1 | Walt & Helen Laughlin | Rosie Nichols | Pr. Andrew Patty |

| OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | Weekly Income | |
| | | | | Average | Minus Average | |
| | | | Total Weekly | Weekly | Weekly | Attendance/ |
| Date | General | Other | Income | Expense | Expense | Communion |
| Jan. 19 | \$1,741.00 | \$190.00 | \$1,931.00 | -\$2,648.00 | -\$717.00 | 41/37 |
| Jan. 26 | \$1,856.00 | \$100.00 | \$1,956.00 | -\$2,648.00 | -\$692.00 | 44/43 |
| Feb. 2 | \$3,544.74 | \$460.00 | \$4,004.74 | -\$2,648.00 | \$1,356.74 | 31/32 |
| Feb. 9 | \$1,346.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,346.00 | -\$2,648.00 | -\$1,302.00 | 31/32 |
| The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund. | | | | | | |
| | | | Income | Expense | Behind/Ahead | |
| | | Jan 2020 | \$8,993.00 | -\$12,096.14 | -\$3,103.14 | |
| | | Jan Jan | \$8,993.00 | -\$12,096.14 | -\$3,103.14 | |



The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to

- · worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- · serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

 ${f T}$ ogether in Community • ${f L}$ iving with Christ • ${f C}$ aring for Neighbors

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