



Trinity Lutheran Church



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The Twentieth Sunday
of Pentecost

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.

Mark 10:14-15

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We are glad you are here!

***It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed
and sharing in the Lord's Supper.***

Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

PRELUDE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 2

GATHERING

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity...forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God,...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive 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.**

P In the mercy of almighty God,...and of the + Son, and of the **Holy Spirit.**

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

ELW 641

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain

- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Refrain

- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain

- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain

GREETING

P The grace ...be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In Peace, Let us pray to the Lord

ELW PAGE 120

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory To God

ELW PAGE 121

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Sovereign God...Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:18-24

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

Spoken responsively

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

ELW PAGE 124

P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 9:38-50

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769

Please stand for the last verse.

- 1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love; build on the rock that will not move.
- 2 What gain is there in anxious weeping, in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in your Savior's keeping, in sorrow will he love you less?
For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.
- 3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding, in peace and quietness content.
We rest in God's good will unfolding, what wisdom from on high has sent.
God, who has chosen us by grace, knows very well the fears we face.
- 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving, you'll find this promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed: God never fails in time of need.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed. **ELW PAGE 127**

THE PRAYERS

A Challenged by God's Word,...and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A God of our ancestors...God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands,...now and forever.

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.

MEAL

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

ELW PAGE 181

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you...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...join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW PAGE 130

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW PAGE 134

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW PAGE 135

COMMUNION HYMN *Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue* ELW 644

- 1 Although I speak with angel's tongue, my faith, my knowledge all surpass,
but have no love, my gifts are vain as clanging gong or blaring brass.
- 2 For love is patient, love is kind, and never vain with boasting pride;
love bears all things, all things endures. All things must end; love will abide.
- 3 For now we peer at darkened glass; our visions end; our tongues all cease.
In part we know, in part now see: then we will see love face to face.
- 4 The gifts are many, the Body one, and into one are all baptized.
Beloved, share one heart, one mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body...keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Holy God...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING PRAYER FOR COMMUNION KITS

P Gracious God...your abiding presence.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God. Our worship has ended. Now our service begins.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.

POSTLUDE



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We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13-14*).

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