

# *Triune Lutheran Church*

## Finding Hope

Luke 8:26-27

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.

## *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

*We thank you for joining us here  
at Triune Lutheran Church, a  
family united with you through  
our Lord, Jesus Christ!*



In order to make you feel more at home, here are a few notes about our worship here. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We hope to make your time here as meaningful as possible!



- You are invited to speak the **bold print**, as well as sing along with the hymns, which you will find in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal in front of you in the pews.
- The portions marked with \* are times when we invite you to stand, as you are able.
- There will not be a separate time for an offering to be collected during worship. If you wish to do so today, you may place your offering in the offering plate at the back.
- We believe the body and blood of Christ is meant for everyone, regardless of your church affiliation, and so feel free to participate, if you feel so moved. We will celebrate Communion through intinction. You will be invited to come up the side aisle to the pastor who will have wafers (gluten-free available upon request). You are encouraged to keep the wafer in your hand as you go to the worship assistant with the chalice of wine. You are invited to dip your wafer into the chalice before consuming the wafer and returning to your seat through the center aisle.
- For visitors, if you so choose, we encourage you to fill out a card available in the pew to learn more about us.
- Bathrooms are available in the hallway.

# WELCOME

## **\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.  
We question your ways when they differ from the  
ways of the world in which we live.  
We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.  
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.  
Turn us again to you.  
Where else can we turn?  
Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

"Word of God, Come Down of Earth"

ELW 510

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen!**

**FIRST READING**

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."  
[Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep.

Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."] He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

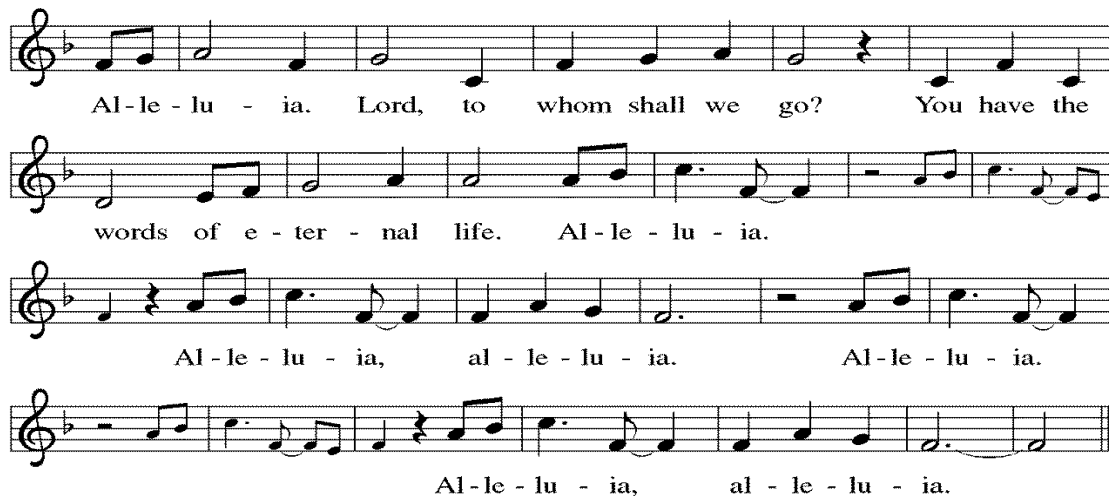
Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

Word of God, word of life!  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### **\*GOSPEL**

Luke 8:26-39

The Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him.

For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

<sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me” — <sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

<sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

<sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the holy Gospel of our Lord!  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **SERMON**

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR REFLECTION**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

ELW 611

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God,  
the creator of all life and beauty,  
who blesses our journey.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as  
he traveled,  
and who ate and laughed,  
wept and celebrated with them in love.**



**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who rides on the gentle breeze,  
who strengthens our bindings, and  
who offers hope eternal.**

**We believe in the church,  
which stands open to all travelers,  
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God.**

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and when people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick including Niki Grigsby, Patty Gurka, Phil Pesko, Jack Schwab, Annie Slaughter, Mardell Weiss, Clara Wilcox, and all those we name in our hearts.... Give perseverance and strength to all who are living with mental illness. Shield those who experience discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

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 whom you pour forth your extravagant bounty upon your  
whole creation.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God,  
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent Jesus to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As supper was ending, Jesus 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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his acts of healing,  
his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so may your people be gathered from the ends of the  
earth,  
that all may be fed with the bread of life  
and live into the abundance of your love.

Through Christ all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit,  
both now and forever. **Amen.**

## **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.**

## **\*FRACTION ANTHEM**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
**We who are many are one body, for we all share in  
the one bread.**

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

## **\*COMMUNION**

## **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen!**

## **\*BLESSING**

## **\*SENDING HYMN**

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

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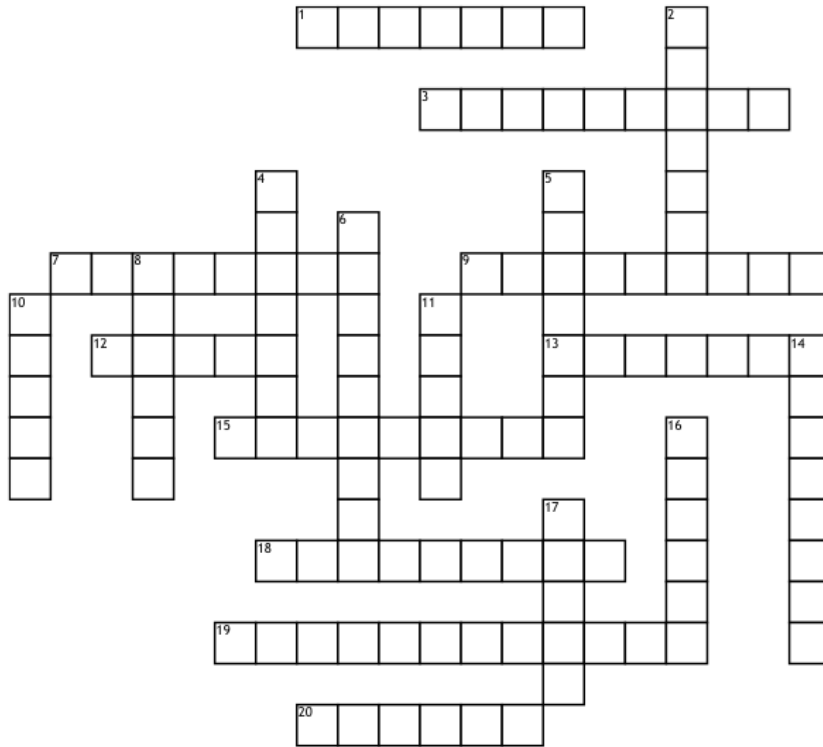
## **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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# Luke



## Across

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of God
3. a personal follower of Jesus during his life, especially one of the twelve Apostles.
7. the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.
9. "Then they arrived at the country of the \_\_\_\_\_" (Luke 8:26)
12. the son of God
13. a symbolic action that signifies the new life God gives us as we join the church community

15. building where a Jewish assembly or congregation meets for religious worship and instruction.
18. a charitable or helpful person
19. rising from the dead
20. a request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God or an object of worship.

## Down

2. Garasenes is opposite to \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 8:26)
4. free of deceit and untruthfulness; sincere.
5. Simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.

6. the capital of the ancient kingdom of Judah and of the modern state of Israel.
8. there are \_\_\_\_\_ apostles
10. an evil spirit or devil, especially one thought to possess a person or act as a tormentor
11. a woman whose spouse has died
14. the legally or formally recognized union of a man and a woman
16. a place of God, and spiritual afterlife
17. complete trust or confidence in someone or something.