

TRINITY EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sharing God's Word, Showing God's Love, Serving God's World

Sunday, October 25, 2020

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all
Kyrie eleison

For this holy house, for all who worship and praise
Kyrie eleison

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor
Kyrie eleison

That we may live out truth and justice and grace
Kyrie eleison

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family
Kyrie eleison

For life and for love, for our work and our play
Kyrie eleison

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word
Kyrie eleison

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Psalm 1 *(Read Responsively)*

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not
in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated
at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the
gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring
from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved
by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak,
not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know
and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a
pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or
from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But
we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.
⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not
only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become
very dear to us.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-46

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they
gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test
him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to
him, " "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your
soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment.
³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these
two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

With confidence in God’s grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

In your love, you speak to your church. Give courage and the bond of love to all who gather in your name, that this love turn toward our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your love, you create our earth filled with living things of every kind. Sustain the intricate connections among plants, insects, animals, and organisms we don’t even know or recognize. Bless the work of scientists who help us extend neighbor love to the natural world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your love, you guide with justice. Inspire leaders for truthful conversations and wise policies, that decisions are made for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your love, you tenderly care for your children and nurse them to health. Bring relief to all those who need healing, hope, or restoration this day (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your love, you accompany us in life’s transitions. We pray for new parents, those grieving a loss, those who are retiring, and those embarking on new ventures. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In your love, we remember those who were dear to us and now rest in you. We give thanks for Martin Luther and all who seek to reform and renew your church. Give us

courage to live out your gospel, revealing your love until our days on earth have ended. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

You have set before us gifts of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,

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.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Shake

Benediction

Mothering God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude