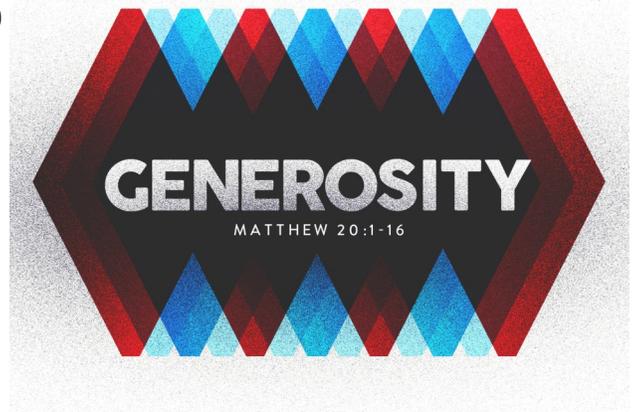




Pentecost 16  
Sunday, September 20, 2020



## Welcome & Announcements

## Confession & 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.

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.**

## Opening Hymn: Blessing and Honor (Vs. 1-3)

Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r, wisdom and riches and strength evermore,  
Be to the Lamb who our battle has won, whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne;  
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the thorne.

Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name; let all the earth sing his glory and fame.  
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;  
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.

Ever ascending the song and the joy, ever descending the love from on high;  
Blessing and honor and glory and praise this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;  
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

## Greeting & Prayer

### Prayer of the Day

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.**

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

## Scripture Readings

### First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

L: Word of God; word of life.      C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 145:1-8

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you,  
and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,  
and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: Word of God; word of life.      C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: Word of God; word of life.      C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 20th Chapter.      C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 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.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.      C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message: Pastor Dwight Rudquist**

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## Hymn of the Day: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

## Apostles' Creed

**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.**

## Prayers

P: Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

## Holy Communion

### 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 in their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### Distribution of Elements

#### Communion Hymn: Come, Let Us Eat

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread, come let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
Our Lord's body let us take together, our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured, come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together, Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest, in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.  
In the presence of our Lord we gather, in the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word, rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom, Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

#### Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### Blessing

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

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## Closing Hymn: On Our Way Rejoicing

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord was conquered; vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without our safety; Christ within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;  
Unto God the Spirit bow we and adore; on our way rejoicing now and evermore.

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!



**PRAYERCARE** Caren Carlson, Rose Anderson, Gail Johnson & the rest of David Clow's family, Yutaro Nakanishi, the family of Annie Lindgren, the families of the St. Croix Falls students: McKinley Erickson and Kegan Koshiol, the family of Andrew Dorsing, Cheryl Slattengren, the family of John Solheim, the family of Gail Peterson, Cheri, Cara, Emily, Tammi, Shawna, Aunt Bobby, Aunt Barb, Uncle Jerry, Amanda's foster Mom, Amanda's Dad & brother Mike, Vicki Ford, the family of Gordon Fick, Dave Danberg, Marilyn Burnes, Geri Swenson, the family of Andy Swenson, the family of Duane Rudquist, Don Grover, Caroline Greene, Nia Glynn, Doris Fors, and the family of Jeremy Greene, Ann Rue, Helen Swanson, Jolene, Maggie, the Hackmann Family, Rose Anderson & the family of Joe Mallery, Dan Peterson, Julie Valez, the family of Margaret Dale, Marcielle Rogers, Cleo Stomberg the family of Brian Maloney, and Leo Nelson.

## Announcements

**Confirmation:** If you are interested in attending Zoom Online Confirmation Classes and have not received a letter regarding dates/ times, please call Angie in the office for more information. Classes start in October.

**Outdoor Worship:** Every Sunday through September, weather permitting. Please bring a face mask, a lawn chair and check out the outdoor guidelines on our website. We ask that you complete our health form when you arrive for worship! Thank you!

Check out our website: [www.tflutheran.org](http://www.tflutheran.org) for more information about our church.

### Need Pastoral Care?

Call Pastor Dwight 651-829-4884

### Have questions or in need of something?

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## Intergenerational Faith Formation

### Library Day

Check out the following activities for today:

- Prayers Partner Sign Up. Check out the clipboard with prayer partners listed. Please indicate if you'd like to keep your prayer partner from last year or be paired up with a new one. Our Goal: each child and each youth be paired with an adult!
- Recorded Book Readings. We'd love for you to read a book to share with others. Please check out the sign up sheet at the registration table to sign up for a month!
- Chalk a Bible Verse! Pick up chalk at the registration table (you can bring the chalk home!) and following worship, chalk a favorite Bible verse on the sidewalk.
- Movie of the Month: Facing the Giants. If you are interested in checking out this movie, talk with Julie Magnuson or Angie Linngren - we have one copy!!!
- Swedish Word of the month: First Swedish  
Evangelical Lutheran Congregation  
Första Svenska Evangeliskt Lutherska Församlingen
- Food4Kids Backpack Program collection bin is located at the registration table. We appreciate any donations for this ongoing needed program.
- Family Pathways. We will continue to collect canned and boxed food for those in great need within our community!

**Next Week: Craft Day!!!**



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\$420.00



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