

**WELCOME!**



**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
May 15, 2022**

**\* = Please stand if able**

**• = Please be seated**

- **Prelude** *By Darrell Fryman*
- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism...*

**L: We confess our sins before God and  
one another.**

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

**L: Forgiving God...**

# **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: We spend so much of our time doubting you, doubting ourselves, failing to place our trust in you. Our lack of faith causes us to stumble, and when we fall we fall far. Forgive us our sin and lift us so that we can rise to the challenge of carrying out your mission.**

# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**L: God is merciful and just. God offers forgiveness for all who ask it.**

**Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins and walk with the power of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus.**

**C: Amen.**

**\* Gathering Song  
“Blessed Assurance”  
ELW 638**



# \* Blessed Assurance

ELW 638



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

## *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

# \* **APOSTOLIC 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**

**A:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** **Lord have mercy.**

**A:** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** **Lord have mercy.**

**A:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** **Lord have mercy.**

# \* **KYRIE**

**A:** For this Holy House, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** **Lord have mercy.**

**A:** Help, save, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

# \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray... God of all wisdom, Paul knew how to sit with people in their own reality before bringing them along the journey of the story of Christ. Teach us to honor people's journeys with grace and respect.

**C:** Amen.

**K** **I** **D** **Z**  
**K** **O** **R** **N** **E** **R**



# • Scripture Reading

**R: The Scripture reading is from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 17.**

**C: Glory to you O' Lord!**  
***(Spoken)***

## **\* Acts 17:16-31**

**<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, “What does this babbler want to**

## **\* Acts 17:16-31**

**say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.” (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) <sup>19</sup>So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it**

## **\* Acts 17:16-31**

means.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them

## **\* Acts 17:16-31**

**an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and**

## **\* Acts 17:16-31**

**all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your**

## **\* Acts 17:16-31**

**own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' <sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,**

## **\* Acts 17:16-31**

**<sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”**

# Sermon



DEN ONBEKENDEN GOD. DEZEN DAN DIEN GIJ NIET KENNENDE DIENT. VERKONDIG IK ULIEDEN' HANB. 17:23

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: We acknowledge one  
Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins. We look for the  
resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to  
come. Amen.**

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition will end with the words,*

**A: Risen Lord,**

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C: hear our prayer.**

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayer concludes...*

**P:** We have indeed received grace upon grace from you, loving God. Accept these our prayers and use them to transform hearts and lives. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C:** Amen.

# OFFERING PRAYER



DEN ONBEKENDEN GOD. DEZEN DAN DIEN GIJ NIET KENNENDE DIENT. VERKONDIG IK ULIEDEN' HAND. 17:23

# \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Communion by pre-packaged  
Communion Cups. All the  
Baptized are welcome to  
celebrate this Holy Meal.*

# \* **DIALOGUE**

**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 him thanks and  
praise.**

# **\* Preface**

**P: It is indeed right...**

**...join their unending hymn**

# \* Sanctus

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

# \* **Eucharistic Prayer**

**P: Holy, living, and loving God...**

**...in your holy Church, both  
now and forever.**

**C: Amen**

# **\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

# \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

# **\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P: Too often we sit down to eat only with those that are like us. Jesus offers an extraordinary chance to participate in a meal that is shared by people of rich diversity. Come to the table, and as you receive the body and blood of Christ, recognize that you are part of the family of humanity.**

# \* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

# \* **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray... We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



DEN ONBEKENDEN GOD. DEZEN DAN DIEN GIJ NIET KENNENDE DIENT. VERKONDIG IK ULIEDEN' HANB. 17:23

# \* **SENDING BLESSING**

**P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, bless you now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

# \* Sending Song

**“In Christ There Is No East or West”  
LBW 359**



# \* In Christ There Is No East or West--LBW 359



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

# \* **DISMISSAL**

**P: ... depart in Christ's Love.**

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving  
all. Amen!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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