

Sunday, June 27, 2021 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

# Trinity's Weekly Connection

*Join us for live streaming of our "Virtual Worship" service for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost from Centennial Hall on Sunday, June 27 at 9:15 a.m. If you are unable to join us at that time, be welcome to access the service at your convenience via Trinity's YouTube channel. Instructions for that access are below.*

## Trinity is live streaming worship – how do I find it?

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- Follow the home page link to "Virtual Worship" on Trinity's website, select "video" and you will be connected to the stream.

OR

- Go to YouTube, either by opening the app on your phone or by visiting the webpage on your computer.
- Search for 'Trinity Lutheran Church Grand Rapids.' The first option should be one with a picture of our cross tower (that is our channel).
- When you click on it you will be brought to our channel. If the service is live (from about 9:10 to 10:20 a.m. on Sunday morning) there will be a video with 'Live Now' on it.
- Simply click on the video and you will be connected to the stream.
- We also save past services in a play list called 'Rejoice Worship,' so you can view a past worship service at any time.

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## Rejoice Flowers for Sunday, June 27

Today's Rejoice worship service flowers are given by Pastor Karen Niemeyer in loving memory of Ted's life and in celebration of Jaxon's baptism.

## Prayer of the Day for the 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Prayer for Health Care Providers

Merciful God, your healing power is everywhere about us. Strengthen those who work among the sick; give them courage and confidence in all they do. Encourage them when their efforts seem futile or when death prevails. Increase their trust in your power even to overcome death and pain and crying. May they be thankful for every sign of health you give, and humble before the mystery of your healing grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Fran Anderson, Deb Bambini and family, George Bauer, Krysta Billock, Jim and Sue Boyse and family, Kim Bradbury and family, Pat Bruin, Mike Danielski, Jack Danielson, John Derbin, Kim and Chris Engle and family, Kris Fox, Mari Franz, Mary Frick, Paul Getzin, Marge Greiner and family, Elena Griewahn, Adam Guigue, Craig Gunderson, Mark Hahn, John Hall, Denny Helzer and family, Jerry Hendricks, Sid and Carrie Hoeksema and family, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Patricia Johnson, Christopher Keller, Susan Knoll, Jen Knowles, Roy Lamprich, Allison Landon and family, Greg Law, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legualt, Judy Mallen, Jessica Marks and Patti Patton and their families, Roger Marks, Mark and Rebecca Mattison and family, Peter McKinney, Marilyn Mellema, John and Karin Moglia and family, Christophe and Benita Muganza, Kenny Muganza, Michael Mulligan, Karen Nagle and family, Tim Neilson, Mary Jo Peterson and family, Kris Racek, Jacqueline Riegling, Lynn Rose, Petra Rotzell and family, Thiago Saliba, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Jim Searfoss, Joan Sellman, Neil and Sue Sendler and family, Matt and Kara Seyffert and family, Michael Smith, David and Mary Smoes and family, Joyce Snyder, Courtney Stekete and family, Isaac Stephan, Gary and Pat Stevens and family, Shirley Tedford, Jeremiah (JD) Thamban, Dale and Gale Volkerding and family, Richard Waite, John Walls, Fred Wilcox, Eric Wollen, Peyton Wollen, Rick and Michelle Wolner, and Kathryn Zielinski.

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*A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.*

### FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

*The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.*

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
<sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.  
<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.  
<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,  
<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence  
when the Lord has imposed it,  
<sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust  
(there may yet be hope),  
<sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not  
reject forever.

<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone.

### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

*Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.*

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little."

### GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

*Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.*

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."  
<sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well."  
<sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup>And his

disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'"<sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it.<sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.<sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?"<sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."<sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.<sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.<sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping."<sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.<sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!"<sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.<sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of partnerships, we pray for those who share our ministry, including Pastor Richard Stieve the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Frankfort, synod partners with us in mission and ministry. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, you invite us to cherish our commonalities with people of other faiths, including our three "Standing Together" partner congregations here in Grand Rapids, Masjid At-Tawheed, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Temple Emanuel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick, including those lifted up in Trinity's prayer ministry, published and announced, and those we name now in our hearts (*a brief silence*). Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you. Envelop them in your love, that with all your saints we may be reunited with one another in the last days. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.  
**Amen.**

## Prayer for this time of pandemic and social upheaval

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JUNE 27, 2021  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*Healing and salvation begin now.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 5:21-43</b>	<b>Jesus heals and raises to life</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Lamentations 3:22-33</b>	<b>There is still hope</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 8:7-15</b>	<b>Generous giving</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Acts 4:23-31</b>	<b>Believers pray for boldness</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Isaiah 57:14-19</b>	<b>The Lord helps the helpless</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Luke 4:31-41</b>	<b>Jesus heals many people</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 30</b>	<b>God turns mourning into dancing</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 6:1-13</b>	<b>Jesus sends the twelve</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*[Jesus] said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." Mark 5:34 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Come Lord Jesus, in the midst of difficult times touch us with your love and send us your peace and hope in our daily lives. Amen.

#### **Mealttime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for this food and pray that all may receive food to live, serve, and love you and others through Jesus, the great healer. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God bless you to know the saving grace given to you through Jesus Christ.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Come, Ye Disconsolate*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you or someone you know had difficult times? Explain.
- Where do you find comfort when you are going through difficult times?
- Not all illnesses are cured and not all difficulties are resolved. How has faith in God eased your pain or that of a friend's pain during an illness?

### DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Mark 5:21-43.

On the way to restore Jairus' daughter to life, Jesus realizes that healing power had gone from him to someone in the crowd. He inquires who touched him to receive the healing. A woman comes forward and explains that for 12 years she had suffered with hemorrhages (a flow of blood) that did not cease. Not only did it make her weak, it made her ritually unclean and unfit to be with others. In other words, not only did she experience physical suffering, she experienced isolation and social suffering. She was desperate and thought she might be healed through touching Jesus' garment. Jesus' first word of response was to call her "daughter," that is, someone who belongs to the community. He then adds, "your faith has made you well" (v. 34). The Greek text can equally be translated as "your faith has saved you." The same word for healing is the word for being saved. Salvation and healing begin for this woman because of her faith, a faith borne out of desperation. Her faith was not an expression of confidence and trust; it was simply an openness to hope against hope. With Jesus' response, she is brought into community and healed. When has faith felt more like taking a risk than a show of confidence and trust?

*Pray:* **Healing God, we thank you that you touch us with your saving grace now and always through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### SERVICE



The woman who touched Jesus' clothes and was healed was an outcast among her own people. Her illness meant that others saw her as unclean and avoided her. Who are the people in your community that are often looked down upon or left out? What act of kindness can you do for someone who may be feeling left out in some way?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Appropriate touch is a way of expressing love and care for others. Research has shown that as humans we need the touch of others to stay healthy in body, mind and spirit. Holding hands while praying and blessing someone with the sign of the cross on their hand or forehead are forms of a healthy touch. Hold hands while praying the Lord's Prayer. Then bless one another:

**May God bless you to know that Jesus has touched you with peace today.**



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