**Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

July 13, 2025, at 10:30 am

Pastor Tina Crog

**\***Prelude

\* Welcome and Announcements - Worship Assistant

\* Call to WorshipPastor Tina

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Listen. I have a story to tell —

A story of a God who longed for justice. A story of a God who pushed back the waters to make dry land. A story of a God who would not take “no” for an answer when it came to the safety of God’s own. For God’s people were suffering. God’s people were crying out. God’s people were shackled and bound by oppression.

So God said to Moses, “Speak.” “Let my people Go.” And Moses spoke— over and over again. Moses stood up for justice, but over and over again, Pharaoh said no. Power said no. The path to justice is never easy, is it? The path to change is never a straight line, is it?

So like Rosa, who sat on the bus, and Martin who had a dream, Moses kept trying. God kept speaking. Moses kept listening. Hope kept breathing. And when power tried to unravel justice, the people kept dreaming.

God longed for justice. God *still* longs for justice. So let us worship God— for human injustice will never be strong enough to unravel God’s dream that all might be free, and all might know love. Let us worship our Holy God.

**\***Opening Hymn “Canticle of the Turning” ELW 723

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**\*** Confession and ForgivenessPastor Tina

Blessed be the triune God ✠ who created all things, who renews and sustains us, who pours out upon us the fullness of peace. **Amen.**

In the strong assurance of pardon, let us confess our sin.

God, you have asked us to be like Moses—

standing up for your people,

but we stay silent when the cost is high.

God, you ask us to be like Aaron—

who stood by his brother to unravel systems of oppression.

but we turn away, overwhelmed or afraid.
Like Pharaoh, our hearts grow hard—
to your voice, to our neighbors, to your will.

Forgive us. Soften our hearts. Help us to be like Moses. Forgive us when we’re like Pharaoh. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Beloveds, God’s mercy is greater than any of our shortcomings. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God!**

**\*** Canticle of Praise“Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil” ELW 512

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**\***Greeting Pastor Tina

May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of god, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **and also with you.**

\*Prayer of the Day worship assistant

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon our hearts, there to remain so indelibly graven that no prosperity, no adversity, shall ever move us from your love. Be to us a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, a very present help in trouble, and a guide to heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace worship assistant

The peace of christ be with you always. And also with you.

PLEASE SHARE A SIGN OF GOD’S PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER.

Children’s Moment pastor tina

First Lesson: Exodus 5:1-18 Reader

1  Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness.” 2 But Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord, that I should listen to him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and I will not let Israel go.” 3 Then they said, “The God of the Hebrews has revealed himself to us; let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to the Lord our God, or he will fall upon us with pestilence or sword.” 4 But the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their work? Get to your labors!” 5 Pharaoh continued, “Now they are more numerous than the people of the land and yet you want them to stop laboring!” 6 That same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, as well as their supervisors, 7 “You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as before; let them go and gather straw for themselves. 8 But you shall require of them the same quantity of bricks as they have made previously; do not diminish it, for they are lazy; that is why they cry, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’ 9 Let heavier work be laid on them; then they will pay attention to it and not to deceptive words.”
  10 So the taskmasters and the supervisors of the people went out and said to the people, “Thus says Pharaoh: I will not give you straw. 11 Go and get straw yourselves, wherever you can find it, but your work will not be lessened in the least.” 12 So the people scattered throughout the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw. 13 The taskmasters urged them on, saying, “Complete your work, the same daily assignment as when you were given straw.” 14 And the Israelite supervisors whom Pharaoh’s taskmasters had set over them were beaten and were asked, “Why did you not finish the required quantity of bricks yesterday and today, as you did before?”
  15 Then the Israelite supervisors came to Pharaoh and cried, “Why do you treat your servants like this? 16 No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, ‘Make bricks!’ Look how your servants are beaten! But the fault is with you.” 17 He said, “You are lazy, lazy; that is why you say, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.’ 18 Go now and work, for no straw shall be given you, but you shall still deliver the same number of bricks.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 10:1-6, 14-18 Reader

1 Why, O Lord, do you stand far off?
  Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?
 2 In arrogance the wicked persecute the poor—
  let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.
 3 For the wicked boast of the desires of their heart;
  those greedy for gain curse and renounce the Lord.
 4 In the pride of their countenance the wicked say, “God will not seek it out”;
  all their thoughts are, “There is no God.”
 5 Their ways prosper at all times;
  your judgments are on high, out of their sight;
  as for their foes, they scoff at them.
 6 They think in their heart, “We shall not be moved;
  throughout all generations we shall not meet adversity.”
 14 But you do see! Indeed, you note trouble and grief,
  that you may take it into your hands;
 the helpless commit themselves to you;
  you have been the helper of the orphan.
 15 Break the arm of the wicked and evildoers;
  seek out their wickedness until you find none.
 16 The Lord is king forever and ever;
  the nations shall perish from his land.
 17 O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek;
  you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear
 18 to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed,
  so that those from earth may strike terror no more.

\* Acclamation “Alleluia” ELW pg. 204



Second Lesson: Exodus 7:8-23 Pastor Tina

8 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 9 “When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Perform a wonder,’ then you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, and it will become a snake.’ ” 10 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did as the Lord had commanded; Aaron threw down his staff before Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. 11 Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did the same by their secret arts. 12 Each one threw down his staff, and they became snakes, but Aaron’s staff swallowed up theirs. 13 However, Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.
  14 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Pharaoh’s heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. 15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water; stand by at the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was turned into a snake. 16 Say to him, ‘The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you to say, “Let my people go, so that they may serve me in the wilderness.” But until now you have not listened. 17 Thus says the Lord, “By this you shall know that I am the Lord.” See, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall be turned to blood. 18 The fish in the river shall die, the river itself shall stink, and the Egyptians shall be unable to drink water from the Nile.’ ” 19 The Lord said to Moses, “Say to Aaron: Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over its rivers, its canals, and its ponds, and all its pools of water—so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout the whole land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.”
  20 Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and of his officials he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile; all the water in the river was turned into blood, 21 and the fish in the river died. The river stank so that the Egyptians could not drink its water, and there was blood throughout the whole land of Egypt. 22 But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts; so Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. 23 Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon pastor tina

\* Hymn of the Day “Pharaoh Was a Brutal Tyrant”

*sung to the tune JEFFERSON / “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” ELW 254*

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Pharaoh was a brutal tyrant, caught up in his thirsty greed.
Long the Israelites had suffered so they cried out to be freed.
Pharaoh worshiped high production, looking for the bottom line.
All his subjects did his bidding, kneeling down before his shrine.

Moses joined his brother, Aaron, to deliver God’s demand.
They were sent to guide God’s people, bring them to the promised land.
When God called for Pharaoh’s action, he objected from the start.
Pharaoh failed to follow justice, callousing his hardened heart.

Pharaoh laughed at God’s commandment, he refused to let them go.
When he stood out by the banks he saw the river’s bloody flow.
Though he could have stopped the terror, ending Egypt’s horrid pain,
Pharaoh chose to welcome violence, all to save his wretched reign.

We have Pharaohs all around us; maybe we are like him, too.
May we heed God’s call to kindness, may we see God’s grace ensue.
God will turn God’s sure attention to the place where there’s despair,
Let us join in God’s salvation for all people everywhere.

**\*** Apostle’s Creed worship assistant

let us confess our faith in the words of the apostle’s 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 power of 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 of Intercessionpastor tina

please be seated

any prayer concerns or joys

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing *(especially).* Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Go with all who travel and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*Offering worship assistant

The monthly mission for july is for the collaboration. Let us give to god what he has first given us.

Special music by Jared

\* Offering Hymn “We Are an Offering” ELW #692

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to be sung while the offering is being returned to the altar.

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

\* Offering Prayer worship assistant and congregation

God of all threads, we bring these gifts—offered from tangled lives and unraveling plans—trusting that You weave wholeness from what feels undone. Use these offerings to mend what is broken, to wrap others in care, and to remind us that Your love never comes apart. Amen.

\*The Great Thanksgiving pastor tina

The Lord 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 God our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right our duty and our joy….we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\* Holy, Holy, Holy ELW page 207



\* Liturgy of Holy Communion pastor Tina

\* Lord’s Prayer Pastor Tina

Gathered into one by the holy spirit, let us pray as jesus taught us to pray.

our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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.

 \*Lamb of God ELW page 208



**\***Communion pastor tina

\*Special Music during Holy Communion by jared

\*Post Communion Blessing

\* Post Communion Hymn “As the Grains of Wheat” ELW 465 vs. 2

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 *Refrain.* As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill

 were gathered into one to become our bread;

 so may all your people from all the ends of earth

 be gathered into one in you.

 Vs 2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come

 when all creation shares this feast with you.

 Refrain. As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill

 were gathered into one to become our bread;

 so may all your people from all the ends of earth

 be gathered into one in you.

\* Prayer After Communion Pastor Tina and Congregation

Gracious God, in this meal you meet us in the breaking and the blessing. When our lives come apart, your love holds us together. Send us out nourished by grace, to mend, to serve, and to trust the threads you are still weaving. Amen.

\* Blessing Pastor Tina

may the Spirit of the triune God + Bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you out to serve others in love. amen.

\* Closing Hymn “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” ELW 697

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\* Dismissal worship assistant

Go in peace, sharing the gifts of Christ! Thanks be to God!

\*Postlude

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