



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2020 - 10:00 AM



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her father, Dennis Osborne, by Carol Elliott.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Ciacona in e minor (BuxW 160)
by Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

**By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;**

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.

Amen.

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**The church of Christ, in every age beset by
change, but Spirit led, must claim and test its
heritage and keep on rising from the dead.**

**Across the world, across the street, the victims
of injustice cry for shelter and for
bread to eat, and never live before they die.**

**Then let the servant church arise, a caring
church that longs to be a partner in Christ's
sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
fever in our blood, and teach us how to
share our bread and feed the starving multitude.**

**We have no mission but to serve in full
obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without
reserve, and spread his liberating word.**

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us Pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace,
and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world.
Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great realms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.



Psalm Refrain



Your love, O LORD, for - ev - er will I sing.

Psalm Tone



- ¹Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.
- ²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;**
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.
- ³I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:
- ⁴**I will establish your | line forever,**
and preserve your throne for all | generations.’” 
- ¹⁵Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.
- ¹⁶**They rejoice daily | in your name;**
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.
- ¹⁷For you are the glory | of their strength,
and by your favor our might | is exalted.
- ¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;**
our king to the Holy | One of Israel. 

A Reading from Romans

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of the Lord.

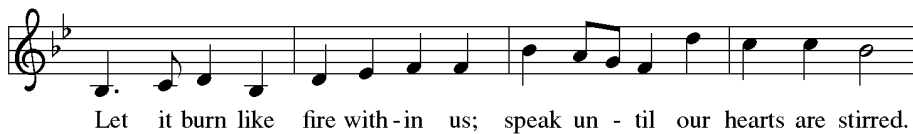
Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS' SERMON

Stand as able

A Church for All

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

The Welcome Table

Stand as able

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign a new. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

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**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Although distant from each other, we are called to join together to pray for our needy world.

Let us pray for the church of Jesus Christ around the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for our own congregation and for its leadership. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for the health of the earth - its lands, its seas, its animals. Hear us, O God.

Your Mercy is great.

Let us pray for those who work in our fields and produce our food. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for peace between and within nations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for President Trump, the Congress, and the Supreme Court. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for those who are oppressed, or enslaved, or poverty-stricken. Hear us, O God.

Your Mercy is great.

Let us pray for an end to racism. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for both protesters and police. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for all who are sick. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for all who are sick or sorrowing from the coronavirus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for medical workers and researchers. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for a vaccine. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for families facing an unprecedented summertime. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us thank God for all those who have died in the faith, and let us pray that at our end we will join them in God's presence. Here us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, the Holy One, you are yourself the cup of cold water we crave, relieving our deep thirst. Receive these prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, for your mercy is great, now and forever.

Amen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace be with you.

☒ **Peace be with you.**

Worshippers are invited to use their phones to text now or make a call later today to extend a message of peace to someone you love and care about.

Sit

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

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or by following the link on the homepage of the website, www.trinitylutheran.ws.
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"I Go My Way in the Strength of the Lord"
Recitative and Arioso from *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn

Richard Moose

I go on my way in the strength of the Lord. For thou art my Lord; and I will suffer for thy sake.
My heart is therefore glad; my glory rejoiceth; and my flesh shall also rest in hope.

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills, the hills be removed; but thy kindness shall not depart from me; neither shall the covenant of thy peace be removed.

Stand as able

Refrain:

***Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.***

**Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am wine,
I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. Repeat. Refrain**

**Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. Repeat. Refrain**

Let us pray. God of goodness and growth,
**all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace.
Nourish us through these gifts,
that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

Sit

Communion

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

Worshippers who gather with family at home are invited to share the bread and wine with each other using these words spoken directly to each person, "The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Worshippers who are gathering with the community from their individual homes are invited to receive the bread and wine while saying these words, "The body of Christ given for me," and "The blood of Christ shed for me."

COMMUNION HYMN

Amazing Grace
arr. by Nancy and Randall Faber

Amanda Mast, flute and Jenna Mast, piano

Stand as able

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of the welcome table,
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness
and have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone, Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own. In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much
I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear son’s story, here you touched him,
saw his glory. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free. Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort
stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

DISMISSAL

Go out into the world and shout from the rooftops that ALL means ALL.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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