



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 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 honor of the anniversaries of Scott and Lisa Panhorst & Edward and Heather Jiva, & in memory of their father, John M. Jones by Joanne Jones.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Songs from Compassion Camp

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.

**All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

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. Glorious God,
your generosity waters the world with goodness,
and you cover creation with abundance.
Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit,
and with this food fill all the starving world;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made you a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for you have been glorified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The refrain is introduced by the cantor.

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.

*Psalm
Refrain*

You o - pen wide your hand and sat - is -
fy the de - sire of ev - 'ry liv - ing thing.

*Psalm
Tone*

⁸The LORD

is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are | good to all,**

and your compassion is over | all your works. ☩

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,**
and you give them their food | in due season.

¹⁶You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways**
and loving in | all your works. ☩

¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;**
you hear their | cry and save them.

²⁰You watch over all | those who love you,
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;**
let all flesh bless God's holy name fore- | er and ever. ☩

A reading from Romans.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the ancestors, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Compassion Prayer
by Amanda Meisenheimer

May we be filled with compassion
May we be filled up to the top of our hearts
When we have the power to make something right
May we show God's love.

May we be shown compassion
May we be found in the center of peace
When we have needs that others can meet
May we find God's love.

Sung by Megan Finnern and Mark Godfrey

CHILDRENS' SERMON

A Never - Ending Circle

Stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Our Compassionate God

Stand as able

**Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.**

**Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!**

**You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

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

Confident of God's care and upheld by the Spirit, let us pray for all who are in need.

O God our Savior, bless your church around the world. Where believers must be isolated from one another, be present through your gracious word. Give to our bishops, pastors, deacons and congregational leaders wisdom for their tasks in this challenging time. Lord, you are good to all:

hear our cry and save us.

O God, Redeemer of all, bless the Jewish people with your covenant promises. Bring an end to global anti-Semitism, and strengthen ties of cooperation and friendship between Christians and Jews. Lord, you are good to all:

hear our cry and save us.

O God, Creator of a wondrous earth, protect the glories of your seas and lands. Replenish ground water supplies, refresh lakes and ponds, send rains where there is drought, and shelter forests from wildfires. Lord, you are good to all:

hear our cry and save us.

O God, Sovereign of the world, form the leaders of nations to strive for justice for all. Guide our government in dealing with China. Strengthen the world's democracies. Bring an end to racism in our society. Teach our elected officials how to govern with integrity. Lord, you are good to all:

hear our cry and save us.

O God, Storehouse of goodness, visit all who face the coronavirus, especially those who are incarcerated. Give us, O Lord of life, a vaccine. Assist all who face eviction from their residence. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body or spirit, especially those whom we name here: Lord, you are good to all:

hear our cry and save us.

O God, Giver of bread, teach us how to feed the hungry: the children starving in war zones, the families who cannot afford groceries, the homeless on our streets, the farmers devastated by pestilence. Give to all creatures their food in due season. Lord, you are good to all:

hear our cry and save us.

O God, Lover of our souls, receive now the petitions of our hearts. Lord, you are good to all:

hear our cry and save us.

O God, everlasting mercy, we praise you for the lives of all who have died in the faith, especially this week Dominic and all who, like him, preached your word with power. At the end, bring us with all your saints to your heavenly banquet. Lord, you are good to all:

hear our cry and save us.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FAREWELL AND BLESSING AT THE CONCLUSION OF INTERNSHIP

We gather at the font today at the conclusion of Luke's year of pastoral internship at Trinity, to extend our love, prayers, and blessings.

A reading from Exodus: The Lord said, "I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared for you."
(Exodus 23:20)

A reading from Isaiah: Thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
(Isaiah 43:1-3)

Luke, in holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ named you and claimed you, made you a part of God's family. When you came to Trinity to serve as our Vicar we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community, your call to pastoral leadership has been nurtured, encouraged, and affirmed. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

As you leave this place and return for a fourth year of seminary education, know that this congregation values your ministry, that we will hold you and Lindsay in our prayers. It is clear and evident to us that God is calling you to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. You are an exceptionally gifted leader full of love and compassion for this broken, hurting world. With your gifts for preaching and teaching, your care and love for God's people, your desire to extend radical hospitality and welcome to marginalized populations, and your passion for social justice, you will be a tremendous asset to the ELCA. We rejoice at this year of shared ministry and we wish you every blessing as you continue to follow God's call on your life.

Stand as able

Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank you for Luke and his ministry among us this year. We give you thanks for Lindsay and her support of Luke's call and for her commitment to our life together during this past year. We ask that you bless and preserve Luke and Lindsay at this time of transition. Day by day, guide them and give them what is needed, friends to cheer their way, and a clear vision of that to which you are calling them. By your Holy Spirit be present in their pilgrimage that they may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.*

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OFFERING AND ANTHEM

*Online giving is available by texting TLCGIVE to 73256,
or by following the link on the homepage of the website, www.trinitylutheran.ws.
Offering may also be mailed to the Church Office at 421 North Main St., Greenville, SC 29601.*

*Jesus Friend of Sinners
by Casting Crowns*

Stand as able

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

#674

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Refrain**

**Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Refrain**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere. Refrain**

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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

Praise and Thanksgiving

#689

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

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

O Living Bread from Heaven

#542

**O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er - flows!**

**My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.**

You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.

And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.

**My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown,
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.**

**Oh, grant me then, well strengthened with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All Who Hunger, Gladly Gather

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