



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 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 mother, Mary Anna Glass Ridenhour, by Mary Beth Ridenhour.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Fugue in G Minor by J. S. Bach

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.

**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 anew.
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 out cast 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***

Refrain

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

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. God of all peoples,
your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.
Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy,
that your name may be known throughout the earth,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,

to minister and to love the name of the LORD, and to be the LORD's servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,

and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

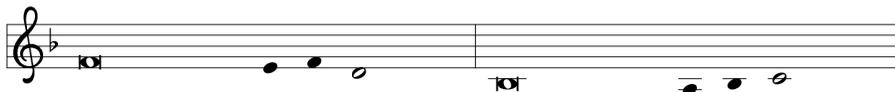
Thanks be to God.

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.**Psalm
Refrain*

Let all the peo - ples praise you, O



God, let all the peo - ples praise you.

*Psalm
Tone*

- ¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- ²**Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**
- ³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth. ☩**
- ⁵Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. ☩

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans.

Paul writes: ¹I ask, then, has God rejected the chosen people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected the chosen people who were foreknown.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.

³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that God may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS' SERMON

Room for Everybody

Stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that God in heaven has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” ²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Faith, Persistence, and Belonging

Stand as able

**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love through-out the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts ev'ry-where their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding human kind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.**

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

Gathered in our homes, confident of your care and upheld by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the Christian church around the world,
for humility where the church is dominant,
for courage where it is oppressed,
and for faithfulness when it cannot assemble for worship: Bless your church, faithful God:
help us, O Lord.

We pray for your bountiful earth,
for cleaner air,
for the fields on which our food grows,
for the renewal of lands and waters that have suffered from disregard:
Protect your earth, creative God:
help us, O Lord.

We pray for the nations of the earth,
for the peaceful resolution of disputes around the world,
for just policies that care for the poor,
and for the upcoming political conventions in our land: Save humankind, sovereign God:
help us, O Lord.

We pray for all in need of healing,
for the residents of Beirut and other distressed cities,
for those suffering from hurricane damage,
for those sick and dying of COVID-19,
for the unemployed,
for people without medical care,
for medical workers and researchers,
for the outcasts of our society,
and for those we name here: Heal the sick, merciful God:
help us, O Lord.

We pray for a spirit of respect for the world's religions,
for wisdom concerning the many houses of prayer,
and for guidance where religion serves as an arm of the government:
Direct all people of faith, gracious God:
help us, O Lord.

We pray for schools around the globe,
for educators who must plan for the fall,
and for children without the resources to access remote learning:
Guide us, compassionate God:
help us, O Lord.

We pray, finally, for ourselves,
for whenever we feel tormented by demons,
and for all our family and friends: loving God:
help us, O Lord.

We mourn the deaths of those we love,
and we praise you for the lives of all your faithful people.
At the end, gather us all into the joy of your presence. Grant us salvation, eternal God:
help us, O Lord.

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.

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

*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.*

Grace from Your Table

Words and Music by Jim Parham

As the humble mother seeking healing for her child,
Lord, we come to you for those crumbs of grace.

Seeking grace from your table, grace from your table,
seeking grace from your table of mercy.
Welcomed, beloved, honored and free,
we seek grace from your table of love.

God of all people, who gathers the outcast,
let your way be known, your justice and your light.
As we praise you, give us your blessing as the whole earth stands in awe.

Separated from you by our broken fearful world,
we still hope and hunger for your crumbs of grace;

And we find grace at your table, grace at your table.
Filled with grace from your table we rise bold and free.
Filled with grace from your table, grace from your table,
strong in grace we will rise bold and free!

Stand as able

**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

Healer of Our Every Ill

#612

Refrain

***Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.***

***You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your
peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain***

***In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is
still unfolding, give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain***

***Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister,
ev'ry brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain***

***You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your
way of healing; Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Refrain***

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

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

#538

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live. Repeat**

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. Repeat**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All Are Welcome

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