



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

## THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 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 her parents, Roy and Kay Cook by Amanda Cook.

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# GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Toccata in 7* by John Rutter

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.**

**Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.**

**As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.**

#### 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, we thank you for your Son,  
who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.  
Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience,  
and give us strength to follow your commands,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merry-makers. nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?  
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

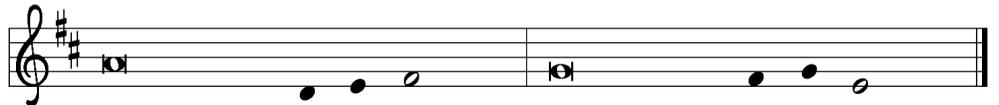
**Thanks be to God.**

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

Your love is be - fore my eyes; I have walked



faith - ful - ly, faith - ful - ly with you.

*Psalm  
Tone*<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;

I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;****examine my heart | and my mind.**<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;

I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat | with the worthless,****nor do I consort with | the deceitful. ☞**<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of | evildoers;

I will not sit down | with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,****that I may go in procession | round your altar,**<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving

and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell****and the place where your glo- | ry abides. ☞**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDRENS' SERMON

*Living the Romans 12 Way*

*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 sixteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told the disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is to come with angels in the glory of God, and then will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the coming of the Son of Man's reign."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

SERMON

*Solid Rock or Stumbling Block?*

*Stand as able*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*We Are Called*

#720

**Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!**

**We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God. *Refrain***

**Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!**

**We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain***

**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!**

**God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain***

*Refrain*

**We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

## 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

As we gather in our homes and together in the Spirit, let us pray for the needs of the world.

Caring for the church around the world, we pray —  
for a spirit of ecumenical cooperation,  
for the health of congregations during this difficult time,  
for our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. . .

Hear us, God our Savior;

**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Seeing before us your good creation, we pray —  
for the repair of what we have harmed,  
for polar ice,  
for lands dealing with oppressive heat,  
for fields ravaged by storms and fires. . .

Hear us, God our Creator:

**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Facing so many international problems we pray —  
for the strengthening of democracies,  
for peaceful resolutions to conflicts,  
for the people of Belarus, Lebanon, and Yemen,  
for researchers seeking a vaccine,  
for racial justice within our nation,  
for our legislators to assist the lives of the poor,  
for an ethical election campaign, and for a fair and equitable election process. . .  
Hear us, God our mighty Fortress;  
**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Surrounded by people with great and hidden need we pray —  
for families frightened by the uncertain future,  
for those whose homes have burned down,  
for students deprived of effective education,  
for teachers doing their very best in these challenging times to insure growth  
and learning for their students,  
for refugees and for prisoners. . .  
Hear us, God our Hope,  
**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Aware of all who are sick and suffering we pray —  
for all who are facing the coronavirus,  
for those without medical care,  
for those we remember here before you. . .  
Hear us, God our Healer;  
**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Confident of your love for us, we pray also for ourselves:  
Hear us, God our Friend;  
**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Mindful of all who have gone before us in the faith, we offer our thanks —  
for all the saints famous and forgotten,  
for medical workers who have died of the virus,  
for friends and family we have loved,  
for the promise of everlasting life with you. . .  
Hear us, God our Homeland;  
**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

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](http://www.trinitylutheran.ws).  
Offering may also be mailed to the Church Office at 421 North Main St., Greenville, SC 29601.*

*Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen*

Words by Susan Palo Cherwien

Music by Timothy J. Strand

Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,  
from this meal of love and grace;  
may we through such love envision  
whose we are, and whose, our praise.

Alleluia, alleluia;

God, the wonder of our days.

Rise, transformed, and choose to follow  
after Christ, though wounded, whole;  
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed  
to release and to console.

Alleluia, alleluia;

Christ, our present, past, and goal.

Service be our sure vocation;  
courage be our daily breath;  
mercy be our destination  
from this day and unto death.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Rise, O church, a living faith.

*Stand as able*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

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

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

#879

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:** *Refrain*

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:** *Refrain*

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:** *Refrain*

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thought and mild:** *Refrain*

**For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n:** *Refrain*

*Refrain*

***Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.***

*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

*We Are Called!*

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*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

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