



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1, 2021 - 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 Trinity's Pastors and Staff by Bonnie Farmer.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister Susan Crowell

Preaching Andrew Steele

Pianist Jim Parham

Lector Greg Hamluk

Cantor Megan Finnern

Greeters Maggie Boliek

Penny Bostain
Anne Harmon
Calvin Harmon
Linda Morgan
Patrick Morgan
Donice Winslow
Melanie Wessinger

Ushers Mike Boliek

Bonnie Farmer Pattimarie Janssen Todd Reichard

Video Henry Wilcox

Worship bags are available in the Narthex and outside the Sacristy for children. Bags for pre-school are tied with a blue ribbon.

Bags for K-5 - Grade 5 have no ribbon.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HOLY BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ♣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In baptism our gracious heavenly parent frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

We present Thatcher McCartha for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have this child baptized into Christ?

Response:

We do.

As you bring Thatcher to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,

bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in his hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture him in faith and prayer,

so that he may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed,

care for others and the world God made,

and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Thatcher grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response:

We do.

People of God, gathered here in the sanctuary and in your homes, do you promise to support Thatcher and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your children, no longer slave and free, no longer lonely and isolated, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Water is poured on the child's head, as the presiding minister says:

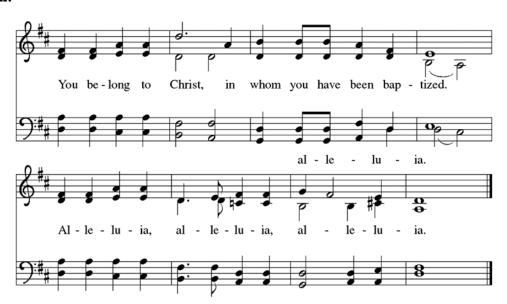
Thatcher McCartha,

I baptize you in the name of the Father,

Water is poured on the child's head a second time: and of the Son,

Water us poured on the child's head a third time: and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Thatcher with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Thatcher McCartha Moose, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let us welcome Thatcher into our church family.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Stand as able

GATHERING HYMN

Baptized and Set Free

#453

We are people created, chosen by God.

Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.

Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing and wholeness and more.

We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.

As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set Free!

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING
A reading from Exodus.

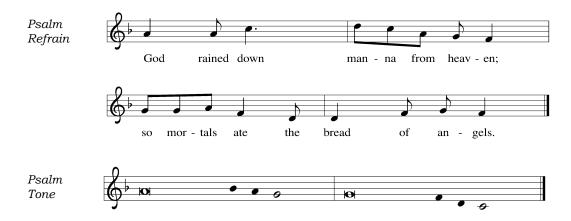
Exodus 16:2-4. 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." 4Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." 9Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for the Lord has heard your complaining." 10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. 11The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 12"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." 13In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction



- ²³So God commanded the I clouds above and opened the I doors of heaven,
- 24raining down manna upon | them to eat and giving them | grain from heaven. R
- ²⁵So mortals ate the | bread of angels; God provided for them | food enough.
- ²⁶The LORD caused the east wind to blow | in the heavens and powerfully led out | the south wind,
- ²⁷raining down flesh upon | them like dust and flying birds like the sand | of the seas,
- 28letting them fall in the midst | of the camp and round a- | bout the dwellings.
- ²⁹So the people ate and | were well filled, for God gave them | what they craved. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

A reading from Ephesians.

¹I plead with you, then, in the name of our Redeemer, to lead a life worthy of your calling. ²Treat one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness, and patience. ³Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the peace that binds you together. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called into one hope when you were called. ⁵There is one Savior, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Creator of all, who works through all and is within all. ⁷Each of us has received God's grace in the measure in which Christ has bestowed it. ⁸Thus you find scripture saying, "You ascended on high, leading captives in your train, and giving gifts to people."

⁹You ascended"—what does this mean but that Christ first descended into the lower regions of the earth? ¹⁰The One who descended is the very One who ascended high above the heavens in order to fill the whole universe. ¹¹And to some, the gift they were given is that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers. ¹²These gifts were given to equip fully the holy ones for the work of service, and to build up the body of Christ— ¹³until we all attain unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Only Begotten of God, until we become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴Le us then be children no longer, tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine, or by human trickery or crafty, deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, let us speak the truth in love, and grow to the full maturity of Christ, the head. ¹⁶Through Christ, the whole body grows. With the proper functioning of each member, firmly joined together by each supporting ligament, the body builds itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Our God

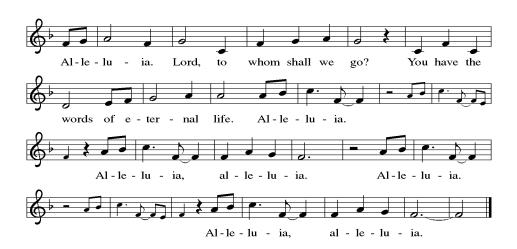
Words and Music by Jonas Myrin, Matt Redmann, Chris Tomlin, and Jesse Reeves (From VBS: Knights of North Castle)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Andrew Steele

Stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 6:24-35

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴When the people saw that neither Jesus nor the disciples were there, they got into their boats and crossed to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "The truth of the matter is, you're not looking for me because you've seen signs, but because you've eaten your fill of the bread. 27You shouldn't be working for perishable food, but for life -giving food that lasts for all eternity; this the Chosen One can give you, for the Chosen One bears the seal of God." 28At this they said, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus replied, "This is the work of God: to believe in the one whom God has sent." ³⁰So they asked Jesus, "What sign are you going to show us that we should believe you? What will you do? 31Our ancestors had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says, God gave them bread from heaven to eat." 32 Jesus said to them, "The truth of the matter is, Moses hasn't given you bread from heaven; yet my God gives you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴"Teacher," they said, "give us this bread from now on." ³⁵Jesus explained to them, "I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry; no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON Andrew Steele

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us offer our prayers for all in need.

O God, we lament the ways that your church is divided by past and present controversies. And we pray: guide our denomination toward ecumenical cooperation with other Christians; uphold the many ministries in your church; and direct each one of us toward the ministry for which you have formed us.

You are the Spirit of life, O God:

Feed the world with your love.

We lament the harm that humans have inflicted on your earth. And we pray: ensure the fertility of farms and fields; lessen the power of extreme weather; and strengthen worldwide efforts to live in such a way that climate change is slowed.

You are the Pulse of our life. O God:

Feed the world with your love.

We lament the injustices that daily afflict people around the globe. And we pray: halt gun violence in our land; form our elected leaders to honor the rights of the powerless; and bring an end to prejudices against those who differ from us in color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or language.

You are the Fullness of life, O God:

Feed the world with your love.

We lament that countless people suffer daily from hunger and thirst. And we pray: lead us to provide food and clean water to all peoples; strengthen ELCA World Hunger programs and sustain the efforts of local food banks.

You are the Bread of life, O God:

Feed the world with your love.

We lament that the coronavirus continues to kill thousands each week. And we pray: send healing to all the sick and suffering, especially to those who receive no medical care; look with compassion on health care workers; and visit all whose pain is known only to you. We remember before you. . .

You are the Physician and the Nurse of life, O God:

Feed the world with your love.

We lament before you, O God, our secret sorrows, and we ask you to hear our personal prayers . . .

You are the Storehouse of grace, O God:

Feed the world with your love.

We lament all who this past week have died through sickness, disaster, or violence. We praise you for all who have ministered in your church throughout the world. And we pray that at the end of all things, we will join with all the saints at your banquet of joy. You are Life Eternal, O God:

Feed the world with your love.

Into your merciful hands, O triune God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the life you offer us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

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

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he set 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'ry where! Refrain

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

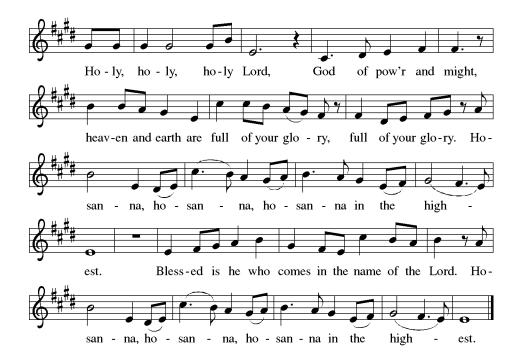
Lift up your hearts.

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:



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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

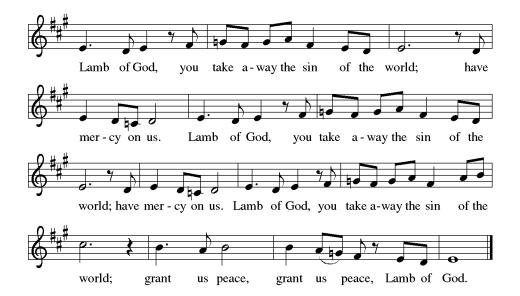
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Sit

COMMUNION

Worshipers will wear their masks as they come forward to receive the bread and wine and then return to their seats to consume the elements.

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's love and grace.



Jesus You Remain by Andrew Wilson

(From VBS: Knights of North Castle)

Hymn Eat This Bread #472

Refrain

Repeat refrain after each verse cantor sings.

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

Hymn

I Received the Living God

#477

Refrain

I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy. I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

Jesus said: I am the bread, kneaded long to give you life; you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. Refrain

Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you; so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. Refrain

Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me. You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. Refrain

Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow, but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. Refrain The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

#547

(Verse 1)

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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