



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15, 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 memory of her cousin, Sarah Pinckney Branch, by Roy and Kay Cook.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister & Preaching Susan Crowell

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Lector Chris Harmon

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Greeters Maggie Boliek

Dale Hamann Sandra Hamann

Jo Lewis Lane Lewis

Terry Morgan Peggy Schotsch

Sarah Weeks

Ushers

Bonnie Farmer Wayne Landreth Todd Reichard

Jeff Roth

Reception Hosts Adaline McCormack

Angie McCormack

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

Stand as able

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Hymn will be sung twice

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand. You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead

You are holy, your are wholeness,
you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

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. Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING
A reading from Proverbs.

Proverbs 9:1-6

- ¹Wisdom has built her house;
- she has set up her seven pillars.
- ²She has prepared her food, decanted her wine, and set her table.
- ³She has sent out her household staff to call from a spot overlooking the city.
- ⁴"Whoever wants enlightenment, step this way!" she says, inviting all who lack common sense.
- ⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink the wine which I have prepared for you.
- ⁶Abandon your foolishness that you may live, and walk the path of understanding!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction



- ⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD, for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
- ¹⁰The lions are in want and | suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good. R
- ¹¹Come, children, and lis- I ten to me; I will teach you reverence I for the LORD.
- 12Who among you takes plea- | sure in life and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?
- ¹³Keep your | tongue from evil and your lips from | lying words.
- 14Turn from evil | and do good; seek peace | and pursue it. R

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from Ephesians.

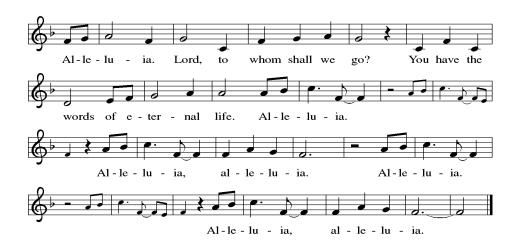
¹⁵Keep careful watch over your conduct. Don't act like fools, but like wise and thoughtful people. ¹⁶ Making the most of your time, for these are evil days. ¹⁷Don't continue in ignorance, but try to discern the will of God. ¹⁸Avoid getting drunk on wine—that is debauchery! Instead be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹meditating on psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making music to God in your hearts. ²⁰Always give thanks to God for everything, in the name of Jesus our Messiah. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Stand as able

The Gift of Wisdom

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 6:51-58

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹"I am the living bread come down from heaven. If any eat this bread, they will live forever; the bread I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵²The Temple authorities then began to argue with one another. "How can he give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³Jesus replied, "The truth of the matter is, if you don't eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Chosen One, you won't have life in you. ⁵⁴Those who do eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Everyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I live in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living God sent me and I have life because of God, so those who feed on me will have life because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. It's not the kind of bread your ancestors ate, for they died; whoever eats this kind of bread will live forever."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Another Week with the Bread of Life

Stand as able

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all: from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

We taste you, ever living bread, and long to feast upon you still; we drink of you, the fountainhead: our thirsting souls from you we fill.

For you our restless spirits yearn, where're our changing lot is cast; glad when your smile on us you turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this day of the commemoration of Mary the mother of our Lord, we offer our prayers to God.

God our Savior, we pray for the church around the world. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your greatness in word and deed. Bless church musicians for their weekly ministry. Make your churches places of welcome for all who suffer oppression and marginalization, especially the queer community, our black and brown siblings, those struggling with mental illness, and those who can not make ends meet.

Remember your mercy, O God:

we magnify your name.

We pray for the earth. Lessen the devastation of climate change. Extinguish wildfires throughout the world. Protect the bees and all endangered animals. By the strength of your arm, save your creation.

Remember your mercy, O God:

we magnify your name.

We pray for the nations of the world. Inspire elected officials to look with mercy on those in need. Strengthen democracies, and cast down from their thrones all those who are unworthy of the people's trust.

Remember your mercy, O God:

we magnify your name.

On this day that commemorates the end of World War II, we pray for world peace. Bless the people of Germany and Japan. Defend the children of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, and other places filled with violence. Give to every nation the resolve to be done with the horrors of warfare.

Remember your mercy, O God:

we magnify your name.

We pray for those who are poor or oppressed. Help us feed the hungry and raise up the lowly. We pray for pregnant women, both those who are glad and those who are distressed by their condition. Accompany them throughout their labor. Comfort all parents who mourn the death of their children. We ask you to come to the aid of the sick and suffering and those we name here:

Remember your mercy, O God:

we magnify your name.

We pray for ourselves. Grant each of us wisdom, lead us in the way of insight, and graciously receive our personal petitions.

Remember your mercy, O God:

we magnify your name.

We praise you, Mighty One, for the mercy shown to our ancestors, to Mary the mother of our Lord, and to all you have brought to yourself. Gather us with all the blessed to live in your presence forever.

Remember your mercy, O God:

we magnify your name.

We glorify your name, O God, Holy One, Word of salvation, Power of the Most High. Receive our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

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.

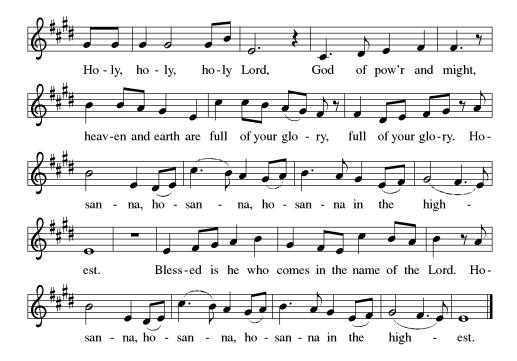
Lift up your hearts.

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.

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.

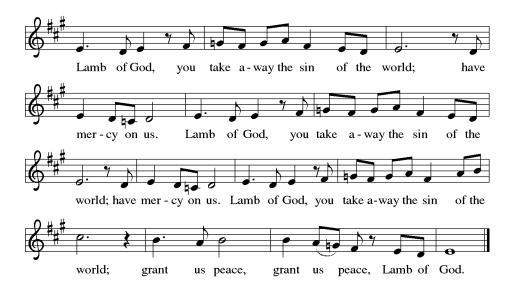
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COMMUNION

Worshipers will 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.

Music During Distribution



Give Me Jesus arr. L. L. Fleming

HYMNS

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

#618

Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside: death to death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs and praises, songs and praises I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.

I Am the Bread of Life

#485

Refrain Repeat refrain after each verse the cantor sings.

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

Stand as able

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

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

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