



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 2021 - 10:00 AM

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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 by a member of our Trinity family.

SERVING TODAY

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

Henry Wilcox

Video

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.

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call: may Jesus Christ be praised!

When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs: may Jesus Christ be praised! God's holy house of prayer has none that can compare with "Jesus Christ be praised!"

No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known than "Jesus Christ be praised!" There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard: oh, Jesus Christ be praised.

Let all of humankind in this their concord find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face, sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!" God's whole creation o'er, today and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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. Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING
A reading from Joshua.

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²aAnd Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve the Lord in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹5Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." ¹6Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹7for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. The Lord protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹8and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, who is our God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction





- ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous, and God's ears are open | to their cry.
- ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.
- ¹⁷The righteous cry, and ∣ the LORD hears them and delivers them from ∣ all their troubles.
- ¹⁸The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed. R
- ¹⁹Many are the troubles | of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from | every one.
- ²⁰God will keep safe | all their bones; not one of them | shall be broken.
- ²¹Evil will bring death | to the wicked and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.
- ²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

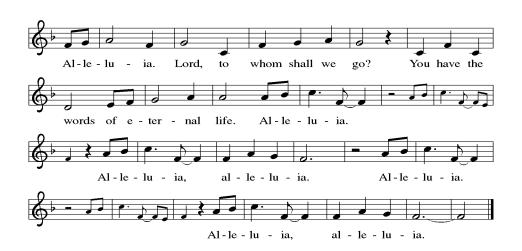
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Marissa Krey

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 6:56-69

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵⁶Everyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I 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. ⁵⁹ Jesus spoke these words while teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ Many of his disciples remarked, "We can't put up with this kind of talk! How can anyone take it seriously?" 61 Jesus was fully aware that the disciples were murmuring in protest at what he had said. "Is this a stumbling block for you?" he asked them. 62 "What, then, if you were to see the Chosen One ascend to where the Chosen One came from? 63It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh in itself is useless. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64Yet among you there are some who do not believe." Jesus knew from the start, of course, those who would refuse to believe and the one who would betray him. 65He went on to say: "This is why I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by God." 66From this time on, many of the disciples broke away and wouldn't remain in the company of Jesus. 67Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Are you going to leave me, too?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered, "Rabbi, where would we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe; we're convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON Pastor Marissa Krey

Stand as able

You are the way; to you alone from sin and death we flee; all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.

You are the truth; your word alone true wisdom can impart; you only can inform the mind and purify the heart.

You are the life; the rending tomb proclaims your conqu'ring arm; and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.

You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know, that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

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

From our homes and our assemblies, indoors and outside, we join together in prayer.

For the church around the world,

For congregations that are struggling financially,

For pastors and deacons, staff, and committee members, as they make plans for the autumn, and for strength for the baptized to resist the evil powers of this world,

O supreme Savior, receive our prayer:

we put our trust in you.

For the earth that you created,
For the restoration of the areas devastated by wildfires,
For a lowering of high temperatures,
And for the will to preserve your creation,
O majestic Maker, receive our prayer:

we put our trust in you.

For the nations of the world, For the people of Afghanistan,

For wisdom in the deployment of our military,

For our legislators as they consider the way forward from January 6,

For an end to historic and continuing prejudices,

And for a passion for justice and equality for women, for our black and brown siblings, and for the queer community;

O peaceful Protector, receive our prayer:

we put our trust in you.

For travelers and vacationers,
For youth leaving home for college,
For the aged living apart from family members,
And for constancy in our care for one another,
O gracious Guardian, receive our prayer:

we put our trust in you.

For those who are in need,
For the people of Haiti,
For all who are imprisoned,
For those contracting the coronavirus, especially the children,
For those who this week will receive a disturbing diagnosis,
And for those whom we name here before you, . . .
O holy Healer, receive our prayer:

we put our trust in you.

For each one of us,
For our households,
And for perseverance in doing what is right,
O faithful Friend, receive my prayer:
we put our trust in you.

In thanksgiving for all who have died in the faith, In gladness for the life of our loved ones, O ceaseless Comforter, receive our prayer: we put our trust in you.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through 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 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'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.

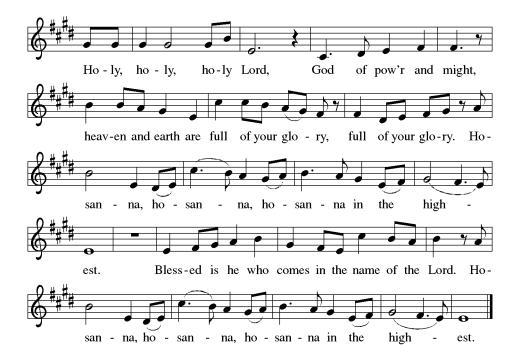
Lift up your hearts.

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.

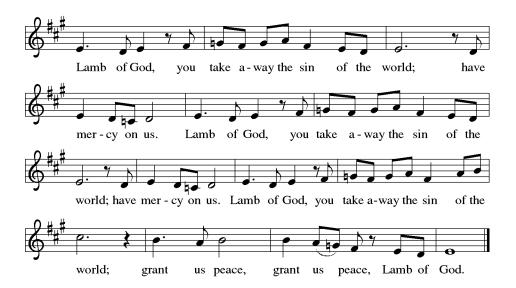
Sit

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



In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open in the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,

Refrain

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace; Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance, in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people, Refrain

Eat This Bread, Drink this Cup

#492

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the goodness of God.

Bread of life, cup of love, we rejoice in your presence.

I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice; in my God I glory forever: listen and rejoice! Refrain

Look upon the Lord, be radiant, never turn away. God will save in ev'ry affliction, hear us when we pray. Refrain

Angels fold their wings around us, guard through good and ill.

Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing; taste, and have your fill. Refrain

Saints of God, bow down and worship, bless the holy name.

Rise to tell God's greatness forever, wondrous deeds proclaim! Refrain

By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread. For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:

Refrain

Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'er flowing, life out poured, given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.

In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine for peace.

Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. Refrain

Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved.

In our living and our dying, we become what we receive: 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

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

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

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