



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 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 Reverend Carol Brighton on the 49th Anniversary of her Ordination in the ELCA by Bob Thompson.

## SERVING TODAY

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Audio	Gregg Alley

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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,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us, all of us, with open hands and an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you strong, worthy, righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

**Oh, praise the gracious pow'r that tumbles walls of fear  
and gathers in one house of faith all strangers far and near:**

*Refrain*

***We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!***

**Oh, praise persistent truth that opens fisted minds  
and eases from their anxious clutch the prejudice that blinds: *Refrain***

**Oh, praise inclusive love, encircling ev'ry race,  
oblivious to gender, wealth, to social rank or place: *Refrain***

**Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,  
a living temple built on Christ, our rock and corner stone: *Refrain***

**Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev'ry shore  
with visions of a world at peace, no longer bled by war: *Refrain***

**Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth, the love, the word, the tide.  
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source, praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain***

**Oh, praise the living Christ with faith's bright songful voice!  
Announce the gospel to the world and with these words rejoice: *Refrain***

#### THE GREETING

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

Let us pray. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning God wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>God who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction*

*Psalm Refrain*

I will walk in the pres-ence of the LORD.

*Psalm Tone*

- <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,
- <sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given | ear to me  
whenev- | er I called.**
- <sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.
- <sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.” R**
- <sup>5</sup>Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;  
our God is full | of compassion.
- <sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent;  
I was brought low, | and God saved me.**
- <sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt | well with you.
- <sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my | life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;**
- <sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence | of the LORD  
in the land | of the living. **R**

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Creator, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*So Many Crosses*

*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 Mark the eighth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And Jesus sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

SERMON

*Discipleship in a Messed Up World*

*Stand as able*



**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

## 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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to reveal yourself to us that we might reach out in love and grace to include all people...those of us living in poverty, those of us suffering from anxiety and depression, those of us who identify as LGBTQIA+, those of us who are marginalized and oppressed because of our gender, the color of our skin, our ethnic background, or any other reason. Help us make a place in our pews and in our hearts for all of your beloved children. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires and other disasters. We pray especially for our siblings across the country that continue to recover from damage caused by Hurricane Ida as well as those out West who continue to battle forest fires. Bring healing to this broken land. Inspire hope in every human being. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders, nurses, physicians, chaplains, food service workers, housekeeping staff, and all who are devoting their lives to the care of the sick in hospitals around the globe. We ask your blessing of protection on them, especially as COVID continues to rage in our community and world. We pray for those we love who are currently battling COVID and for the families grieving the death of loved ones from COVID...

*names are lifted up either on our tongues or silently in our hearts*

Bring healing and wholeness to our homes, our country, and our world.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Uniting God, every human being on the planet occupies a special place in your heart. We pray for our Jewish siblings who share in the vast promises of God as they observe a season of high holy days, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Bless and strengthen them as they strive to live out their faith in daily life.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break the chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for those who are overlooked. Free each of us from the particular demons that bind us, that continue to enslave us. Free us from all that holds us captive.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Forming God, you gather us together in community. On this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our nation that occurred on September 11, 2001, we cry out for a world free from violence, free from war, free from brutality. We pray for healing, forgiveness, grace, and mercy. We pray for open hearts, open hands, and open minds that will enable us to build a global community that values and protects all life.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Redeeming God, you continue to sustain the weary with a word. Sustain us in our challenges, struggles, and burdens. Bring love and light and laughter into our lives. Fill us with joy as we relish our identity as your beloved, precious children.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

**Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken; and let the ears that heard your word to falsehood never waken.**

**The tongues that sang your holy name now purge of all deception; keep bright the eyes that saw your love and sharpen their perception.**

**And may the feet that walked your courts be never lured to wander; but lead the faithful nourished here to journey on in splendor.**

Let us pray. God of abundance,  
**you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.**  
**Accept the gifts you have first given us.**  
**Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.' The third staff starts with 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -' and the fourth staff concludes with 'san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*Refrain*

***Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,  
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.***

**Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving  
thanks, hungry ones, gather round. Eat, all of you, and be  
satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. *Refrain***

**Seek not the food that will pass away; set your  
hearts on the food that endures. Come, learn the true and the  
living way, that the fullness of life may be yours. *Refrain***

**Love as the one who, in love for you, gave himself  
for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more. *Refrain***

**Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your  
home in the lifegiving Word. Know only Christ, Holy  
One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard. *Refrain***

**Drink of this cup and declare his death; eat this  
bread and believe Easter morn; trust his return and, with  
ev'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are reborn. *Refrain***

## ANTHEM

*Kyrie* by John Leavitt  
Adult Choir

*As the Grains of Wheat*

#465

*Refrain*

***As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were  
gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from  
all the ends of the earth be gathered into one in you.***

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain***

**Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when  
all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain***

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

#### BLESSING

People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### SENDING HYMN

*We are Marching in the Light*

#866

**Siyahamb' ekukhanygen' kwenkhos'** *Repeat*  
*sung by choir*

**We are marching in the light of God,** *Repeat*

**We are dancing in the light of God,** *Repeat*



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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