



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 19, 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 Bill Kleckley on the 10th anniversary of his death by Darlene Kleckley.

## SERVING TODAY

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Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

*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,  
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.**

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer  
praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong  
need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place. Here in honesty  
of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants  
of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of  
change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's  
dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

#### 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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

# WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>18</sup>Then God warned me, and I knew. God opened my eyes to their deeds.

<sup>19</sup>I had been like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

I did not realize they plotted against me,  
saying, "Let us destroy the tree and its fruit.  
Let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
that his name be remembered no more."

<sup>20</sup>But you, God, who judge justly and,  
who test the heart and the mind,  
let me witness your vengeance upon them,  
for my cause is committed to you.

The Word of God for the people of God.

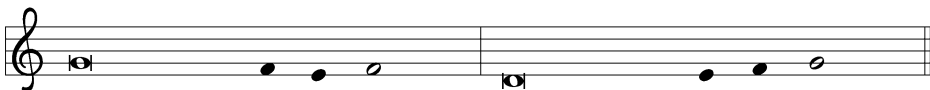
**Thanks be to God.**

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

God is my help - er; it is the



Lord who sus - tains my life.

*Psalm  
Tone*

- <sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, | by your name;  
in your might, de- | fend my cause.
- <sup>2</sup>**Hear my | prayer, O God;**  
**give ear to the words | of my mouth.**
- <sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,  
those who have no re- | gard for God.
- <sup>4</sup>**Behold, God | is my helper;**  
**it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who | spy on me;  
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.
- <sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**  
**and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.**
- <sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from | every trouble,  
and my eye looks down | on my enemies. **R**

A reading from James.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. <sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and the devil will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Stand as able*

*Welcoming Together*

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 ninth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>They left that district and began a journey through Galilee, but Jesus did not want anyone to know about it. <sup>31</sup>He was teaching his disciples along these lines: "The Promised One is going to be delivered into the hands of others and they will put him, to death, but three days later this One will rise again." <sup>32</sup>Though they failed to understand these words, they were afraid to question him. <sup>33</sup>They returned home to Capernaum. Once they were inside the house, Jesus began to ask them, "What were you discussing on the way home?" <sup>34</sup>At this they fell silent, for on the way they had been arguing about who among them was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>So Jesus sat down and called the Twelve over and said, "If any of you wants to be first, you must be the last one of all and at the service of all." <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus brought a little child into their midst and, putting his arm around the child, said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes a child such as this for my sake welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the One who sent me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

SERMON

*Stand as able*

*Welcoming the Vulnerable Together*



**Let us build a house where love can swell and all can safely  
live, a place where saints and children tell how  
hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and  
visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
Christ shall end divisions:**

*Refrain*

***All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and  
true, where all God's children dare to seek to  
dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as  
witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we  
claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and  
wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where  
peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through  
Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in  
Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and  
stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and  
live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the  
stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an  
end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions  
heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as  
words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and  
laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house  
proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

## 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.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. In an ever changing and evolving world, help this community of faith stay relevant to the needs of the world. Enable us to hold on to what is important and life-giving and to loosen our grip on the programs, ministries, and ways of seeing the world that no longer serve us or the world you love.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for your handiwork evident to us in the changing of the seasons, the stars in the sky, the many and various creatures that live on the land and in the water. Inspire in us a desire to care for all that you have made so that this beautiful earth will thrive for all those who come after us.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for refugees around the world, especially those fleeing Afghanistan, for those who have been forced to leave their homes, their careers, their livelihood, and all of their earthly possessions in order to save their lives. Open our hands and our hearts in love to become a place of safety and sanctuary for all seeking refuge within our borders.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of love for all people, we pray for justice in an unjust world, for equity and fairness for those who, at no fault of their own, continue to be pushed aside by the powers of the Empire. Help us to find ways to extend radical hospitality to your children living on the margins, our black and brown siblings, our siblings living in poverty, the LGBTQIA+ community, those living with physical and mental illness, those struggling with addiction, and those who daily struggle with doubt.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of generosity, we pray for ourselves, that in our greed and arrogance and desire for more material goods and resources, you would loosen our grip on the things of this world and free us from our fear of not having enough so that we might respond with generosity and grace to the stewardship needs of this congregation as we prepare to make commitments next Sunday of time, talent, and treasure to your work here at Trinity.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of healing and wholeness, in a world still overwhelmed by sickness and suffering, much of it the result of COVID19 and its variants, we pray for all those who struggle. We pray especially for those we know and love who struggle with illness this day....

*The names of those who stand in special need of God's love and care  
are lifted up on our tongues or in the silence of our hearts.*

Bless, comfort, strengthen, and sustain all of your precious children.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of hope, we pray for the children, the children who go to bed each night surrounded by nutritious food, books, a home, and so much love and for the children who go to bed each night with empty stomachs, the children whose nightmares are real, the children to whom the world has been cruel. Hold all children close to your heart and inspire us to move beyond our fears and hesitancy in order to bring hope and comfort to the little ones.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints.

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.

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and  
free, the life of Jesus to recall in  
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are  
fed, the new community of love in  
Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever  
near, is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here, alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound by all that God has  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.**

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

#712

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

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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