



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 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 their 30th Anniversary by Andrew and Joyce Weiner.

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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.**

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come",  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

#### 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. Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you.  
Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A reading from Numbers.

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” <sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” <sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. <sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put the spirit on them!”

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

The com-mand-ment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.

*Psalm  
Tone*

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | jice the heart;**

**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,**

**sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's | own offenses?**

**Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight, O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R**

A reading from James.

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup>My brothers, sisters, and siblings if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*We All Need Help!*

*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 ninth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. <sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. <sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

SERMON

*Fling Wide the Doors...God's Kingdom is for ALL*

*Stand as able*



*Refrain*

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness  
calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:**

**“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” *Refrain***

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain***

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain***

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain***

## PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENTS

*At the direction of the ushers, worshipers will bring commitments to the Chancel.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need and all of God's creation.

God of Truth, we pray for the church. May your church and its ministries be creative and courageous in our world as it goes forth in your name. Grant all your ministers and servants of the gospel hearts that are open to the giving and receiving of your love in the name of Jesus. Especially we pray for Elizabeth our Presiding Bishop, Ginny our Synodical Bishop, Susan and Jim our Pastors, Amy and Mandi our Deacons, and Ian our Vicar.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of Creation, we pray for your good, beautiful and hurting creation that you have entrusted to us. Where ecosystems are on the edge of destruction send your spirit of life. Where wildfires rage, send rain and relief. Where there are hurricanes and earthquakes send your abiding and calming presence. Equip us to be more faithful in our stewardship of your creation as you renew and restore it.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of Peace, we pray for leaders and those with authority all around the world. Where there is conflict may peace prevail. Where this is discord may reconciliation be sought and achieved. Give ears that listen to the marginalized and hearts that yearn for justice to all those in authority, especially we pray for Joe our president, Henry our Governor, and Knox our Mayor.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of Abundance, we pray for those who lack the necessities of life, that live in scarcity and are ignored and forgotten. Grant food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, meaningful employment to the under and unemployed and shelter to the homeless. Give us eyes to see the margins of our society and world, ears to listen to those who dwell within them, and hearts brave enough to carry love into the margins. May we be the answers to prayers as we share your abundance.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of Healing, we pray for those who are sick and suffering in body, mind or spirit. You call us to accompany the sick, and hurting. May your church be a place where we uplift one another in prayers of healing and where we then go forth to tend to the sick and wounded. We pray especially for those we name before you now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts..... Send your healing spirit to those who are ill with Covid 19, their family and friends, and those who have lost loved ones to Covid 19. Guide the hands of doctors, nurses, paramedics, and healthcare workers.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of Love, we pray for Trinity Lutheran Church. Just as your love is diverse and transformative, may this community be diverse and transformed by your love. We give you thanks for your unimaginable and unending love that you have for each and every one of us. Help us to carry and share that love with all of our neighbors, especially those who do not look or think like us. Give us hearts to love our LGBTQIA+ siblings, our indigenous siblings, our siblings of color, our siblings who do not speak English, our siblings who have faith that differs from ours, and those who have no faith at all.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of Stewardship, we pray that you would open our hearts and our hands as we turn over portions of our time, talents and treasures to you. Bless the commitments that we make today. Help us to loosen our grip on the things of this world as we invest openly and fully in the inbreaking of your kingdom through our ministry together at Trinity.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all the Saints, we give you thanks for the life, faith, and example of all those saints who have gone before us. May we follow them in passionately chasing after you, following where you call us, and resting in your abiding love.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, Gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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, all written on a treble clef staff with 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*

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain***

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I with hold;  
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r s thou shalt choose. *Refrain***

**Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. *Refrain***

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain***

**Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the  
cries of race and clan, above the noise of  
selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.**

**In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed  
thresholds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.**

**From tender childhood's helplessness, from human  
grief and burdened toil, from famished souls, from  
sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.**

**The cup of water giv'n for you still holds the  
freshness of your grace; yet long these multitudes  
to view the strong compassion in your face.**

**O Master, from the mountainside make haste to  
heal these hearts of pain; among these restless  
thongs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;**

**Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow  
where your feet have trod; till glorious from  
heav'n above shall come the city of our God.**

*Stand as able*

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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