



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 3, 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 Shirley Mangels by Wayne Mangels.

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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.

**Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness
vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who
yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the
bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven,
light years away, here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and
make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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. Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from Genesis.

¹⁸ Then God said, "It is not good for the earth creature to be alone. I will make a fitting companion for it." ¹⁹ So from the soil God formed all the various wild beasts and all the birds of the air, and brought them to the earth creature to be named. Whatever the earth creature called each one, that became its name. ²⁰ The earth creature gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals. But none of them proved to be a fitting companion, ²¹ so God made the earth creature fall into a deep sleep, and while it slept, God divided the earth creature in two, then closed up the flesh from its side. ²² God then fashioned the two halves into male and female, and presented them to one another. † When the male realized what had happened, ²³ he exclaimed, "This time, this is the one! Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh! Now, she will be Woman, and I will be Man, because we are of one flesh!" ²⁴ This is why people leave their parents and become bonded to one another, and the two become one flesh.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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

- ¹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
- ²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and
children
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**
- ³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
- ⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them? R**
- ⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
- ⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**
- ⁷all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,
- ⁸**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**
- ⁹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

A reading from Hebrews.

In times past, God spoke in fragmentary and varied ways to our ancestors through the prophets; ² in these final days, God has spoken to us through the Only Begotten, who has been made heir of all things and through whom the universe was first created. ³ Christ is the reflection of God's glory, the exact representation of God's being; all things are sustained by God's powerful Word. Having cleansed us from our sins, Jesus Christ sat down at the right hand of the Glory of heaven—⁴ as far superior to the angels as the name Christ has inherited is superior to theirs.

⁵ God didn't create the inhabited earth of which we speak to have it be ruled by angels. ⁶ Somewhere this testimony is found: "Who are we that you should be mindful of us? We are mere mortals, and yet you care for us! ⁷ You have made us little less than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor. ⁸ You have put all things under our feet." In subjecting all things to us, God left nothing unsubjected. At present, we don't see all things thus subject; ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who was made "little less than the angels, crowned with glory and honor" by dying on the cross—so that, through the gracious will of God, Jesus might taste death for us all. ¹⁰ Indeed, it was fitting that, when bringing many to glory, God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ The one who makes holy and those who are made holy are all from the One God. And because of this, Jesus is not ashamed to call us sisters and brothers, ¹² as it is written: "I will proclaim your Name to my siblings, I will sing your praise in the midst of the assembly."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Stand as able

Jesus Blesses YOU!

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.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

² Some Pharisees approached Jesus and, as a test, asked, “Is it permissible for husbands to divorce wives?” ³ In reply Jesus asked, “What command did Moses give?” ⁴ They answered, “Moses permitted a husband to write a decree of divorce and to put her away.” ⁵ But Jesus told them, “Moses wrote the commandment because of your hardness of heart. ⁶ From the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female. ⁷ This is why one person leaves home and cleaves to another, ⁸ and the two become one flesh.’ They are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ What God has united, therefore, let no one divide.” ¹⁰ Back in the house again, the disciples questioned Jesus once more about this. ¹¹ He told them, “If a man divorces his wife and marries another, he commits adultery against her; ¹² and if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” ¹³ People were bringing their children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples scolded them for this. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them. It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ The truth is, whoever doesn’t welcome the kingdom of God as a little child won’t enter it.” ¹⁶ And Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

**God, when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.**

**Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.**

**You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.**

**Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger give us faith.**

**Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning: God, encourage and renew!**

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 our creator, we pray for your creation, that you have entrusted to us. Give us hearts to care for our common home that you have made for city parks, nature preserves, mountains, lakes, streams, oceans, forest, deserts and all who call those places home. Bless all those working and advocating for the natural world.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of all the nations, we pray for all those in authority in every land and community. Give leaders hearts for justice and equity as they establish policies. Bless all those places where peacemakers are at work where uncertainty reigns.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we pray for spiritual communities everywhere; for the life and ministry of the baptized, and for pastors, leaders, and servants of the gospel; for those faith communities standing boldly with the LGBTQIA+ community, naming them as beloved children of God, that the church may be the risen body of Christ in the world and never hesitate to loudly proclaim and live out the truth of your inclusive gospel.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of unity, we confess our fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of people of faith everywhere. Give us a mind to celebrate differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for all.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who hears us, we pray for the poor and marginalized. We pray for all who feel unseen, unheard, and unloved. Bless those who feel that they have lost everything and those places and spaces that they turn to. As you hear all prayers, give us courage to be the answers to prayer.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Repentance, we acknowledge that the land we are on was first home to the Cherokee (Aniyvwiya) and Catawba (Ye Iswa) people who were forcibly removed by government order. We repent for the way our indigenous siblings have and are treated and ignored and pray for the courage to build and forge meaningful and lasting relationships.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of companionship, we pray for those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Give space and accompaniment to those who doubt. Give rest to those who are weary. Grant your healing presence in all places of medical treatment or care. Especially we pray for those we name before you now, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts... May your spirit intercede for us when our prayers are too deep for words.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of relationship, we recognize that we have not always honored, respected, and valued the gift of relationship. We have failed miserably to love one another as you love us. Redeem all relationships that restoration might bring healing and wholeness to all.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of all the Saints, we pray for those who have gone before us and now are at rest with you. May their faith and example support us as we strive to be your body in the world.

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 and 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, 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.

**The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is
ready to begin. The gates of heav'n and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord.**

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.

Come and revel in heaven's love and light.

Take your place at the table of the King.

The feast is ready to begin;

the feast is ready to begin.

**Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love divine;
he'll turn your water into wine.**

**The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the
poor his paradise. Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord.**

**Dearest Jesus, at your word we have come
again to hear you; let your thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you as the promises
here given draw us wholly up to heaven.**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest
darkness shrouded till your Spirit breaks the night,
filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and
all good living come but by your gracious giving.**

**Radiance of God's glory bright, Light of Light from
God proceeding, Jesus, send your blessed light;
help our hearing, speaking, heeding, that our prayers and
songs may please you, as with grateful hearts we praise you.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise to you and
adoration! Grant us what we need the most:
all your gospel's consolation while we here on
earth await you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.**

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'

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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