



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 2022 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



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 their son, Andrew Sullivan, by Chris and Terri Sullivan.

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Richard Moose

Organist

Julie Florin

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Samantha Wallace

Cantor

Jeff Rehm

Prayers

Donna Potts

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Calvin Harmon
Lani Wise
Russ Wise
David Potts

Refreshment Hosts

Penny Bostain
Donice Winslow

Video

Henry Wilcox

Audio

Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves

and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

**God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'r's your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

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.

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

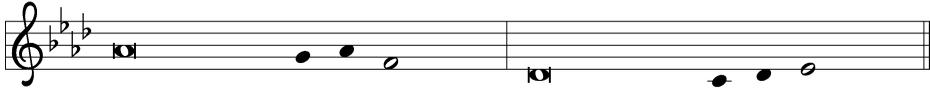
A reading from Ecclesiastes.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when ruler over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. ^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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

- ¹Hear this, | all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,
- ²**you of high de- | gree and low,
rich and | poor together.**
- ³My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.
- ⁴**I will incline my ear | to a proverb
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp. R**
- ⁵Why should I be afraid in | evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,
- ⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,
and boast of | their great riches?**
- ⁷One can never re- | deem another,
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;
- ⁸**for the ransom of a life | is so great
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,**
- ⁹in order to live forev- | er and ever
and never | see the grave.
- ¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.**
- ¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to |
generation,
though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.
- ¹²**Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;
they are like the | beasts that perish. R**

A reading from Colossians.

¹ Since you've been resurrected with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher realms, where Christ is seated at God's right hand. ² Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things of earth. ³ After all, you died, and now your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ But when Christ—who is your life—is revealed, you too will be revealed with Christ in glory. ⁵ So put to death everything in you that belongs to your old nature: promiscuity, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as idolatry. ⁶ These are the sins which provoke God's wrath. ⁷ Your own conduct was once like this, when these things were your very life. ⁸ But now you must rid yourselves of them all: anger, rage, malice, slander and abusive language. ⁹ Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds ¹⁰ and put on a new self, one that grows in knowledge as it is formed anew in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ And in that image, there is no Greek or Hebrew; no Jew or Gentile; no barbarian or Scythian; no slave or citizen. There is only Christ, who is all in all.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

We share, because we care

Please stand as able

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving bass lines.

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.

The second system continues the musical piece. The top staff shows a melodic line with a double bar line and repeat sign. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are split across two lines, with the second line starting under the first line's second measure.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The third system concludes the piece. The top staff features a melodic line that ends with a double bar line. The bottom staff provides the final accompaniment, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are split across two lines.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

A Universe of One

Please stand as able

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Use this season after Pentecost to nurture, tend, and mend your church.

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Bless feeding ministries during these times of financial hardship for so many. Inspire those with much to continue giving to those with little, filling food pantries out of the abundance of your love.

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists. Bring justice and equity to all they do. Lift up leaders willing to work for the healing of the nations.

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress. Renew us at your table of mercy.

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

O God, you are love. Continue spreading your infinite love throughout our church, community, nation and world. May it be a balm to those who are hurting and a light to those in darkness. Fill the hearts with all those our world disregards with an abundance of your love, especially those struggling with poverty, our black and brown siblings, the queer community, and female identifying people. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ...

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

O God, you are our treasure. Where anxiety pervades your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church leaders and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place. Continue blessing this congregation's youth and education ministries with vitality and the gift of renewal.

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you.

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

PEACE

All are encouraged to remain at your seats and extend a sign of peace by waving, bowing, making the peace sign, placing your hand over your heart, or sending a text.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

We Plow the Fields and Scatter
by Mattias Claudius and Luis Olivieri

Jeff Rehm

Please stand as able

OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

#182

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Let us pray. God of abundance:

**you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
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'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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.**

Please be seated

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 COMMUNION

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

***Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. Refrain***

***Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. Refrain***

***Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. Refrain***

Take My Life, That I May Be

#583

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 as 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***

Please stand as able

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

#547

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.**

**The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls
reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

*Everyone is invited to gather on the front lawn
following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

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