



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 2022 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



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 her Dad and Mom, Roy and Kay Cook, by Amanda Cook.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Franklin Sease
Organist	Jim Parham
Lector	Jaime Fivecoat
Cantor	Amanda Cook
Prayers	Mary Mueller
Greeters	Mark Allen David Nichols Karen Nichols Sarah Weeks Dora Welch Melanie Wessinger
Ushers	John Beckford Bonnie Farmer Lani Ludian
Refreshment Hosts	Elizabeth Allen Maria Roberts
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.

**The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is
ready to begin, The gates of heav'n are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

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. *Refrain***

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

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. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

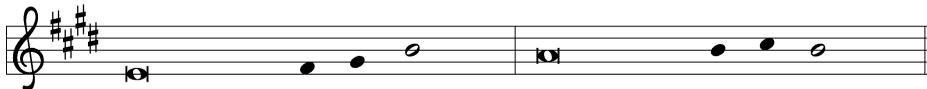
Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from Jeremiah.

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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*

- ¹God stands to charge the divine coun- | cil assembled,
giving judgment in the midst | of the gods:
- ²**“How long will you | judge unjustly,
and show favor | to the wicked?”**
- ³Save the weak | and the orphan;
defend the hum- | ble and needy;
- ⁴**rescue the weak | and the poor;
deliver them from the power | of the wicked. R**
- ⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- | bout in darkness;
all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.
- ⁶**Now I say to you, | ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of | the Most High;**
- ⁷nevertheless, you shall | die like mortals,
and fall like | any prince.’”
- ⁸**Arise, O God, and | rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations | for your own. R**

A reading from Hebrews.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. ^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

God's Umbrella of Love

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 rests. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

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

The second system continues the musical piece. The top staff has a melodic line with some rests and a double bar line. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are split across the two staves of this system.

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

The third system concludes the piece. The top staff has a melodic line ending with a double bar line. The bottom staff provides the final accompaniment, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are split across the two staves of this system.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Jesus: The Disturber of the Peace

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

#603

**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!**

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.

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Call all who follow you to enact justice, mercy, and peace in this world.

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit.

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression.

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain those who teach and learn. We pray that students will clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience this school year. May they stand up against bullying and speak life and love to each other at all times. Strengthen and encourage teachers as they do your work in the world. Bless them with your boundless abundance when materials and motivations are scarce. Shield learning communities from violence. We pray this school year will be the year when gun violence in school becomes a distant memory.

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Guide us, your people, to work as agents of change in a hurting world.

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... In our joy and in our tears, be near us.

Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in 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.

Please be seated

BLESSING OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

We invite all students and teachers, preschool to college, and anyone who works in public or private education in our community to come forward at this time and gather around the baptismal font.

Today in our life together in the church we are officially marking the transition from the restful, renewing pace of summer to the more demanding pace of a new school year. As you begin to adjust to new schedules, new challenges, and new opportunities, know that you are not alone, that God is with you giving you courage, strength, energy, enthusiasm, comfort, peace and hope.

As you prepare to begin a new school year, be mindful of these words of Scripture:

From Romans: *Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.* Romans 16:13

From Psalm 91: *God will give the angels charge over you to accompany you, defend you, and preserve you in all your ways.* Psalm 91:11-12

From the Gospel of Matthew: *Jesus says, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall also love your neighbor as yourself.* Matthew 22:37-39

From the book of Exodus: *The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still.* Exodus 14:14

In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ named you and claimed you, made you a part of God's family. You are God's beloved, precious, baptized children. And that means that you can go out into the world (and to school) with confidence, grace, and faith, secure in the knowledge that you are loved, honored, and valued by God and this community.

While you are at school, each of you will face challenges, difficulties, and frustrations. Life being what it is, you will deal with difficult people, people who will find fault with you, people who will say mean things to you and about you, people who will dampen your enthusiasm and joy. In these times, remember the words of Isaiah 43:4, "You are precious in God's sight, and honored, and God loves you." So that you can remember this passage of scripture, the words are printed on a tag that you can attach to your backpack or purse, or keys, or any place that you can see it every day and be reminded that you can do everything through Christ who gives you strength.

Stand as able

Let us pray. **God of all knowledge and wisdom, these students, teachers, and staff remind us that a new school year is beginning. Surround and fill each of them with your love, care, grace, and mercy, protect them from danger, ease their burdens, open their hearts and minds that they might reach out in love to this broken, hurting world. As they grow in knowledge, help them also grow in kindness, compassion, faith, and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

After the Sharing of the Peace, all return to their seats.

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

Come Down, O Love Divine
arr. C. Sumner Spalding

Adult Choir

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.**

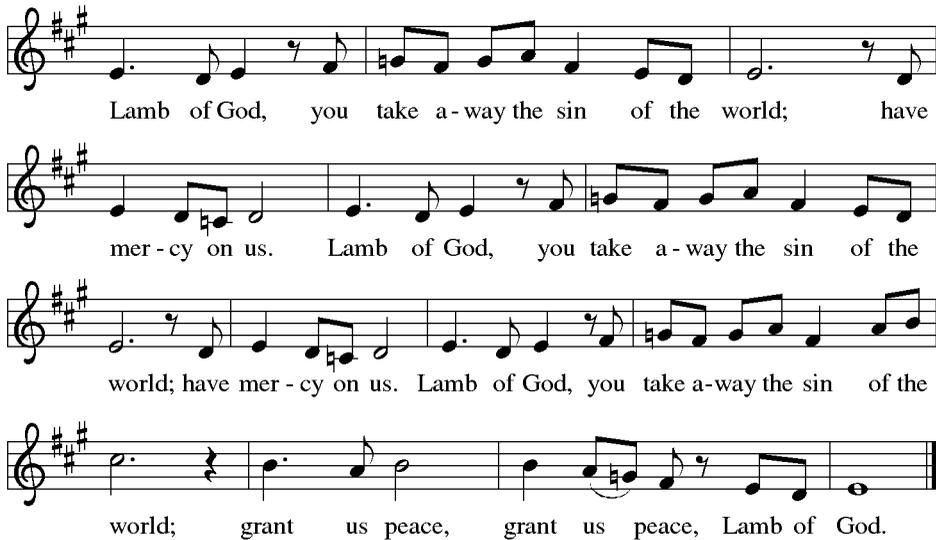
Please be seated

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



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

Thy Holy Wings

#613

**Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.**

**Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.**

**Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.**

**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive us you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

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,
Creator, ✚ Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.
Amen.

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises all our hearts are filled with gladness. Repeat

**Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.
Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. Refrain**

**Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.
Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel Refrain**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Everyone is invited to gather in the back of the Gym following worship for refreshments and fellowship.

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