



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 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 honor of their anniversary by Ralph and Marilyn Boeker.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	David Hill
Assisting Minister	Missy Roberts
Organist	Jim Parham
Lector	Josh Warner
Cantor	Melanie Helling
Prayers	Andrew Weiner
Greeters	Penny Bostain Jo Lewis Lane Lewis Brad Waters Donice Winslow
Ushers	Richard Delap Lani Wise Russ Wise
Refreshment Hosts	Andrew and Joyce Weiner
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.**

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”**

**“When through fi’ry trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”**

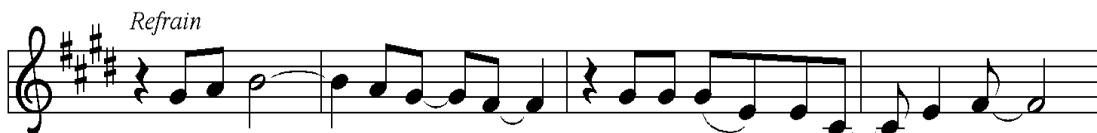
**“Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov’rign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”**

#### THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

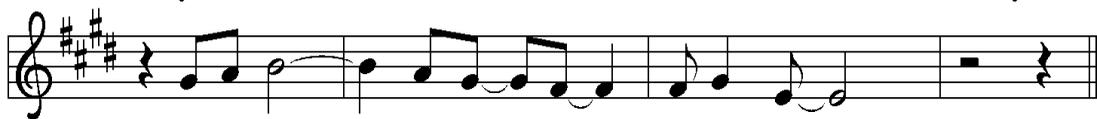
**And also with you.**

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. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>After these events, the word of God came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.” <sup>2</sup>Abram said, “But my Sovereign, My God, what good are these blessings to me, so long as Sarai and I will die in disgrace? My only heir is a foreigner who lives in my household, Eliezer of Damascus. <sup>3</sup>Since you have given me no offspring,” Abram continued, “an attendant in my house will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>Then the word of God came to Abram and said, “This person will not be your heir. Your heir will be of your own flesh and blood.” <sup>5</sup>Then God took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can! As many as that, you will have for descendants.” <sup>6</sup>Abram believed God, and God accounted it to Abram as righteousness.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

Let your lov - ing - kind - ness be up - on us,  
as we place our hope in you.

*Psalm  
Tone*

- <sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God | is the LORD!  
Happy the people chosen to | be God's heritage!
- <sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks | down from heaven,  
and sees all | humankind.**
- <sup>14</sup>God sits firmly en- | throned and watches  
all who dwell | on the earth.
- <sup>15</sup>**God fashions | all their hearts  
and observes | all their deeds. R**
- <sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size | of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.
- <sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain | hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it | cannot save.**
- <sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,  
<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their | lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in | time of famine. R**
- <sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,  
our helper | and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,  
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**
- <sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,  
even as we place our | hope in you. **R**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Faith is the reality of all that is hoped for; faith is the proof of all that is unseen.

<sup>2</sup> Because of faith, our ancestors were approved by God. <sup>3</sup> By faith, we understand that the world was created by the word from God, and that what is visible came into being through the invisible. <sup>8</sup> By faith, Sarah and Abraham obeyed when they were called, and went off to the place they were to receive as a heritage; they went forth, moreover, not knowing where they were going. <sup>9</sup> By faith, Sarah and Abraham lived in the promised land as resident aliens, dwelling in tents with their children and grandchildren, who were heirs of the same promise—<sup>10</sup> for they were looking forward to the city with foundations, whose designer and maker is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, Sarah received the ability to conceive, even though she was past childbearing age, for she thought that the One who had made the promise was worthy of trust. <sup>12</sup> As a result of this faith, there came forth from one woman and one man, themselves as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sands of the seashore. <sup>13</sup> All of them died in faith. They didn't obtain what had been promised, but saw and welcomed it from afar. By acknowledging themselves to be strangers and exiles on the earth, <sup>14</sup> they showed that they were looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country from which they had come, they'd have been able to return to it. <sup>16</sup> But they were searching for a better country, a heavenly one. So God isn't ashamed of them, or ashamed to be called their God. That's why God has prepared a city for them.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

David Hill

*Please stand as able*

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

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

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

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the twelfth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup> “Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased your God to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> “Sell what you own and give the money to poorer people. Make purses for yourselves that don’t wear out treasures that won’t fail you, in heaven that thieves can’t steal and moths can’t destroy.

<sup>34</sup> For wherever your treasure is, that’s where your heart will be. <sup>35</sup> “Be dressed and ready, and keep your lamps lit. <sup>36</sup> Be like the household staff awaiting the owner’s return from a wedding, so that when the owner arrives and knocks, you’ll open the door without delay.

<sup>37</sup> It will go well with those staff members whom the owner finds wide awake upon returning. I tell you the absolute truth, the owner will put on an apron, seat them at table and proceed to wait on them. <sup>38</sup> Should the owner happen to come at midnight, or before sunrise, and find them prepared, it will go well with them. <sup>39</sup> “Understand this: no homeowner who knew when a thief was coming would have let the thief break in! <sup>40</sup> So be on guard the Promised One will come when least expected.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

David Hill

*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.

Let your loving kindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. When we, your people, become anxious in response to the new things your Spirit is doing in our lives, comfort us with the shepherding love of Jesus as we find our way.

Merciful God,

**hear our prayer.**

Let your loving kindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Use our hands and talents to find ways to fill plates and food pantries of those who hunger.

Merciful God,

**hear our prayer.**

Let your loving kindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice.

Merciful God,

**hear our prayer.**

Let your loving kindness be upon all your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you. Continue guiding your church to advocate for all those the world has marginalized. Make this place a place that feels like home to our black and brown siblings, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, those facing mental illness, and all those who so often find themselves on the outside of these walls. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid of your extravagant welcome. We pray especially for all those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ...

Merciful God,

**hear our prayer.**

Let your loving kindness be upon the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and its members who gather this week in its Churchwide Assembly. Inspire the celebration of God's varied works throughout the church. Instill your peace in the midst of the work you have called us to and the deliberations that will take place. Shape the work of the church according to your will for the whole world.

Merciful God,

**hear our prayer.**

Let your loving kindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need.

Merciful God,

**hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life.

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

*What Is This Place*

Melanie Helling

Text: Huub Oosterhuis; Music Adrian Valerius

*Please stand as able*

**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.

**By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread.  
For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:**

*Refrain*

***Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,  
given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.***

**In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.**

**Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain***

**Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved.**

**In our living and our dying, we become what we receive: *Refrain***

*Bread of Life from Heaven*

#474

*Refrain*

***Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,  
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.***

**Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving  
thanks, hungry ones, gather round. Eat, all of you, and be  
satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. *Refrain***

**Seek not the food that will pass away; set your  
hearts on the food that endures. Come, learn the true and the  
living way, that the fullness of life may be yours. *Refrain***

**Love as the one who, in love for you, gave himself  
for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more. *Refrain***

**Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your  
home in the lifegiving Word. Know only Christ, Holy  
One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard. *Refrain***

**Drink of this cup and declare his death; eat this  
bread and believe Easter morn; trust his return and, with  
ev'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are reborn. *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*

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**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.*

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

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