



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 4, 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 58th Anniversary by Dale and Sandra Hamann.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching	Rebekah Boatwright
Organist	Jim Parham
Lector	Josh Warner
Cantors	Valerie and Wayne Hollinger
Prayers	Ida Blalock
Greeters	Mark Allen Jo Lewis Lane Lewis Andrew Weiner Joyce Weiner Dora Welch
Ushers	Carol Elliot Bonnie Farmer Lani Ludian David Nichols
Refreshment Hosts	Chad and Julie Brightwell
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

*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.**

*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 withhold; 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***

## THE GREETING

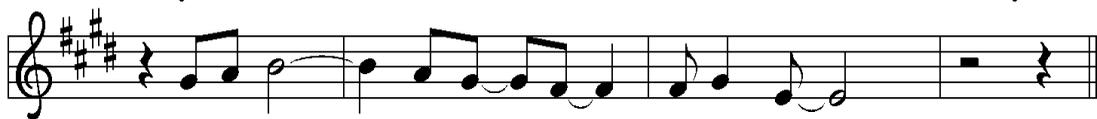
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

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. Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

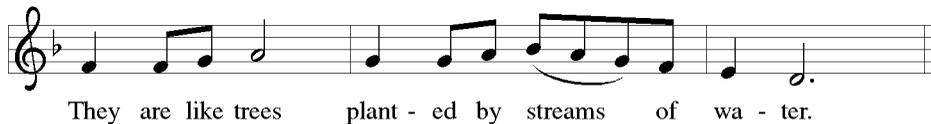
A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>15</sup> Today I have set before you life and success, or death and disaster. <sup>16</sup> For today I command you to love God, your God, to follow God's ways and keep the commandments, the laws and the customs. If you do, you will live and increase, and God, your God, will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your hearts stray and you do not listen to me, if you let yourself be drawn into the worship of other gods, and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I tell you today, you will not survive. You will not live long in the land which you are <sup>now</sup> crossing the Jordan to enter and occupy. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today: I set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> by loving God, your God, by obeying God's voice and by clinging to God. For that will mean life for you, a long life in the land which God swore to give to your ancestors Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca and Isaac, and Leah and Rachel and Jacob.

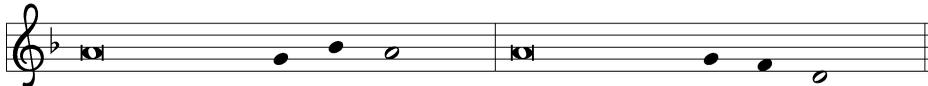
The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm  
Refrain*



*Psalm  
Tone*



- <sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!
- <sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. R**
- <sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves  
that | do not wither;  
everything they | do shall prosper.
- <sup>4</sup>**It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**
- <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R**

## SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

A reading from Philemon.

<sup>1</sup>From Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy, our brother, To Philemon, our dear friend and coworker, <sup>2</sup> to Apphia, our sister, to Archippus, our companion in the struggle, and to the church that meets in your house: <sup>3</sup> Grace and peace from God and Our Savior Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I always mention you in my prayers and thank God for you <sup>5</sup> because I hear of the love and faith you have for our Savior Jesus and for all the saints. <sup>6</sup> I pray that you'll be active in sharing your faith, so that you'll fully understand all the good things we're able to do for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup> I find great joy and comfort in your love, because through you the hearts of the holy ones have been refreshed. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, though I feel I have every right in Christ to command you to do what ought to be done, <sup>9</sup> I prefer to appeal in the name of love. Yes, I, Paul, an ambassador and now a prisoner for Christ, <sup>10</sup> appeal to you for my child, of whom I have become the parent during my imprisonment. He has truly become Onesimus—"Useful"—<sup>11</sup> for he who was formerly useless to you is now useful indeed both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> It is he that I am sending to you—and that means I'm sending my heart! <sup>13</sup> I had wanted to keep him with me, that he might help me in your place while I'm in prison for the Good News; <sup>14</sup> but I didn't want to do anything without your consent, so that kindness might not be forced on you, but be freely bestowed. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps he was separated from you for a while for this reason—that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a subordinate, but as more—a beloved brother, especially dear to me. And how much dearer he'll be to you, since now you'll know him both in the flesh and in Christ! <sup>17</sup> If you regard me as a partner, then, welcome Onesimus as you would me. <sup>18</sup> If he has done you any injury or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, write this in my own hand: I agree to pay. And I won't even mention that you owe me your very self! <sup>20</sup> You see, my friend, I want to make you "useful" to me in Christ. Refresh this heart of mine in Christ. <sup>21</sup> I write with complete confidence in your obedience, since I am sure you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rebekah Boatwright

*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 fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds followed Jesus. He turned to them and said, <sup>26</sup> “If any of you come to me without turning your back on your mother and your father, your loved ones, your sisters and brothers, indeed your very self, you can not be my follower. <sup>27</sup> Anyone who doesn’t take up the cross and follow me can not be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> “If one of you were going to build a tower, wouldn’t you first sit down and calculate the outlay to see if you have enough money to complete the project? <sup>29</sup> You’d do that for fear of laying the foundation and then not being able to complete the work—because anyone who saw it would jeer at you <sup>30</sup> and say, ‘You started a building and couldn’t finish it.’ <sup>31</sup> Or if the leaders of one country were going to declare war on another country, wouldn’t they first sit down and consider whether, with an army of ten thousand, they could win against an enemy coming against them with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If they couldn’t, they’d send a delegation while the enemy is still at a distance, asking for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> “So count the cost. You can’t be my disciple if you don’t say goodbye to all of your possessions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Rebekah Boatwright

*Please stand as able*

**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
 Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
 Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
 Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
 Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same?  
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
 and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
 Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
 In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
 Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

#### 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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people and deepen our understanding of every good thing we share. Infuse our bodies, minds, spirits, and hearts with the truth of your Gospel that our words and actions may be a reflection of radical love, grace, and mercy.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. Bless all the hands that will pick apples as they come into season, and bless the kitchens where they will be made into delicious pies, desserts, and applesauce.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. Guide your people to understand politics as a means of bringing about your justice rather than as a source of division.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ...

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are not worshipping with us today: for those whose health prevents them from being with us and for those whose names we do not know because they have yet to find us. Bless and comfort each on their unique spiritual journey that they might know that where ever they are, you are always with them.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. Encourage us to continue following your call to work to heal the wounds churches have caused for our LGBTQIA+ siblings, people of color, those struggling with mental illness, women, and all others who have been made to feel outside your grace.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors. Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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

*Ain'-A That Good News*  
ar. by William L. Dawson

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.**

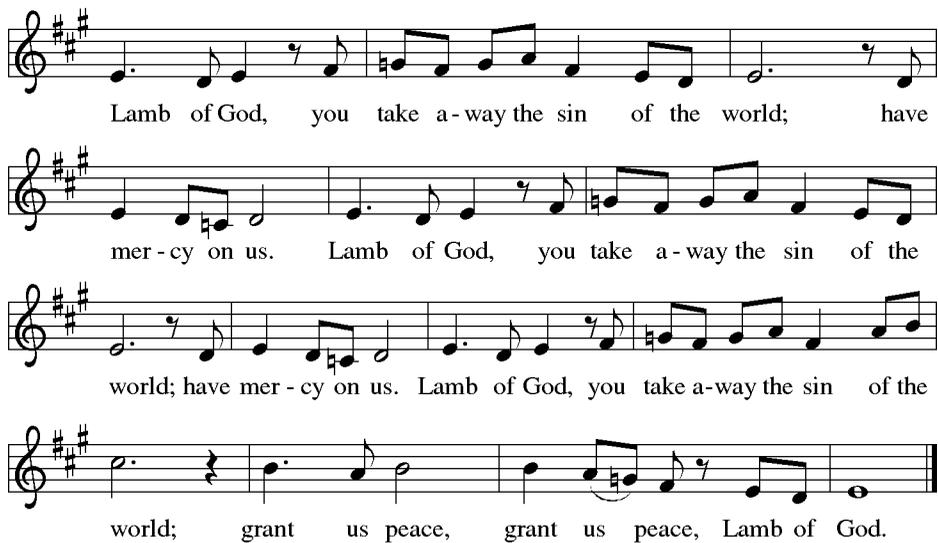
*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION

*Worshippers 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.

**O God, my faithful God, true fountain ever flowing,  
without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing:  
give me a healthy frame, and may I have within  
a conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin.**

**Give me the strength to do with ready heart and willing  
whatever you command, my calling here fulfilling  
to do it when I ought, with all my might and bless  
whatever I have wrought, for you must give success.**

**Keep me from saying words that later need recalling;  
guard me, lest idle speech may from my lips be falling;  
but when, within my place, I must and ought to speak,  
then to my words give grace, lest I offend the weak.**

**When dangers gather round, oh, keep me calm and fearless;  
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheerless;  
help me as you have taught, to love both great and small,  
and, by your Spirit's might, to live at peace with all.**

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

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

# 726

**Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to  
see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a  
weary world: the promised day of justice comes.**

*Refrain*

***The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.***

**Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find  
bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain***

**Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once  
forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a  
weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain***

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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