



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 25, 2023 - 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 his wife, Joy Bailey, by Joshua Rhodes.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Jim Blalock
Preaching and Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist	Jim Parham
Cantor	John Park
Lector	Melissa Kolb
Prayers	Angie Hager
Acolyte	Adaline McCormack
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Amanda Cook Beth Hill Missy Roberts
Greeters	Deirdre Hixson Amanda Mast Chris Mast Jenna Mast Kylee Mast Cathy O'Neill Pat O'Neill
Ushers	Richard Delap David Nichols Karen Nichols David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	Lindsay Hawkins and Nell Orscheln
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

CONGESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

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

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of † Jesus Christ.

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.”**

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,



Refrain

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of God has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention God, or speak any more in God's name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends

are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed,

and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

¹¹But God is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble,

and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

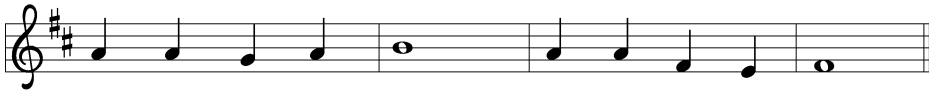
¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For God has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm
 Refrain



An - swer me, O Lord, for your love is kind.

Psalm
 Tone



- ⁷Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,
 and shame has cov- | ered my face.
- ⁸**I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,
 an alien to my | mother's children.**
- ⁹Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
 the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.
- ¹⁰**I humbled my- | self with fasting,
 but that was turned to | my reproach. R**
- ¹¹I put on | sackcloth also,
 and became a by- | word among them.
- ¹²**Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,
 and the drunkards make | songs about me.**
- ¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O LORD:
 "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.
- ¹⁴**Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;
 let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep waters. R**
- ¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low me up;
 do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.
- ¹⁶**Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;
 in your great compassion, | turn to me.**
- ¹⁷Hide not your face | from your servant;
 be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.
- ¹⁸**Draw near to me | and redeem me;
 because of my enemies de- | liver me. R**

A reading from Romans.

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patrick Preacher

Please Stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your God. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Patrick Preacher

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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace and justice. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle under systems that oppress many to elevate a few. Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, class, ability, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

When we are at our lowest, hurting, lonely, or grieving, you are still with us. Bring hope to those living in the shadows of depression and anxiety. Make a way for all people, regardless of age, status, or income level to receive quality physical and mental health treatment. Sustain nurses, doctors, and chaplains who care for our loved ones. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Even when we cannot, or the world will not fully accept who you created us to be, you call us beloved and worthy of your love and grace. As this congregation boldly, loudly, and brightly celebrates Pride month, we acknowledge there are so many of your beloved children who do not yet feel safe to live authentically as the queer people you created them to be. Hold them close and walk alongside them. Help them to feel the power of your unwavering and unqualified love both in and out of the closet. Work through your church to make this world a safer, more gentler place for all those the world sees as different. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

ANTHEM

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
traditional folk hymn

John Park

Please stand as able.

OFFERING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
(verses 1 and 2)

#864

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!**

**God be praised for grace and favor to our forebears in distress.
God be praised the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!**

Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.

**Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
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:



The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano voice line. The lyrics are: 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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

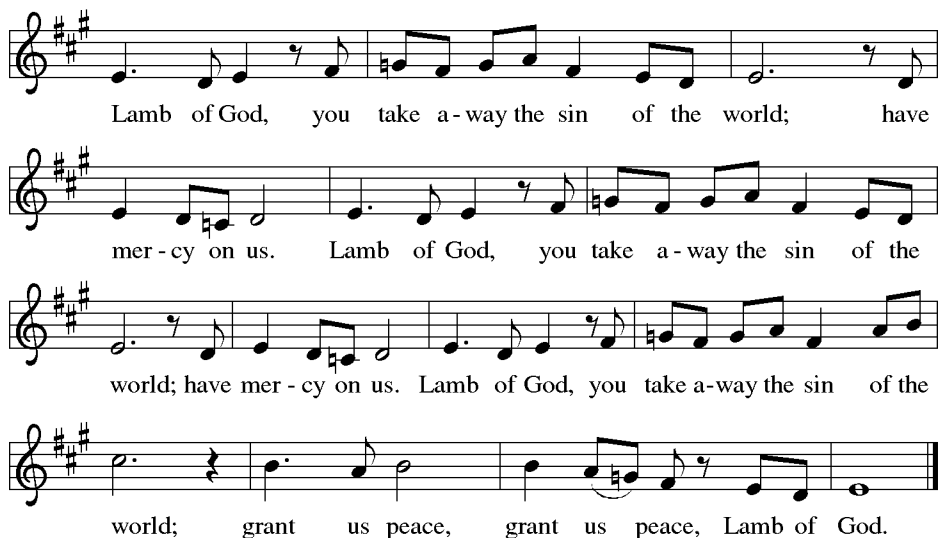
COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Worshipers are invited to come to the Altar— kneeling as able— receive a wafer and a small cup of wine.

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 Jesus, I Have Promised

#810

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.**

**I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.**

**My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**

**Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.**

**Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

**“Take up your cross,” the Savior said,
“if you would my disciple be;
forsake the past, and come this day,
and humbly follow after me.”**

**Take up your cross; let not its weight
pervade your soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.**

**Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let your foolish heart rebel;
for you the Lord endured the cross
to save your soul from death and hell.**

**Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for those who humbly bear the cross
one day will wear the glorious crown.**

We Are Baptized in Jesus Christ

#451

**We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.**

**In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is raised from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. . . Amen**

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

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

To Be Your Presence

#546

**To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's
face and list'ning ear, to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!**

**To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and
shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!**

**To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken
and oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!**

**We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is
our call and choice, and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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