



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THE NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 30, 2023 - 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 memory of her cousin, Sarah Pinckney Branch, by Roy and Kay Cook.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Mary Peters
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Pianist	Jim Parham
Cantors	Russ and Lani Wise
Lector	Jeff Rehm
Prayers	Reid Tidwell
Acolytes	EmmieMae Peden Harper Roth
Communion Assistant	Heather Fanning
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Amanda Cook Anne Fagala Heather Fanning
Greeters	Angie Hager Deirdre Hixson Cathy O'Neill Pat O'Neill Lisa Rehm Andrew Weiner Joyce Weiner
Ushers	Steve Boguski Danny Fagala Calvin Harmon Teresa Harrington
Fellowship Hosts	Anne and Danny Fagala
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,
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.

**Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come and shall take the harvest home;
from God's field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!**

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. Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from first Kings.

⁵At Gibeon God appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased God that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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

When your word is o - pened, it gives
light and un - der - stand - ing.

*Psalm
Tone*

¹²⁹Your de- | crees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word is opened | it gives light;**

it gives understanding | to the simple.

¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant

because I long for | your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,**

as you always do to those who | love your name. R

¹³³Order my footsteps | in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,**

and I will keep | your commandments.

¹³⁵Let your face shine up- | on your servant

and teach | me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed | streams of tears,**

because people do not | keep your teaching. R

A reading from Romans.

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. ²⁹For those whom God foreknew were also predestined to be conformed to the image of God's Son, in order that Christ might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom God predestined, God also called; and those whom God called, God also justified; and those whom God justified, God also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²God, who did not withhold the only Son, but gave him up for all of us, will God not with Christ also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Peters

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.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” ³³He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” ⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the head of the household who takes out of the family treasure what is new and what is old.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

#793

**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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, we pray for the church and all servants of the gospel. Equip rostered and lay ministers to proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Form children and youth into disciples. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, we pray for the well-being of creation. Safeguard the environment, clean polluted rivers and lakes, preserve the mighty tree and the tiny mustard seed, and send advocates for sustainable practices. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate God, we pray for the nations. Instill in all who govern the ability to discern between good and evil, free those who are oppressed, and protect those facing danger. Promote peace across the world and in our cities and neighborhoods. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, we pray for all in any need. Protect those fleeing from war, shelter any who are in poverty, clothe the naked, soothe all who grieve, and heal the sick. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, we pray for all those you love but the world hates. Grant hope for brighter and better days ahead to all who struggle under the heavy hands of oppression. Bring justice for the racially marginalized, peace and safety for the LGBTQIA+ community, and a fair share of food for the hungry. Guide the hands of your people to do your work so that we might all see your kin-dom come near. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy God, we pray for this congregation, both those gathered today in this place and online as well as those absent from our assembly. Grant refreshment to vacationers and safety for children attending summer camps. Give direction to any experiencing life transitions, that they might see you as their guide and comfort. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal God, we give thanks for your saints who now rest from their labors. Inspire us by their witness to treasure the gospel, and continually nourish us with your grace. This week especially, we pray for the memory of Emmett Till and that your church will take swift and bold action against the sin of racism. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

MEAL

ANTHEM

The Reign of God, like a Farmer's Field

Russ and Lani Wise

Text: Delores Dufner, Music: CONSOLATION,

Traditional American Folk Tune

1. The reign of God, like farmer's field, bears weeds along with wheat;
the good and bad are intertwined till harvest is complete.
2. The reign of God is like a pearl on barren land concealed.
If once you find that precious pearl, go out and buy that field.
3. Though hidden now, the reign of God may, yet unnoticed, grow;
from deep within it rises up, like yeast in swelling dough.
4. Like mustard tree, the reign of God from tiny seed will spread,
till birds of every feather come to nest, and there be fed.
5. The reign of God is come in Christ; the reign of God is near.
Ablaze among us kindling hearts, the reign of God is here!

Please stand as able.

OFFERING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

#864

(verses 1 and 2)

**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 treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). 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.

Worshippers will come forward at the direction of the ushers to 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.

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me. With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love. God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

#775

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me: ah, how long I've panted, and my heart has fainted, thirsting, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spotless Lamb; nothing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask beside thee.

In thine arm I rest me; foes who would molest me cannot reach me here. Though the earth be shaking, ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear. Lightnings flash and thunders crash; yet, though sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

Hence, all fears and sadness, for the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in. God, who dearly loves us, from all trial saves us, gives sweet peace within. I have borne this worldly scorn; still in thee lies purest pleasure: Jesus, priceless treasure!

**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***

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 in the back
corner of the Gym for refreshments and fellowship.*

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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