



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 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 honor of Judy Williams on her birthday by Darlene Kleckley.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Pianist	Jim Parham
Cantor	Jeff Rehm
Lector	John Beckford
Prayers	Penny Bostain
Communion Assistant	Margaret Roth
Acolytes	Ben McCormack Harper Roth
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Margaret Roth Jeff Roth Zerle Hubbard
Greeters	Mark Allen Maggie Boliek Lisa Rehm Suzanne Rudisill Peggy Schotsch Chris Sorenson Dora Welch
Ushers	Danny Fagala Bonnie Farmer Calvin Harmon Lani Ludian
Fellowship Hosts	Angie and Emily Hager
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.

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.

Amen.

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.

**Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness
vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who
yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the
bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven,
light years away, here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and
make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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. Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your Kin-dom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us faith in times of fear. Give us boldness when we are tired and timid. Use us to proclaim the good news of God's love for all people through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from first Kings.

⁹At Horeb, the mount of God, [Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of God came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for God, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹God said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before God, for God is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before God, but God was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but God was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but God was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for God, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then God said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as ruler over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as ruler over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Psalm
Refrain*



*Psalm
Tone*



- ⁸I will listen to what the LORD[!] God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their [!] hearts to you.
- ⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to [!] those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell [!] in our land. R**
- ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have [!] met together;
righteousness and peace have [!] kissed each other.
- ¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up [!] from the earth,
and righteousness shall look [!] down from heaven.**
- ¹²The LORD will indeed [!] grant prosperity,
and our land will [!] yield its increase.
- ¹³**Righteousness shall go be- [!] fore the LORD
and shall prepare for [!] God a pathway. R**

A reading from Romans.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same God is God of all and generous to all who call. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on God’s name shall be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach without being sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

When Things Are Hard, Remember

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 fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, I AM here. Do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter answered, "If it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when Peter noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught Peter, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped Jesus, saying, "Truly you are God's Only Begotten One."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Faith and Fear and the Call to Boldness

Please stand as able

**I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

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.

God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and in communities, in person and through digital means. Continue to bless this congregation's livestream ministry and all who are touched by it, both near and far. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and fields proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Keep safe construction workers, farmers, delivery drivers, and all others who work outside exposed to heat and weather. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Where there is racism, queerphobia, chauvinism, or any kind of discrimination or exclusion, bring reconciliation and healing. When powers of the world try to divide your people, sustain us in the unity of your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful, depressed or lonely. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers beginning a new school year. Make your presence known in work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Support those involved in the Backpack Buddies ministry of this congregation as they deliver food to school children who might otherwise go hungry. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of rescue and relief, you are an ever-present help in times of need, distress, and disaster. Bring an end to the wildfires raging in Maui, Hawaii. Strengthen firefighting efforts and bring hope for recovery. Comfort those who grieve the loss of family and friends, and bring healing to those suffering from injury and burns. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. 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.

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. You will also experience fear. In these times, remember the words from Frederick Buechner that say "Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Do not be afraid." These 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. While you are at school strive to be the reason that someone feels welcomed, seen, heard, valued, loved, and supported.

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.

Refrain:

***I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus. All around the world.
Yes, we're the church together!***

**The church is not a building.
The church is not a steeple.
The church is not a resting place,
the church is a people! *Refrain***

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

Calm Seas

Jeff Rehm

Music by Thomas Pavlechko
Words by Mary Louise Bringle

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 in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. 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

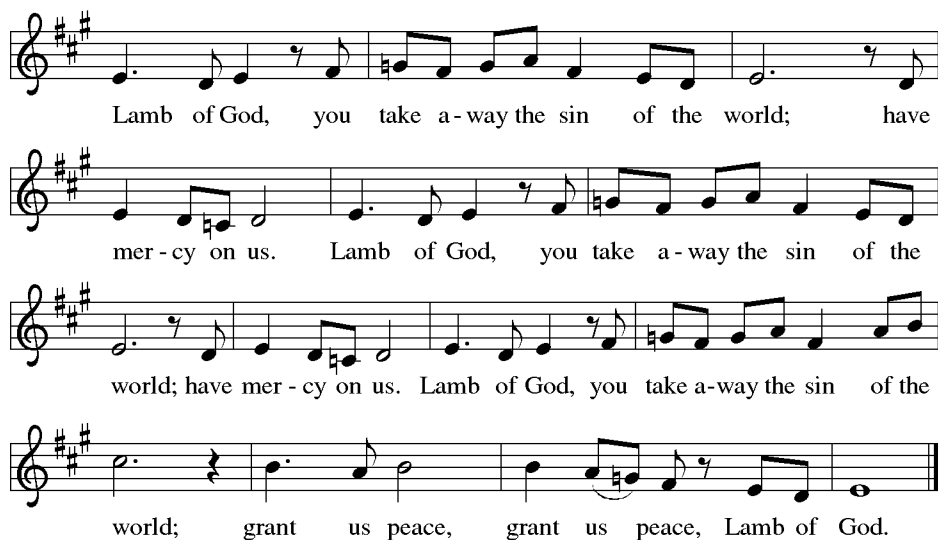
COMMUNION

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 dip it in the wine to receive communion by Intinction. .*

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.

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***

**“I am the Bread of Life. You who
come to me shall not hunger, and who
believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
me unless the Father beckons,”**

Refrain

**“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”**

**“The bread that I will give is my
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
eat of this bread, you shall live
forever, you shall live forever. *Refrain***

**“Unless you eat of the flesh
of the Son of Man and
drink of his blood, and drink of his
blood, you shall not have life within you.” *Refrain***

**“I am the resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die,
you shall live forever.” *Refrain***

**Yes, Lord, I believe that
you are the Christ, the Son of God,
who have come into the world. *Refrain***

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#807

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer: “Hither by thy help I’ve come”,
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand’ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

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

We Are Marching in the Light

#866

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching—— oo——

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching—— oo——

we are marching in the light of God.

DISMISSAL

Be strong in faith.
Practice boldness.
Do not be afraid.
Be kind to yourself and others.
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.*

We Are Marching in the Light

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