



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## THE TWELVETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 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 honor of Nicholas and Lydia, by Andrew and Joyce Weiner.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching	Sarah Delap Bowers
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist	Rick Smith
Cantor	John Park
Lector	Carl Brune
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Greeters	Bonnie Farmer Dale Hamann Sandra Hamann Pattimarie Janssen Amanda Mast Chris Mast Sarah Weeks
Ushers	Richard Delap Wayne Landreth David Potts Don Todd
Fellowship Hosts	David and Karen Nichols
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.**

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely  
live, a place where saints and children tell how  
hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and  
visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
Christ shall end divisions:**

*Refrain*

***All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and  
true, where all God's children dare to seek to  
dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as  
witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we  
claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and  
wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where  
peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through  
Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in  
Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and  
stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and  
live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the  
stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an  
end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions  
heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as  
words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and  
laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house  
proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

#### 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



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. God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from first Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Thus says our God:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to God,  
to minister to God, to love God's name,  
and to be servants of God,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says our God,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm  
Refrain*



Let all the peo - ples praise you, O



God, let all the peo - ples praise you.

*Psalm  
Tone*



- <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to | us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known | upon earth,  
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought | forth its increase;  
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**
- <sup>7</sup>May God | give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**

A reading from Romans.

Paul writes: <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected the chosen people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham and Sarah, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected the chosen people who were foreknown long ago. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience in order to be merciful to all.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Deacon Sarah Bowers

*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 fifteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But Jesus did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

Deacon Sarah Bowers

*Please stand as able*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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**There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.**

**There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.**

**For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.**

**'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.**

## 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.*

O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are new to the church or returning to the church in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into congregational and church-wide ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals. Make us aware of our impact on the environment and guide us in finding ways to be better stewards of your creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You welcome children and youth into full participation in your kin-dom. Be with those on the Trinity youth retreat this weekend at Lutheridge. Surround Jim, Danny, Jesse, Angie, Natalie, Alice, Paul, Samuel, Patrick, Jenna, Kylee, Madelyn, Lexi, and Dan with your unending and all-encompassing love. Continue raising the youth and children of this congregation into leaders and proclaimers of the gospel. Bless parents and families who trust this church to love and care for their beloved children. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You desire the world to be free from exclusion, discrimination, and hatred. Be with our neighbors in North Carolina as they experience the fear and isolation that must come with the passing of three anti-LGBTQ+ laws this past week. Strengthen the queer community there, and in all places, to continue demanding equity, using their voices, and trusting in you as their mighty fortress. Bring an end to the fear-mongering which leads to hateful legislation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You alone are our safety and shelter. Be a sure refuge to all suffering from fires, especially those in Hawaii. Grant courage, protection, and favorable weather to emergency responders; embrace with supportive communities all who are newly displaced or homeless; comfort those grieving all that has been destroyed and give patience to those who are anxious, not knowing when relief will come. Heal your whole creation, that out of flame and ashes new growth will spring forth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way and those who suffer under the hands of oppression. Deliver those who have been unjustly imprisoned and bring justice to the powerful who thwart the law at the expense of others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism, homophobia, and prejudice. Guide the ministries of this congregation and the greater Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to be a sanctuary for those the world, and often religions, reject. Shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, bring comfort to those facing recent health-related challenges, 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.**

O God, you journey with us in all of life's transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. Support our congregation council and committees in their visioning and ministry for this congregation and our surrounding community. Be with Lutheran colleges, campus ministries, and Lutheran seminaries as they prepare to welcome students into a new academic year. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for those who now rest from their labors. Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. 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

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

John Park

by Robert Lowery, arr. by John Ness Beck

*Please stand as able.*

OFFERING HYMN

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

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**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 G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. 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.

*Refrain*

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of  
blessing which we bless, and we, though many  
throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.***

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Refrain***

**Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain***

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. *Refrain***

*O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*

**O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?**

**From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.**

**In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?**

**Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of human-kind.**



# BUILD A LONGER TABLE

David Bjorlin, b.1984

NOËL NOUVELET  
French carol



1. Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2. Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3. Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4. When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, stran - ger turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

*Refrain*

**Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your  
peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain***

**In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is  
still unfolding, give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain***

**Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister,  
ev'ry brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain***

**You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your  
way of healing; Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *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.**

**We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.  
We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.**

**We are dancing—— oo——  
we are dancing in the light of God.  
We are dancing—— oo——  
we are dancing in the light of God.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

*We Are Marching in the Light*

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