



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 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 Henry Drummond by Diane Drummond.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Lindsay Hawkins
Pianist	Jim Parham
Cantors	Bob and Sheryl Schirmer
Lector	Mark Godfrey
Prayers	Steve Boguski
Communion Assistant	Angie Hager
Acolytes	Madelyn Fagala Harry Hawkins
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Anne Fagala Anne Harmon Missy Roberts
Greeters	Mark Allen Chad Brightwell Julie Brightwell Deirdre Hixson Lani Ludian Cathy O'Neill Pat O'Neill Mary Beth Ridenhour
Ushers	Steve Boguski Richard Delap Danny Fagala Teresa Harrington
Fellowship Hosts	Bonnie Farmer Zerle Hubbard
Video	Greg Hamluk
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

TEMPLE TALK

Praying for Possibilities

Beth Bennett-Hill

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.

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer
praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong
need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place. Here in honesty
of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants
of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of
change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's
dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

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. O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life, the tower of our faith. Give us the strength, wisdom, and compassion to lift up those who are marginalized and oppressed. Use us, and our power and privilege, to clear a way, to tear down fences, to empower the powerless, to give voice to the voiceless, and to do so, until all are standing on level ground, until all are equally loved, honored, and valued, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from first Isaiah.

- ¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek God.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for they were but one couple when I called them,
but I blessed them and made them many.
- ³For God will comfort Zion; and will comfort all its waste places,
and will make its wilderness like Eden,
its desert like the garden of God;
joy and gladness will be found there,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
- ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
- ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
- ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of God for the people of God.

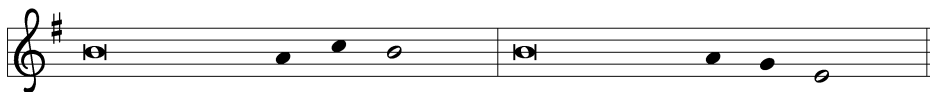
Thanks be to God.

*Psalm
Refrain*



O Lord, your stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er.

*Psalm
Tone*



- ¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.
- ²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your
steadfast | love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.**
- ³When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.
- ⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth. R**
- ⁵They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.
- ⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**
- ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall
save me.
- ⁸**You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your
hands. R**

A reading from Romans.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Wherever You Are

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 sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Chosen One is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the First Born of the Living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Abba God in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

A Fresh, New Way of Seeing

Please stand as able

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain

***My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.***

**Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

**From the hall of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

**Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. *Refrain***

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.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire your people to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Sustain and strengthen us as a congregation and individually when our missional call seems too difficult. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Bring aid to those communities in Southern California as they recover from both an earthquake and a tropical storm. Protect those in the path of upcoming storms. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders a desire for the same. Provide relief to war-torn areas, especially Ukraine, Syria, Libya, and Palestine. With the first Presidential debate of election season now behind us, we ask for political peace now through 2024. May truth, justice, ethics, and wisdom prevail in this season. Help us to learn how to navigate this season without giving into even more division. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you. Be with those who are vulnerable to the excessive heat we are experiencing. Provide relief and cool shelter to our downtown friends and all those who are unhoused. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for ministries with our Towers East neighbors and our neighborhood. Sustain food banks in our area and make a way for those in greatest need to gain access. Fill our hearts with a desire to share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You protect the marginalized and oppressed. With school now fully in session, we pray for protection of those who suffer from bullying, isolation, and poor mental health in our schools. Bring about your spirit of gentleness and inclusion. Make a way for queer youth to feel loved and to know you are their ally, fortress, rock, tower, and advocate. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. 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

A BLESSING AT A TIME OF LIFE TRANSITION

I invite Missy Roberts to come and gather at the baptismal font.

Missy, the Trinity family has been greatly blessed by your presence and by your ministry among us during this past year. We wish to offer our prayers and blessings for you as you begin a Chaplaincy Fellowship at Emory Hospital in Atlanta.

A reading from Exodus: God said, "I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared." Exodus 23:20

A reading from Isaiah: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you: I have called you by name. You are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you. For I am the Lord your God. Isaiah 43:1-2

Chaplaincy is not all prayers and beautiful moments, nor is it all laments and trauma. It's not even both/and, because this work is something greater than you. This work is God's work. This work is a calling. And you are going to continue doing it. You will do it day after day, night after night, call after call, visit after visit. You will do this hard and holy work to which God calls. And you are so very gifted for this ministry of chaplaincy.

This work matters. That fact matters because when you feel you did not do enough, or you did not care enough, or you did not convey enough compassion, still you were there. In that moment, with that patient, with that family, you were there giving, loving, ministering.

Chaplains are holy witnesses to all of our messy humanity. Know that every time you bear witness to God's love at the bedside of a beloved child of God, it will be enough. You cannot give more than you have. What you have to give in any given situation will be enough. You are enough. You always have been enough. You always will be enough.

Please stand as able

Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant, Missy, who has enriched this community and shared her gifts with this family of faith. Bless and preserve her at this time of transition. Day by day, guide her and give her what is needed, friends to cheer her way, and a clear vision of that to which you are now calling her. By your Holy Spirit be present in her pilgrimage, that she may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Service continues with the Sharing of the Peace

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Text by Edward Mote, Music by Jim Parham

Bob Schirmer

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 is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

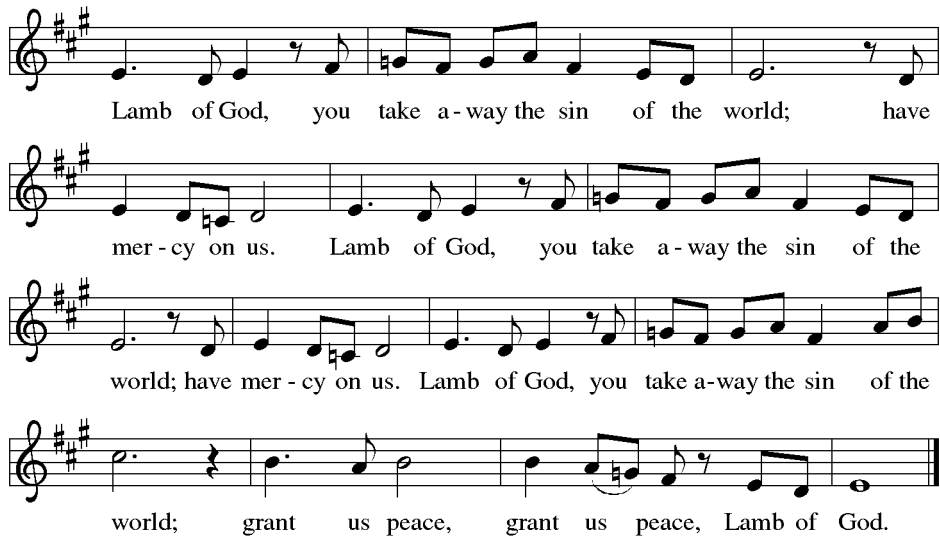
Please be seated

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.

ANTHEM

My Faithful Heart, Rejoice and Sing
by J. S. Bach

Sheryl Schirmer

My faithful heart, rejoice, sing, be merry, your Jesus is here!
Away with sorrow, away with lamentation.
I shall just say to you, "My Jesus is close!"

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is the new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.**

Take My Life, That I May Be

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Refrain

***Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

**Take my hands and let them move at the
impulse of thy love; take my feet and let
them be swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain***

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite
would I withhold; take my intellect
and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain***

**Take my voice and let me sing always,
only for my king; take my lips and let
them be filled with messages from thee. *Refrain***

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be
no longer mine; take my heart, it is
thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the
darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.**

Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display
your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.**

Shine on me, shine on me: *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 praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.
 We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.
 We are praying—— oo——
 we are praying in the light of God.
 We are praying—— oo——
 we are praying in the light of God.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Do the hard work of justice.

Create and nurture spaces where all voices are heard,

where all needs are valued,

where love, power, influence, and compassion

are equally given and received by all.

Be the bold disciples Christ is calling you to be.

Thanks be to God.

Please enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the back corner of the Gym..

*Join the Trinity Family in the Multipurpose Room
 for a Pancake Brunch and games.*

We Are Marching in the Light

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