



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 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 their 59th Anniversary by Dale and Sandra Hamann.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Richard Moose
Organist	Jim Parham
Cantor	Heather Kleckley
Lector	Josh Warner
Prayers	Elizabeth Allen
Acolytes	Lexie Thomas-Harewood Peyton Roth
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Amanda Cook Margaret Roth Jeff Roth
Praying for Possibilities	Lani Wise
Greeters	Mark Allen Angie Hager Linda Morgan Lisa Rehm Suzanne Rudisill
Ushers	Carol Elliott Bonnie Farmer Pattimarie Janssen Lani Ludian
Fellowship Hosts	Roth Family
Video	Emily Hager
Audio	Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

TEMPLE TALK

*Praying for Possibilities*

Terry Morgan

*Please stand as able*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,  
the one who forms us,  
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.  
We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.  
Lead us back to you  
and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a way for us.  
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

*Refrain*

***Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain***

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you love us without fail and you gift us with community...a community of love, support, and encouragement, a community that helps us stay focused on your mission of love and inclusion, sacrifice and surrender. Give us the strength to resist those things that tempt us, distract us, and lure us away from life and service in your kin-dom. Humble us by your example and renew our faith in you and your beloved community, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from first Jeremiah.

- <sup>15</sup>O God, you know; remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.
- <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name,  
O God, God of hosts.
- <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.
- <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.
- <sup>19</sup>Therefore God says this: If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.
- <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares God.
- <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of God for the people of God.

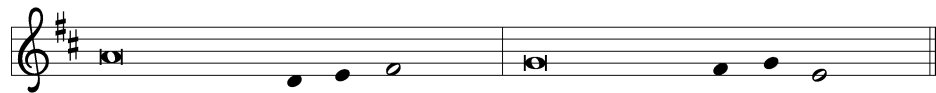
**Thanks be to God.**

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

Your love is be - fore my eyes; I have walked



faith - ful - ly, faith - ful - ly with you.

*Psalm  
Tone*

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart | and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;  
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat | with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with | the deceitful. R**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of | evildoers;  
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,  
that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell  
and the place where your glo- | ry abides. R**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says our God." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of God for the people of God.

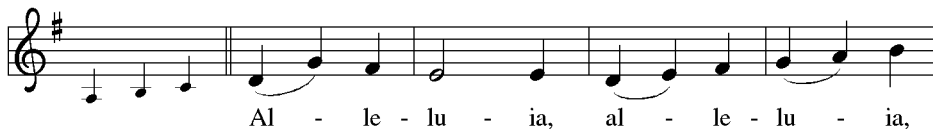
**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

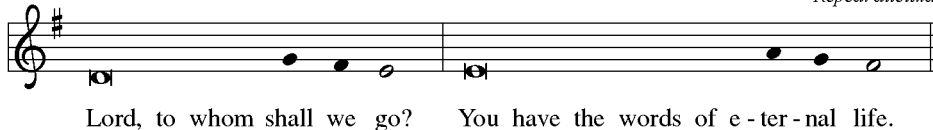
*God Loves You Mucho Mucho*

*Please stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*





The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the sixteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>For the Promised One is to come with the angels in the glory of Abba God, and will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see coming of the reign of the Promised One."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

*Walking Together In Faith and Love*

*Please stand as able*

**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

#### APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Make yourself easily known to those who seek you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open us to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Be with those who are suffering from the impacts of hurricane Idalia. Bring clear weather for a speedy recovery. As hurricane season now bears down upon us, protect your people and the places we call home. Provide refuge for the vulnerable. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. As election season begins to unfold, remind your people that the ones being forgotten and/or targeted - the queer community, our black and brown siblings, those who are differently abled, the incarcerated, those struggling in poverty - are the ones you call us to champion. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day. Bring an end to the pay inequities experienced in the workforce. We pray for the day when landscapers and teachers can provide for themselves and the ones they love just as easily as surgeons and lawyers. Grant each of us time for Sabbath rest and the courage to take it. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of comfort, you are present with those who suffer from illness or disease. When hospital and hospice houses feel lonely and cold, fill them with your love and compassion. Bring healing when your people cry out. Sustain care partners, support those living with brain change, and guide us to find cures for that which plagues us. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. As we have recently opened our doors to host a local Girl Scout troop as well as rehearsals for the Greenville Gay Men's Chorus, we ask you to bless and nurture both of those organizations. Help them to feel safe and loved within this place. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

**And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated*

## MEAL

ANTHEM

*Come Follow Me*  
arr. John Leavitt, Jo Lewis, flute

Adult Choir

*Please stand as able.*

OFFERING HYMN

*As Saints of Old*  
(verse 1)

#695

**As saints of old their first fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,  
so we today first fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.**

Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty,

**all things belong to you.**

**We bring your gifts to the table,**

**that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved,**

**Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**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:

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of". The second staff continues: "pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff continues: "san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the". The fourth staff concludes: "name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." and ends with a double bar line.

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

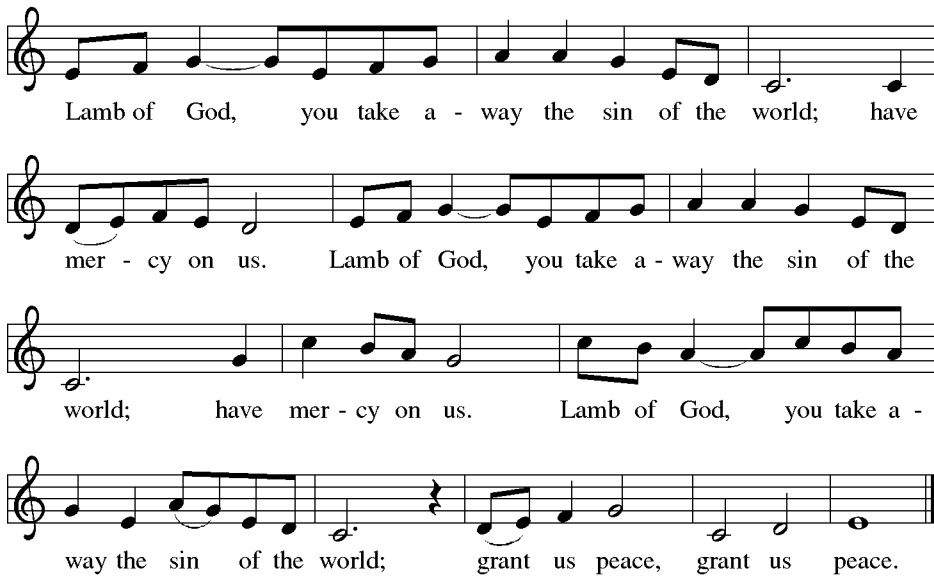
## COMMUNION

*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 are invited to come to the Altar - kneeling as able 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.

Instrumental

*Largo e dolce* (BWV 1030)  
by J. S Bach

Jo Lewis, flute

**“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***

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

#583

*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 with hold; 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***



**Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,  
from this meal of love and grace;  
may we through such love envision  
whose we are, and whose, our praise.**

**Alleluia, alleluia;**

**God, the wonder of our days.**

**Rise, transformed, and choose to follow  
after Christ, though wounded, whole;  
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed  
to release and to console.**

**Alleluia, alleluia;**

**Christ, our present, past, and goal.**

**Rise, remember well the future  
God has called us to receive;  
present by God's loving nurture,  
Spirited then let us live.**

**Alleluia, alleluia;**

**Spirit, grace by whom we live.**

**Service be our sure vocation;  
courage be our daily breath;  
mercy be our destination  
from this day and unto death.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Rise, O church, a living faith.**

*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

Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.

In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

The God of glory,  
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

#547

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.**

**The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls  
reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.**

**With your feast you feed us, with your light now  
lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rest.  
Stop the ceaseless activity.  
Be Still. Be quiet. Be at peace.  
Rest in the healing love of this community.  
Rest in the safety and security of God.  
On this Labor Day weekend,  
find rest for your body, your heart, and your mind.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

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