



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 2, 2024 - 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 his daughter, Jennifer, by Wayne Mangels.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Pianist and Choir Director	Shelton Ridge Love
Lector	Jerry Salley
Prayers	Melissa Kolb
Communion Assistant	Tenor Eggleston
Cantor/Soloist	Amanda Cook
Acolyte	Adaline McCormack
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Mark Allen Maggie Boliek Margaret Roth
Nursery	Karen Craig
Praying for Possibilities	Elizabeth Thompson
Greeters	Mark Allen Ann Berlam Tara Miller Ed Ninestein Vicki Rubenstein
Ushers	Carol Elliott David Potts Lani Wise Russ Wise
Fellowship Hosts	Bob and Sheryl Schirmer
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,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

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 worship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of rest and recovery, mend and restore our tired, weary, and exhausted bodies, hearts, and minds. Give us the strength and courage to step away from the demands and expectations and burdens of this life to rest in your deep and abiding love for us. Use times of rest, silence, and solitude to heal and redeem us so that we might serve and lead with renewed hope and joy. Release from us the false and sinful notion that God can't do it on God's own. Remind us that we are the creature, not the Creator. Instill in us the will and desire to keep the sabbath by saying no, by stopping the ceaseless activity and motion of our bodies and brains. Give us hope and rest in you.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

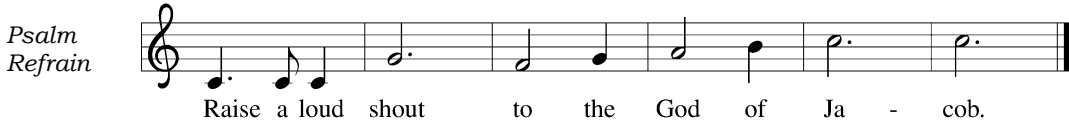
Deuteronomy 5:12-15

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.



- ¹Sing with joy to | God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the | God of Jacob.
- ²**Raise a song and | sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, | and the lyre. R**
- ³Blow the ram's horn at | the new moon,
and at the full moon, the day | of our feast;
- ⁴**for this is a stat- | ute for Israel,
a law of the | God of Jacob.**
- ⁵God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the | land of Egypt,
where I heard a voice I | did not know:
- ⁶**"I eased your shoulder | from the burden;
your hands were set free from the grave- | digger's basket. R**
- ⁷You called on me in trouble, and I de- | livered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the wa- | ters of Meribah.
- ⁸**Hear, O my people, and I will ad- | monish you:
O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!**
- ⁹There shall be no strange | god among you;
you shall not worship a | foreign god.
- ¹⁰**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the | land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and | I will fill it. R**

A reading from second Corinthians.

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Comfy, Cozy Sabbath

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 Mark the second and third chapters.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” ²⁵And Jesus said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food?

²⁶ David entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” ²⁷Then Jesus said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

^{3:1}Again Jesus entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

²The Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And Jesus said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” ⁴Then he said to the Pharisees, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵Jesus looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” The man stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

The Gift of Rest

Please stand as able

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

**WE are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers
on the road; we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

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

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. We give you thanks for the squash, cucumbers, cantaloupe, green beans, and other crops coming into season on South Carolina farms. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are selfish, bring compassion. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers. Guide this world toward your peace, especially in Palestine and Israel, Iran, Myanmar, Iraq, Haiti, Russia and Ukraine. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary, those who struggle in any way, and those who care for them. We pray especially for those we now name on our lips or silently in our hearts..... Strengthen health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. Protect pilots, flight attendants, bus drivers, toll workers, and others in the travel industry as they cope with the demands of summer travel. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless Feed 'n Seed Company, Project Host, Loaves and Fishes, Harvest Hope Food Bank, and all other organizations in Greenville who support the hungry. Help community gardens to flourish and bring abundance to farmer's markets. Open both our hearts and our tables to reflect your generosity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Move those celebrating LGBTQIA+ Pride month toward a true spirit of inclusion, equity, and justice for members of the queer community. As this congregation celebrates Pride month, we pray for LGBTQIA+ pastors, deacons, seminarians, faith leaders, and lay people within the Body of Christ. We pray especially for Reconciling in Christ congregations and seminaries, that they will continue to be strengthened and renewed to minister your gospel in bold and inclusive ways. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

As congregations of the South Carolina Synod gather virtually for Synod Assembly on Saturday, we ask you to fill the virtual space and each physical space with your Spirit. Sustain Bishop Aebischer in faithful leadership. Guide pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in discerning your purpose. Help each person gathered to act out of an abundance of love. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of 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

OFFERING

Loving Spirit

Amanda Cook

Music: RESTORATION from Southern Harmony (1835)

Text: Shirley Erena Murray

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be -
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.
Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed:

in your promise is your comfort, in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be -
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Please stand as able

OFFERING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain

***Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound! Repeat***

**Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'ry where! *Refrain***

Let us pray, Jesus, Bread of life,
**you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
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 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!

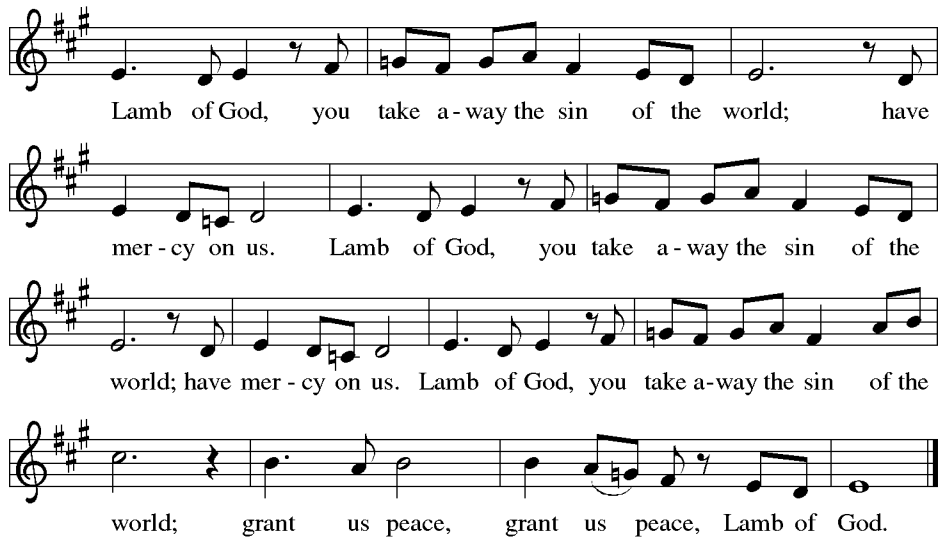
Please be seated

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.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the bread into 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.

Shine, Jesus, Shine

#671

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*

**“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”**

Refrain

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

**“I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?” *Refrain***

**“I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?” *Refrain***

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.**

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.**

**In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, reveled in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise**

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

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

**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.
Release the burdens that weigh you down.
Live in freedom.
Celebrate your liberation from the world's lies.
Let Go. Let God.
Rest. Breathe. Nap. Heal. Recover.
Allow God to make you whole again through the gift of Sabbath rest.

Thanks be to God. Amen

*Everyone is invited to gather in the back corner of the Gym
following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

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