



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 21, 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 Emily Anne Miller by Philip and Melanie Wessinger.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Mary Peters
Preaching	Patrick Preacher
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Pianist and Choir Director	Shelton Ridge Love
Lector	Jay Hilbourn
Prayers	Mary Cannon-Spencer
Communion Assistant	Philip Wessinger
Cantor/Soloist	Amanda Cook
Acolyte	Harper Roth
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Brittany Lampson Jeff Roth Margaret Roth
Nursery	Anne Harmon
Praying for Possibilities	Sandra Hamann
Greeters	Jeremy McCarty Cathy O'Neill Pat O'Neill Joshua Rhodes Bradley Suddeth
Ushers	Carol Elliott Calvin Harmon David Nichols Karen Nichols
Fellowship Hosts	Lindsay Hawkins Nell Orscheln
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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, out of your great love for the world, your Word became flesh to live among us and to reconcile us to you and to one another. Gather us in and shepherd us. Lead us to still waters and rekindle among us the gift of your Spirit that we might live as one new humanity in Christ. Teach us to dismantle the walls that divide, end the hostility between us, and proclaim peace to those who are near and to those who are far away; through Christ Jesus, in whom we all have access, both now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! declares GOD.
²Therefore thus says the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says GOD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵The days are surely coming, says GOD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, who shall reign as ruler and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In these days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which this ruler will be called: "GOD is our righteousness."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from Ephesians.

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵Christ has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to God. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone. ²¹In Christ the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Finding Sheep

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 sixth chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.
³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized Jesus, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever Jesus went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

They, those, them, these, you, we, us

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

#611

**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.**

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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. In the many places where there is a shortage of drinking water, lead your people to clean water, showing us new ways to reuse and conserve. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. Especially in times such as these, guide us into new models of relationship so that we might discover the many ways your image is present in all of humanity. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Grant compassion to those who cannot understand. Soften our hearts so that we might see the crowds around us as beloved children of God. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this past week at the ELCA Youth Gathering, we give you thanks. Continue to nurture the faith of ELCA youth as they move back into the normalcy of their lives. Use their witness of your inclusive love to break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age, color, gender, sexuality, and belief. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for those who have died: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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

The King of Love
arr. by John Ness Beck

Amanda Cook

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness
faileth never; I nothing lack if
I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed
soul he leadeth and, where the verdant
pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in
love he sought me, and on his shoulder
gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear
Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my
comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction
grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport
of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness
faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing
thy praise within thy house forever.

Please stand as able

OFFERING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

#674

**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 for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score consists of five staves of music.

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!

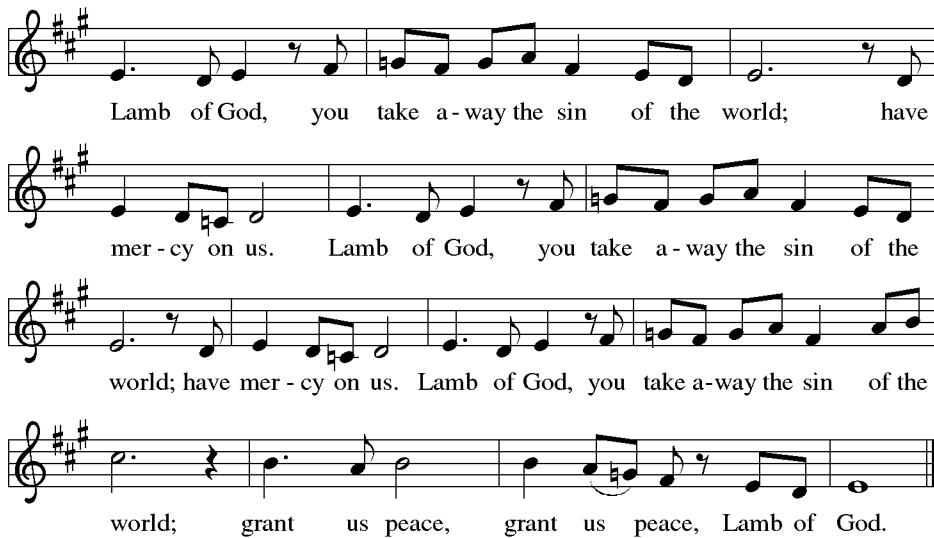
Please be seated

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.

Have No Fear, Little Flock

#764

**Have no fear, Little flock; have no fear, little
Flock, for the Father has chosen to
give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!**

**Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little
flock, for the Father will keep you in
his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!**

**Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high
above, for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!**

**Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to
God, for he stays close beside you, in
all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!**

**Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

**We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**

**Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

#645

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and
cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one; holy Zion's
help forever and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
hosts, and stay; come with all your loving kindness,
hear your people as they pray; and your fullest
benediction shed within these walls today.**

**Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from
you to gain; what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain; and hereafter
in your glory evermore with you to reign.**

**Praise and honor to the father, praise and honor
to the Son, praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one: one in might
and one in glory while unending ages run!**

**Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the
cries of race and clan, above the noise of
selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.**

**In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed
thresholds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.**

**From tender childhood's helplessness, from human
grief and burdened toil, from famished souls, from
sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.**

**The cup of water giv'n for you still holds the
freshness of your grace; yet long these multitudes
to view the strong compassion in your face.**

**O Master, from the mountainside make haste to
heal these hearts of pain; among these restless
thongs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;**

**Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow
where your feet have trod; till glorious from your
heav'n above shall come the city of our God.**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

#470

**Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly
in your name two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.**

**As disciples used to gather in the name of
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giver
break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia!
Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up.**

**All our meals and all our living make as sacraments
of you, that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true. Alleluia!
Alleluia! We will serve with faith a new.**

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.

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

May God give you grace to never sell yourself short,
grace to risk something big for the common good,
and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous
for anything but truth,
and too small for anything but love.
Now go in peace to share the good news!

**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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