



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18, 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 by Bill and Sarah Weeks.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching and Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Jesse Roth
Prayers	Melissa Kolb
Communion Assistant	Matthew Wessinger
Cantor	Amanda Cook
Acolyte	Madelyn Fagala
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Debbie Farstad Zerle Hubbard Terry Morgan
Nursery	Anne Harmon
Praying for Possibilities	Angie McCormack
Greeters	Mark Allen Deirdre Hixson Jane Mortensen Lyle Mortensen Cathy O'Neill Pat O'Neill
Ushers	Richard Delap Calvin Harmon Pattimarie Janssen David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	Chris and Dean Nix Rosa Waldrep
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Rondo: *Allegretto grazioso* from Sonata in C Major (K. 309)
by W. A. Mozart

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Created to Be

Trinity Youth Gathering Participants

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.

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

Refrain

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

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

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

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

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

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

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,



Refrain

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Ever-loving God, in Christ you give yourself as living bread for the life of the world. Make this place into a place of table builders, door openers, and invitation givers where there is always bread enough to go around. Fill us with the knowledge of your presence among us and in us that we may be strengthened and sustained by your promises. Nourish us and unite us as beloved community made in your image to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

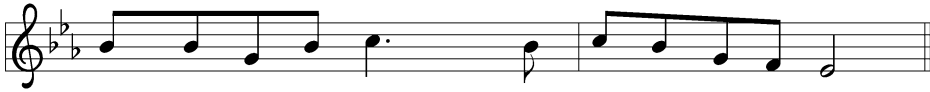
A reading from Proverbs.

- ¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
- ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
- ⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

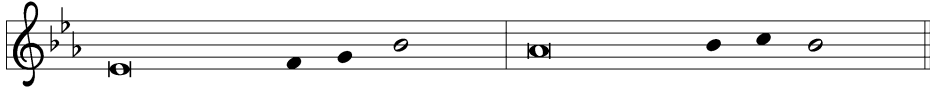
Thanks be to God.

Psalm
 Refrain



Those who seek the LORD lack noth - ing that is good.

Psalm
 Tone



⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
 for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
 but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good. R**

¹¹Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;
 I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes plea- | sure in life
 and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your | tongue from evil
 and your lips from | lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil | and do good;
 seek peace | and pursue it. R**

SECOND READING
A reading from Ephesians.

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of Christ is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to Abba God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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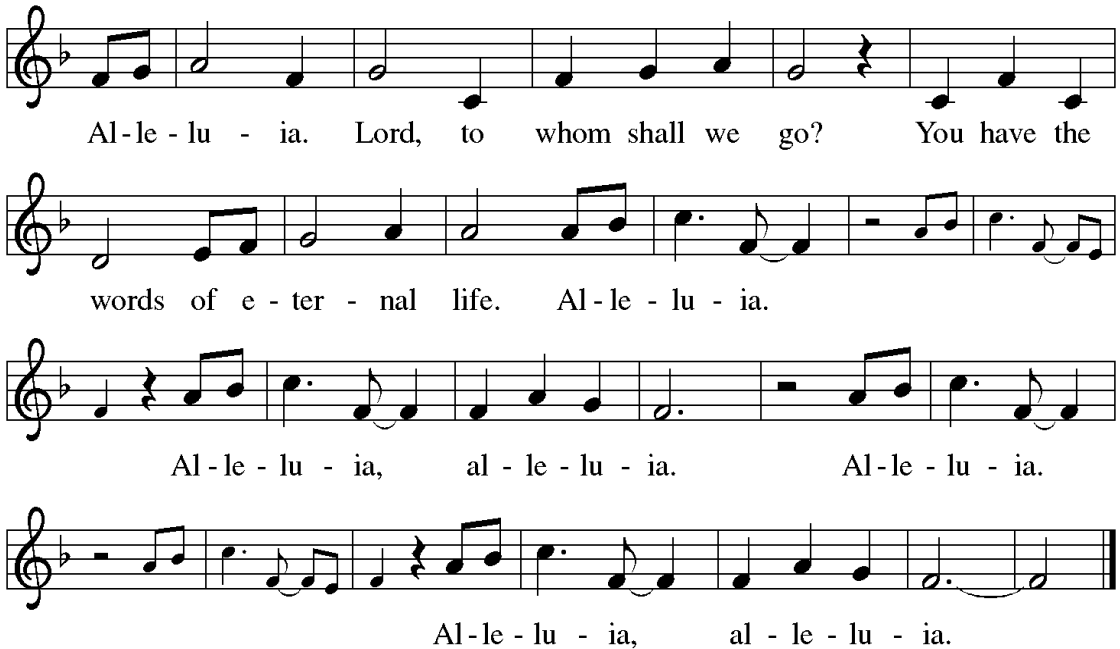
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Building a Longer Table

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.

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”
⁵²The Judeans then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Abba God sent me, and I live because of Abba God, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

A Diet Given and Shed For You

Please stand as able

**“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***

Apostles' CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Heal us of any hesitations to change and renew in ways that bring us closer to your dream. Oil the hinges of church doors so that they joyously fling widely open, inviting absolutely all people to gather and experience your love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Bless the Empire and Gala Apples being picked now in the Carolinas, and grant farmers and apple pickers a successful and prosperous season. Protect and conserve the earth even when we fail to do so. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Forge easier paths for immigrants and refugees to access gainful employment and fill us all with mercy and compassion for those who come here for a better life yet face so many hurdles. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Comfort those of us awaiting answers regarding medical diagnoses. Sustain family and friends providing care and support during times of uncertainty. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and hope, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at your table to anyone who comes. Remind us that your food is life. It is abundant and you never run out. Turn us to you when we give in to the world's message of scarcity and exclusion, reminding us that your body and blood are given for the life of the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has called us to new ways of seeing and thinking. Fill schools, boards, and legislative bodies with the gift of your vision for the world. Bring an end to legislation and regulation that seeks to isolate and target marginalized populations. Fill parents of queer, transgender, and gender non-conforming youth with confidence in your promises when the rights of your beloved children to live fully as you have created them come under attack. Safeguard restrooms, classrooms, and lunchrooms as students settle into the rhythms of this academic year. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.
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

Ave verum corpus by W. A. Mozart
Latin Text

Adult Choir

*Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, Vere passum,
immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine;
Esto nobis praegustatum In mortis examine.*

English Translation

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for humankind,
whose pierced side flowed (with water) and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste (of the Heavenly banquet) in the trial of death.

**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:

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.

BUILD A LONGER TABLE

David Bjorlin, b.1984

NOËL NOUVELET
French carol



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



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



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



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

Congregation will sing refrain three times at the beginning and then once after each verse

Refrain

***“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”***

CANTOR

Christ is the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father. *Refrain*

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven. *Refrain*

Eat this flesh and drink his blood,
and Christ will raise you up on the last day. *Refrain*

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. *Refrain*

If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. *Refrain*

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

Adult Choir

Refrain

We eat the bread of teaching, drink wine of wisdom,
are given here a taste of the kingdom.

Together joined, the greatest and the least,
we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.

Verses

Wisdom calls throughout the city, knows our hunger, and in pity
gives her loving invitation to the banquet of salvation. *Refrain*
Simple ones whose hearts are yearning, come and gain from Wisdom's learning;

bread and wine she is preparing, know her loving in the sharing. *Refrain*

Enter with delight and singing, for her richness now is bringing
us this joyous celebration; eat and drink in jubilation! *Refrain*

Praise and Thanksgiving

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**Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things
living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the
orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our
neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work
with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

**Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's
guiding teach us to share one with another, so that,
rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.**

**Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing
your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will
hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.**

Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.

Open your hearts, O royal priest-hood, God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

God has spoken to the people hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear;

they who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

God has spoken to the people hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

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

Having been united together
 in the eating of bread and wine,
 flesh and blood,
 go out into the world sharing
 the abundance of Christ.
 Build infinitely long tables and open doors.
 Taste the gifts of God in all that you do and
 go forth in peace!
Thanks be to God.

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

All Are Welcome

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