



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 4, 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 honor of their 67th Anniversary by Ralph and Marilyn Boeker.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
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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.

God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend! Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send! Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!

God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy! Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free! Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!

God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness! Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress. Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!

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. God of justice, love, and mercy, you do not grow weary from hearing our cries, our complaints, our fears, our burdens, and our worries. You hear them and hold them...without judgment. As we wallow in all of our fear and uncertainty, you continue the good and faithful work of making a way for us, creating space for us, clearing a path for us. Remind us over and over and over again of your constant love and provision for us and give us the wisdom and grace to share the resources you have entrusted to us so that the needs of all of your beloved children will be met.

Amen.

Please be seated

Word

FIRST READING Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

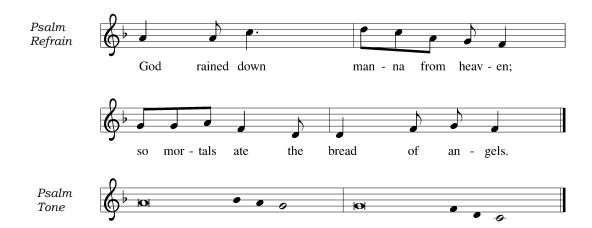
A reading from Exodus.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." 4Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." 9Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for the Lord has heard your complaining." 10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. 11The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 12"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." 13In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The refrain is introduced by the cantor
Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction



- ²³So God commanded the | clouds above and opened the | doors of heaven,
- ²⁴raining down manna upon | them to eat and giving them | grain from heaven. R
- ²⁵So mortals ate the | bread of angels; God provided for them | food enough.
- 26The LORD caused the east wind to blow | in the heavens and powerfully led out | the south wind,
- ²⁷raining down flesh upon I them like dust and flying birds like the sand I of the seas,
- 28letting them fall in the midst | of the camp and round a- | bout the dwellings.
- ²⁹So the people ate and I were well filled, for God gave them I what they craved. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you

A reading from Ephesians.

have been called, 2with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God of all, who is above all and through all and in all. 7But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8Therefore it is said, "When Christ ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 Christ who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. 11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

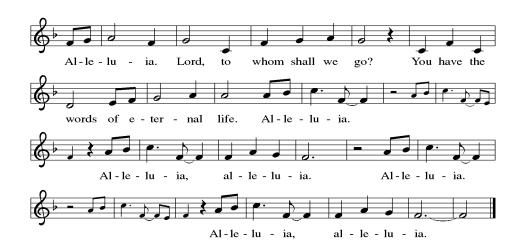
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

So Much Complaining

Please stand as able



GOSPEL John 6:24-35

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on Christ that God has set God's seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" 29Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Christ whom God has sent." 30So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written God gave them bread from heaven to eat." 32Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is our heavenly parent who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON If only....

Please stand as able

God of justice, love, and mercy pour your wisdom on our souls.

By your all-sustaining pow - er keep our spirits strong and whole.

Lift our eyes to see your vision, of a world in urgent need—

Grant us courage, then to follow bringing comfort with each deed.

God of justice, love, and mercy with compassion let us care.

As we come in humble weakness, may your strength be ours to share.

Press our hearts to know the struggle of the ones we cannot see—

Brothers, sisters, all who suffer may your kindness set us free.

God of justice, love, and mercy send us out and make us bold.

As we strive for your high calling, let our hands your mercies hold.

You have blessed us with abundance, gifts to share with those in need—

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit may we follow as you lead.

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.

O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. We give thanks for Pastor Parham and Deacon Amy upon their return from sabbatical. Teach us all to heed your call to sabbath rest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. We give you thanks for the many ways your creation sustains us in the heat of summer: for cool swimming pools, peach ice cream, and well-functioning air conditioning. May we continue to live with hearts of gratitude for all that you have given us, and in response, freely share what we have. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Allow leaders, politicians, CEOs, and decision-makers to see you in the face of all the people they serve. Guide our world into understanding that the queer community, people of color, those who are without housing, addicts, and the poor are simply diverse images of you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God, our justice and safety, our hearts are heavy and burdened by the pain and suffering caused by ongoing police brutality against people of color. We lift up to you all who have been victims of injustice and whose lives have been cut short by violence and discrimination, especially Sonya Massey who was killed last week at the hands of a police officer. We pray for systemic change in our justice systems. Break down barriers of prejudice and inequality. Give our leaders wisdom and courage to challenge and change policies and behaviors in order to promote equity and safeguard those who so often become targets of a sinful world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. Awaken us to the fact that you created a world of abundance. Turn us away from our models of scarcity. Bless the Trinity food pantry, Project Host Soup Kitchen, Feed & Seed Company, Harvest Hope Food Bank and the many other local organizations providing food for those who hunger. As we aim to serve our fellow human beings throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger, give them, through our hands, their daily bread. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God, our healing and strength, be with those this day who struggle with mental and physical health challenges. Where there are frightening diagnoses and times of unknowing, bring peace. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Merciful God, **hear our prayer**

O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with congregations experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of joy and delight, as the 2024 Olympics continue in Paris, keep safe all who participate and spectate. Bless pools, diving board, balance beams, uneven bars, and volleyball nets as athletes use them to show off the wonderful abilities of the human bodies you have created. Inspire us in watching these extraordinary athletes to care for the physical needs of our bodies in ways that we find fulfilling and life-giving. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed. Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. 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

OFFERING

O Bread of Life from Heaven
Music: Heinrich Isaac, arr. J. S. Bach
Text from 2nd century Latin hymn
translations by Hugh Henry and Phillip Schaff

Melanie Helling

O bread of life from heaven, O food to pilgrims given, O manna from above: feed with the blessed sweetness of your divine completeness the souls that want and need your love.

O fount of grace redeeming, O river ever streaming from Jesus' wounded side: come now, your love bestowing on thirsting souls, and flowing till all are fully satisfied.

We love you, Jesus, tender, in all your hidden splendor within these means of grace. Oh, let the veil be riven, and our clear eye in heaven behold your glory face to face. 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.

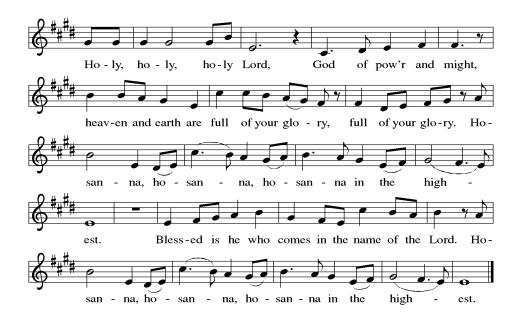
Lift up your hearts.

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:



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!

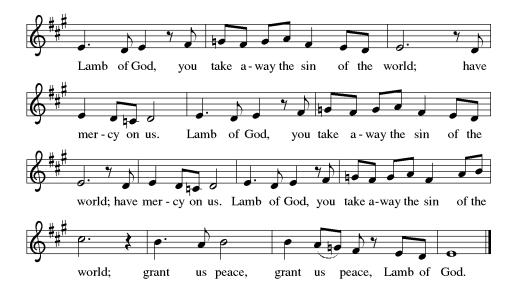
Please be seated

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

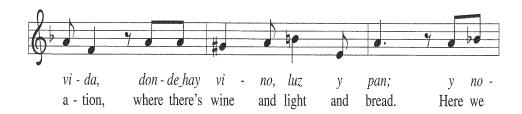


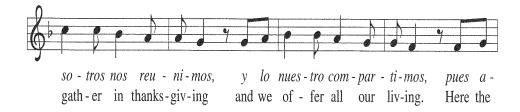
God Extends an Invitation

Nuestro Padre nos invita

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"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

Eat this Bread

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"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."

Repeat three times

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away. Refrain

These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. Refrain

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet: this is the way we will live with you. Refrain

Please stand as able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

Trust the good news of God's provision for you. In the dark, scary places of life, God is already there for you, waiting for you, making a way for you. Rest in the certain knowledge that you are loved and all is well.

Thanks be to God. Amen

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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
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Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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