



**August 1, 2021**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

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## Week 3 of the Book of Revelation Sermon Series

*The scenes of praise and celebration in the previous chapters give way to threatening visions. The four horsemen present threats of conquest, violence, economic insecurity, and death. The horsemen portray threats that are real. They were real for people in the first century and remain real for people now. A promise is given in Revelation 7. John sees who can stand: those who have been redeemed by the Lamb. Being redeemed by the blood of the Lamb does not make the threats go away, but it gives people the promise of life that allows them to stand in the face of the threats, confident that God's purposes are ultimately for life.*

### Prelude

#### Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Those present may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*A reading from the Psalms:* The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

*(Psalm 29:3, 11)*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,  
**you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.**

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

**Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.**

Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.

**You are the fountain of resurrection.**

Praise to you for your saving waters:

**Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well.**

The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.

**Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.**

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament.

**Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.**

Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.

**Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.**

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, **who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn – *My Life Flows On in Endless Song***

*Hymn text can be found on page 12 of today's bulletin.*

**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**

We seek and find you in Creation, O God,  
in the world you have made and the people you have called.  
Your vulnerable, powerful Lamb is our shepherd and guide,  
leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life.

Let us recognize you here  
in the beauty of this morning and in its challenge;  
may the Risen One, your Shepherd-Lamb,  
lead us to act for your justice and peace:  
so that all may drink from your springs of the waters of life,  
and find their tears of sorrow and pain wiped away.  
In the name of the Risen One we pray: **Amen.**

*from the United Church of Christ. Posted on **Wild and Precious Life***

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **First Reading:** Revelation 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures call out, as with a voice of thunder, "Come!" <sup>2</sup> I looked, and there was a white horse! Its rider had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering and to conquer.

<sup>3</sup> When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, "Come!" <sup>4</sup> And out came another horse, bright red; its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people would slaughter one another; and he was given a great sword.

<sup>5</sup> When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, "Come!" I looked, and there was a black horse! Its rider held a pair of scales in his hand, <sup>6</sup> and I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's pay, and three quarts of barley for a day's pay, but do not damage the olive oil and the wine!"

<sup>7</sup> When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature call out, "Come!" <sup>8</sup> I looked and there was a pale green horse! Its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed with him; they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, and pestilence, and by the wild animals of the earth.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** *Psalm 78*

**Gospel:** John 14:1-4

The holy Gospel according to John the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** – *In God Alone*

**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 the Church**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**Amen.**

### **Offering Prayer**

As a parent accepts the earnest gift of a child, accept now the offerings we bring to you, out of love and hope for the healing of the world. In the name of our savior, we pray.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **Benediction**

Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor and power  
and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!

**We go out to be God's people.**

Go in strength to be the saints of God  
for you will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike you, nor any scorching heat.

**We go out to be God's people.**

Live the way of God with confidence  
for God is your shepherd,  
and will guide you to the spring of life.

**We go out to be God's people.**

— from ***Seasons of the Spirit: All Saints Day—Year A***  
*published by WoodLake Publishing*

## Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Hymn

## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'er, strong de - liv - 'er,  
Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## Postlude

### Worship Leaders

<b>Interim Pastor</b>	Rev. Dave Daubert
<b>Deaconess</b>	Andrea Delaney
<b>Organist</b>	Matthew Wahl
<b>Guest Soloist</b>	Robert Balsamo
<b>Radio Hosts</b>	Melissa & Ryan Read

### Special Offerings

<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Are sponsored by <b>Rick &amp; Kris Benson</b> in celebration of their 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 24
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### Note on Special Offerings

Please consider sponsoring Radio Hour (\$100), 7-Day Candle (\$8), Bulletins (\$25), or the Newsletter (\$50). **The Radio, printed bulletins for those who aren't online & unable to attend in person and the Newsletter are vital communication ministries during this time!**

### Pastoral Care

If you need pastoral care please reach out to Chaplain David Rohlwing or Deaconess Andrea Delaney.

Chaplain David: home 847-695-2745 or email: [dwrohlwing@att.net](mailto:dwrohlwing@att.net)

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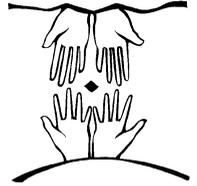
We are still asking everyone to wear a mask in the building (*out of concern for those who haven't received the vaccine yet, especially those under 16*). Also please continue to wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer provided, and observe the blue marks on the pews. Thank you!

## **Our Tithes & Offerings**

When we practice gratitude, we begin to understand that everything is a gift from God and we can praise God for the gifts we have received which, in turn, leads us to be generous stewards of those gifts. As we seek to gather an offering for the mission of Holy Trinity in these times, we thank you for your sustained giving and support!

### **Ways to Give to Holy Trinity**

1. Drop your donation into the offering plate before or after worship
2. Mail a check to the church
3. Give online through our website: [holytrinityelgin.com](http://holytrinityelgin.com)
4. Give+ through Vanco – sign up on your phone (it's an APP)
5. Simply Giving – call the church to get signed up for a regular offering



**Regular Offering last week was \$3,135**

## **Announcements**

### **National Night Out**

**Tuesday August 3 @ 5:00 p.m.** at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. All are invited! Donations of cans of pop (Coke, Diet, Sprite) are appreciated.



## **My Life Flows On in Endless Song**

- 1** My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

### *Refrain*

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

- 2** Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

- 3** What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

- 4** The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*