

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Seek First*

Peace that passes my understanding
Love that conquers my fear and regret
Joy unending eternal pleasure
In Your presence my Risen King

(Chorus) I will seek first Your Kingdom
I will seek first Your righteousness
Everything I need You will provide for me
My heart is to seek first Your Kingdom

(Repeat all)

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.
O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Will Delight

I will delight in the law of the Lord;
I will meditate day and night.
Then, like a tree firmly planted, I'll be
Grounded in your word.
Blessed is the one who follows the way of the Lord;
Blessed is the one.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Oehlert

Please Rise

SONG OF THE DAY “O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer”

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

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THE PRAYERS

At the end of each petition, the reader will say "Merciful God," please respond with sung response.

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

PRAYER RESPONSE: Your Will is Our Desire (Quinn and Klinebriel)

Your will is our desire.

Our path is your design.

Hear us, we pray, we trust.

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church....

The prayers conclude:

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG *We Believe*

We believe in one true God
Father Spirit Son
One Church one faith one Lord of all
His Kingdom come
We believe in God the Father
Almighty Lord of life
Creator of the Heavens
The earth the sea the sky
And we believe in Jesus
The only Son of God
Born of the virgin Mary
Who lived as one of us
We believe that Jesus suffered
Was beaten crucified
He died and He was buried
Entombed in darkest night
The third day rose victorious
Ascended into Heav'n
Will one day come to judge us
The living and the dead
We believe in God the Spirit
One church empow'ed by Him
Communion of God's people
Forgiveness of our sin
Our bodies resurrected
To everlasting life
To worship love and wonder
Before the throne of Christ

Please Rise

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PREPARING FOR THE TABLE

People of God, People of life, We gather as a holy communion, for a meal that has been shared countless times, in countless places, and in countless ways. The first time this meal was shared, Jesus was gathered around a table with a ragged collection of people. Outcasts, betrayers, the power-hungry, the fragile, lonely, lost.

The first time this meal was celebrated, Jesus promised that it was for all time, that whenever the bread was broken and the wine poured, wherever the story was told around a table, he would be there.

Today we remember the story as it's been told a thousand times over; we eat the bread, and we drink the wine, and we affirm that we all belong at this table and Jesus is here.

So, if we come to this table angry,
Let this bread and wine be our peace.

If we come to this table broken,
Let this bread and wine be our grace.

If we come to this table betrayed,
Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.

If we come to this table in despair,
Let this bread and wine be our life.

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world and wine to
quench thirsty hearts.
Thanks be to God!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

When Jesus ate with his friends, He took bread, and after blessing it, He broke it
and gave it to them saying: “Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this
for the remembrance of me.”

Then He took the cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break bread
and share the one cup.
Thanks be to God!

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your love and teach us to pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to commune at Christ's Holy Supper. We invite everyone to come forward to the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Come forward by way of the center aisle to receive the elements and return by the outside aisle. **If you cannot come forward** to receive communion but would like to receive it directly from the pastor, please let a greeter know and the pastor will bring communion to you. Gluten-free wafers are available as well. Children and adults who do not receive communion are invited to come forward as they wish to receive a blessing.*

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

Please rise.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Jesus, Messiah*

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing
(Chorus) Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all
His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing (Chorus)
Jesus Messiah,
Lord of all.
The Lord of all.
The Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Masks are Optional. All who enter the church building, no matter their vaccination status, are **strongly recommended** to mask.

Greeters are here to help! If you have questions, need directions, or just want to know why Holy Trinity is a great place to be, just ask a greeter.



The sanctuary is equipped with **Hearing Loop**, an assistive listening device. To hear the worship service through your hearing aid, switch your hearing aid to the T-coil setting. Portable receivers and headsets are available for checkout. Just ask a greeter to check one out.

We love having children in worship! If you find you or your child needs a break, head on over to the **nursery**. You will find books, toys, and a changing table. It is just down the hall from the sanctuary.

Do you like coffee and treats? So do we! Join us between services starting at 9:30 am in the Living Faith Center (LFC) just down the hall for a cup of coffee or tea and a treat.

Restrooms are just down the hall, past the nursery. At the end of the hall turn left!

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Sunday News for all of the news and announcements.

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