

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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*Gathering at St. John's Episcopal Church  
1676 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, FL 33764*

**June 22, 2025**  
**Trinity Sunday – II**

**Special Liturgy for the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Swenette and Fremont Ogle**



**Prelude: Voluntary in C Major, Op 5 No. 1 – John Stanley (1713-1796)**

**Welcome**

**Prelude: (continued)**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

**Pastor:**

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

**Amen.**

**Pastor:**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✙ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn: *Come Join the Dance of Trinity* - ELW 412



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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## GREETING

### **Pastor:**

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**

**Pastor:**

Let us pray.

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Make us living witnesses of your divine love and gracious mercy. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading: Romans 12:1-2, 9-18**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

The Word of the Lord

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## Song of Songs 2:8-16a

### Arise, My Beloved

Anne M. Harman  
7-14-11

♩ = 85

c m f m c m

A - rise, my be-lov-ed, come. My beau - ti-ful-be-

6 f m A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

lov - ed, come. For see the win - ter is

11 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> G G7

past, the rains are o - ver and gone.

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**ALL: The voice of my beloved!**

**Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.**

**My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.**

**Look, there he stands behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.**

**My beloved speaks and says to me:**

Reader : “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away,  
for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.

**Sung: Arise, my Beloved....**

Reader : Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.  
O my dove, in the clefts of the rocks, in the covert of the cliff,  
let me see your face; let me hear your voice,  
for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.  
Catch us the foxes, the little foxes,  
that ruin the vineyards—for our vineyards are in blossom.”

**ALL: My beloved is mine, and I am his.**

**Sung: Arise, my beloved...**

## Gospel Acclamation

### Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

## Gospel: Matthew 22:35-41

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

One of the Pharisees, an expert in the law, asked Jesus a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sermon: Pr. Anne Harman**

## Hymn of the Day: Beloved, God's Chosen – ELW 648



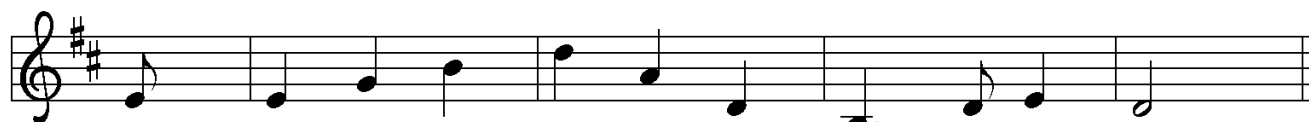
1 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment  
2 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly;  
3 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment



com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.  
let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.  
com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.



A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment  
And from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and ho - ly,  
A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment



that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.  
let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.  
that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: ANDREW'S SONG, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962

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## Affirmation of Wedding Vows and Blessing:

**Song: Mozart Alleluia!**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Please respond to each invocation:* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## Peace

### Pastor:

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Please be seated.*

### OFFERING

All that we have, physically and spiritually comes from God.  
Our offering, of time, talent and treasure is a response to our awareness  
that God is the creator of all things and that we are redeemed  
through life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
Your support of this ministry and the faith life of this community is appreciated.

### Hymn: As the Grains of Wheat – ELW 465

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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## Offering Prayer:

Let us pray.

Creator God,  
**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table  
with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

**Presider:**

The Lord be 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.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.  
 Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.  
 A - men, a - men, a - men.

## 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.

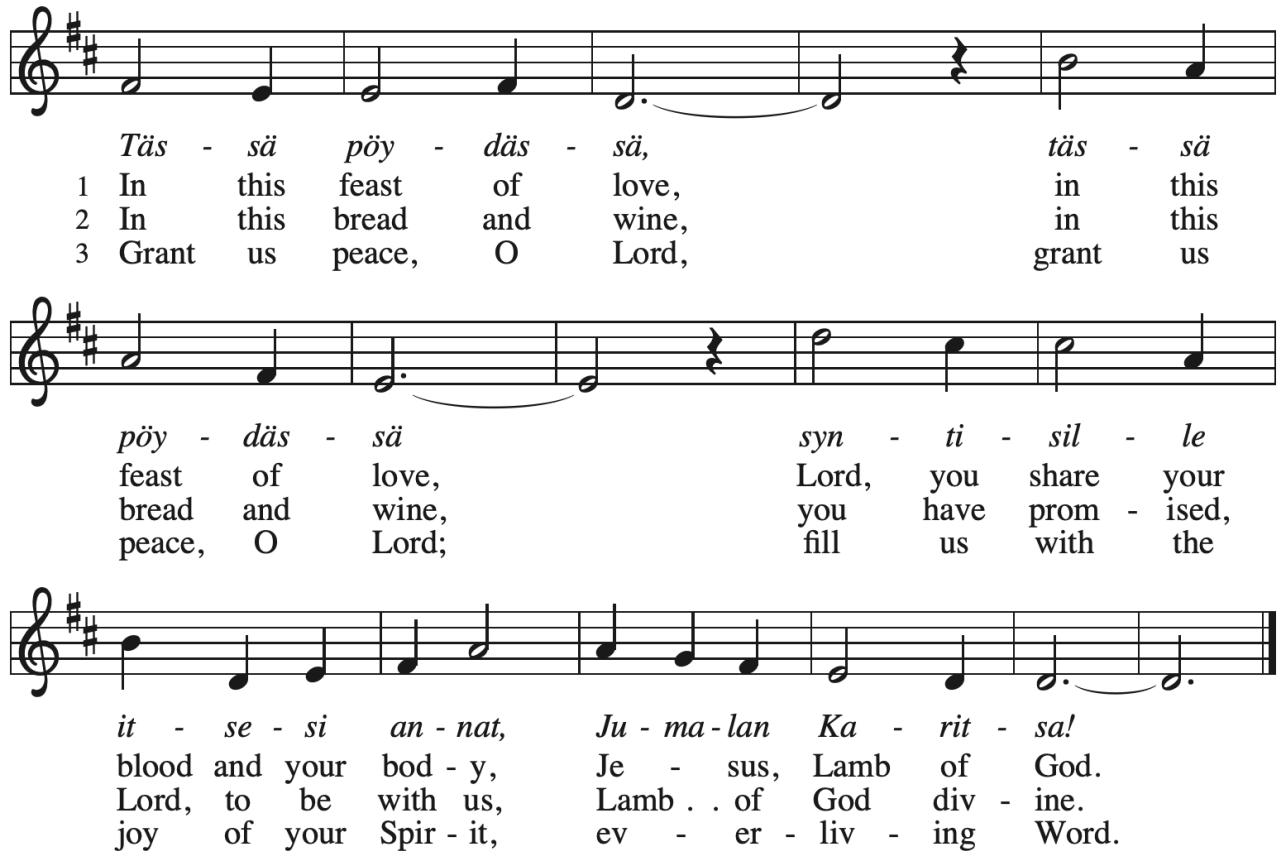
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen

## Invitation to Communion

*We believe that Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus. In this sacrament we are invited to have a personal experience of Christ's presence. This is the Lord's table. All who desire to be in relationship with Christ are welcome to receive.*

We receive communion using bread and wine. If you need to receive a gluten free host, please ask the communion minister. For those who prefer to receive grape juice rather than wine you will find white grape juice in the center of the trays as communion is given. If you have a question, please ask the minister as you receive. The bread and wine should be consumed here in the church before you return to your seat. If for some reason, you are unable to consume either the bread or wine please bring what was not consumed to the ushers or the pastor as soon as the service is completed.

## In This Feast of Love – ACS 962



*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä*  
1 In this feast of love, in this  
2 In this bread and wine, in this  
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

*pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le*  
feast of love, Lord, you share your  
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
peace, O Lord; fill us with the

*it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*  
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio

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## Solo: Lord's Prayer - Malotte

## Hymn: To Be Your Presence – ELW 546

1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the

ev - er near,  
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - joice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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## Prayer After Communion

O Blessed Trinity,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## Announcements:

### Blessing

The holy Three, the holy One  
increase your hope, strengthen your faith,  
deepen your love, and ☩ grant you peace.  
**Amen.**

## Hymn: Build Us Up, Lord - *ELW 670*



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*  
Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

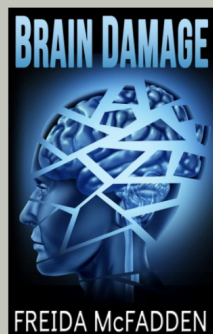
word to spread the news of your Son!

Text: Mark Glaeser, b. 1956, and Donna Hanna, b. 1952  
Music: BUILD US UP, Mark Glaeser and Donna Hanna  
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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Now is the time to bring God's light and love to the world!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude: Toccata in G minor – Theodore Dubois



Our June book:

**Brain Damage**  
by Freida McFadden

LOCATION:

Our Place Clearwater  
1101 S. Missouri Ave.,  
Clearwater, FL 33756

## St. Paul's Book Club

Our next meeting is

**June 25, 2025 - 11:00 AM**

After years of hard work, Dr. Charly McKenna finally has it all: A prosperous career as a dermatologist? Check. Spacious apartment overlooking Central Park? Check. Handsome lawyer husband? Double check. Then, one night a bullet rips through the right side of her skull and she loses everything. As Charly struggles to recover from her brain injury, she begins to realize that the events of that fateful night are trapped in the damaged right side of her brain. Now, she must put the jigsaw pieces together to discover the identity of the man who tried to kill her...before he finishes the job he started.

Please sign up on the bulletin board by  
Sunday, June 22 if you will be attending.

We have to make a reservation at the restaurant.



## St. Paul's Spirituality Center

an outreach ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

# Taizé Prayer Come, Spirit of Peace

Wednesday, June 25

7:15 PM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
gathering at St. John's Episcopal  
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# Prayer Around the Globe

**July 9 - 7:15 PM**

*Prayer for the  
Healing of Nations  
and the Earth*



Join us for an hour of prayer for peace,  
unity and justice in our world.

Community is the first building block of peace!

Join us for an ice cream social in the hall  
after our prayer service.

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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation, embodies God's love, and promise of salvation through faith in Christ by extending inclusion and welcome to all.*

We welcome the full, active participation of all who worship and minister with us. If you are interested in learning more about Jesus, God's life and action in the world and our lives, the Lutheran faith, or this congregation and how you can be more involved, please reach out to Pastor Anne.

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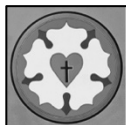
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