

July 24, 2022

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 38801 Blacow Road Fremont, CA 94536 Church: (510) 793-6285 July 24, 2022 10 AM – 7th Sunday after Pentecost Ministers: The People of Holy Trinity Web Site: holytrinityfremont.org

WELCOME TO THE STORY

The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

A Story that Invites Us

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE – "Hills and Valleys" – Myrna Emata Diaz and Kathleen Keating

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: As forgiven and loved children of God, as those who are filled with the Holy Spirit, let us share signs of peace with one another. The peace of Christ is with you.

All: The peace of Christ is with you always.

Please Stand

INVOCATION

P: The precious love of God, which is in Jesus Christ our hope, and the life of the Spirit is with us all.

All: Jesus will always love us.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

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

All: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

All: 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.

P: 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, our sins are forgiven.

All: We are free to love as God loves. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, open your hearts, and listen for the voice of God.

All: Come, open your hearts to love one another.

L: Come, open your minds, and receive the Spirit of wisdom.

All: Come, open your minds to new understanding and insight.

L: Come, open your senses, and experience our Creator at work.

All: Come, open yourselves to the work of God around us.

L: Come, open your arms, awake and arise, for God is calling you.

All: Come and join in the worship of our awesome God.

OPENING HYMN – "*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*" vs. 1,3 Favorite Hymn of Katarina DiPaola, Michael Di Paola, and Judi McCallum



GREETING

P: The Spirit of God is here,

All: calling us to worship and praise.

P: The Spirit delights in our presence,

All: rejoicing alongside us.

P: The Spirit of Truth is still speaking,

All: granting wisdom for our lives today.

LITANY

L: God of blessing, we thank you always

All: for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation.

L: You shared your name with our mothers and fathers: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations;

All: Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation;

L: Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear;

All: Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger.

L: From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise to fulfill the law, embody your love, and draw all people to himself.

All: He accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to life to share it in abundance;

L: Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, in every part of the world we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:



HYMN OF PRAISE . . . "Glory to God"







THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve.

All: Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Be Seated

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: God, you show us your way in the words of

scripture. May we hear and speak your word,

through these readings and the teachings they share.

All: May we, like Mary, sit at your feet and listen.

Reader: Today's reading is from Colossians, chapter two,

beginning with the sixth verse.

READING – Colossians 2:6-19

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in

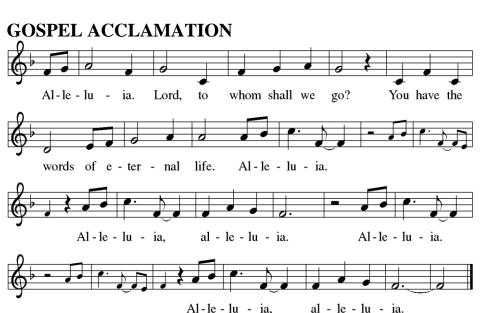
the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Reader: Having sat at your feet and listened,

All: help us put what we have heard into practice.

Please Stand



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eleventh chapter.

All: Glory to you, O God.

GOSPEL – *Luke 11:1-13*

One day Jesus was praying, and when he had finished, one of the disciples asked, "Rabbi, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Jesus said to them, "when you pray, say,

'Abba God,

hallowed be your Name!

May your reign come.

Give us today

Tomorrow's bread.

Forgive us our sins,

for we too forgive everyone who sins against us; and don't let us be subjected to the Test.' "

Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, a neighbor, and you go to your neighbor at midnight and say, 'Lend me three loaves of bread, because friends of mine on a journey have come to me, and I have nothing to set before them.'

"Then your neighbor says, 'Leave me alone. The door is already locked and the children and I are in bed. I can't get up to look after your needs.' I tell you, though your neighbor will not get up to give you the bread out of friendship, your persistence will make your neighbor get up and give you as much as you need."

"That's why I tell you, keep asking and you'll receive; keep looking and you'll find; keep knocking and the door will be opened to you. For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted. What parents among you will give a snake to their child when the child asks for a fish, or a scorpion when the child asks for an egg? If you, with all your sins, know how to give your children good things, how much more will our heavenly Abba give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?"

P: The Gospel, the good news of God.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME – Pastor Tim

Please Stand

HYMN – "Earth and All Stars!" vs. 1,2



MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO OFFERING

- L: We heard today of people who did not offer the things they ought to, especially to the most vulnerable among us.
- All: Sometimes we offer what we think is best, only to realize that it isn't what you want us to give.
- L: May we offer you now our very selves: our energy, our resources, and our time.
- All: Help us reach the vulnerable; and enable this church to be a place of refuge, help, justice, love, and hospitality.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE – "Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring"



- 1 Ac cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up on your ta ble.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

















OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Touch these gifts, O God,

All: with your manifold blessings.

L: Touch our very lives,

All: that we may be instruments of your hope.

L: May our gifts and our lives,

All: bring your healing, love, and compassion to a world in need. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them.

Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name.

Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayers.

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

All: Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to Jesus, the Light of the World.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is a right, a good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give our thanks to you, for with you all things are possible. For you bring forth grain from the earth, and fruit from the vine.

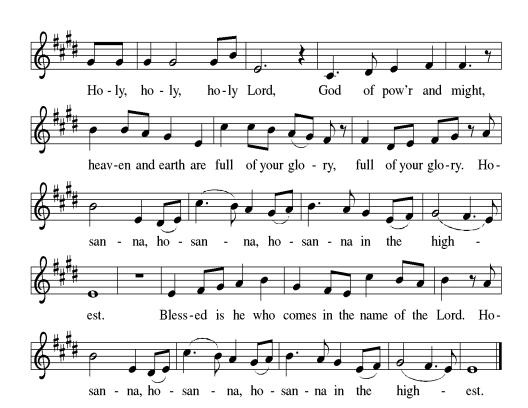
All: You make the rain to fall in its season, and the sun to shine, giving light and warmth to all your creatures.

P: By your word, the trees give their fruit, the crops and grasses flourish,

All: and all your creatures grow in grace.

P: Holy are you, and holy is your child, Jesus Christ. When he saw the little children, he called them to him, laying his hands on them and blessing them. And so, with all creation we sing:





P: In Christ's grace, you renew and reclaim us as your holy people, children of mercy and truth. As children of your covenant of love, sealed by water and the Spirit, we come to you now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine. renewing and reviving and rescuing the lives of his friends, his most faithful disciples, even as they faced their deepest fears and their greatest sins. On that night before his death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your life-giving acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as children of your covenant, renewed and redeemed by your grace, in union with Christ's love for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

All: Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may become one with Christ, one with each other, and one in communion with you and with all the world.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

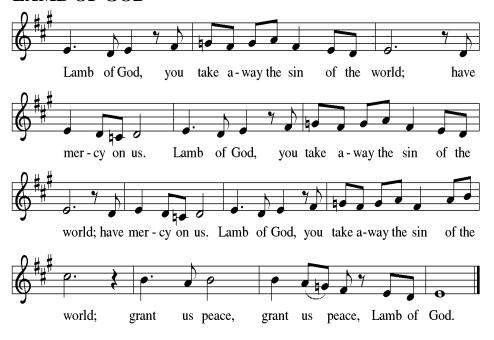
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

P: Pour out the light of your Mighty Spirit on all of us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine.

All: Make them be for us the life and love of Christ, that we may be for the world your community of love and justice, redeemed by Christ's mercy and grace.

LAMB OF GOD



Holy Communion is open to all. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

For communion at the altar rail:

You may come up the center aisle to the altar rail as space allows, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to dop the wafer into. Then take a cup of grape juice (white) or wine (red) from the assistant, partake, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.

For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:

You may come to altar rail as above, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake. Or you may remain seated and partake of the communion kit you picked up at the entrance. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.

COMMUNION HYMN – "Let All Things Now Living"



COMMUNION HYMN – "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

Favorite Hymn of Claudette Haskins and Judi McCallum





SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Creator God, bless this gift of bread with your love.

All: Flow through this gift of wine with your life-giving grace.

P: As we receive these gifts, make us one with you through the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Nurture our lives, that we may be loaves of your generous abundance.

P: Pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be vines of loving nourishment for one another and for a world in need of growth and strength.

All: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

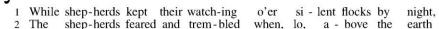
COMMISSIONING

P: As you have received Christ Jesus, continue to live your lives in him. Remain rooted and built up in him, abounding in thanksgiving and established in true faith, just as you were taught.

All: Forgiven, loved, and filled with the Holy Spirit, let us go in peace to love and serve the world. Amen.

SENDING HYMN – "Go Tell It on the Mountain" vs. 1,2 Favorite Hymn of Cassie Di Paola







DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE – "The Solid Rock" – Myrna Emata Diaz

