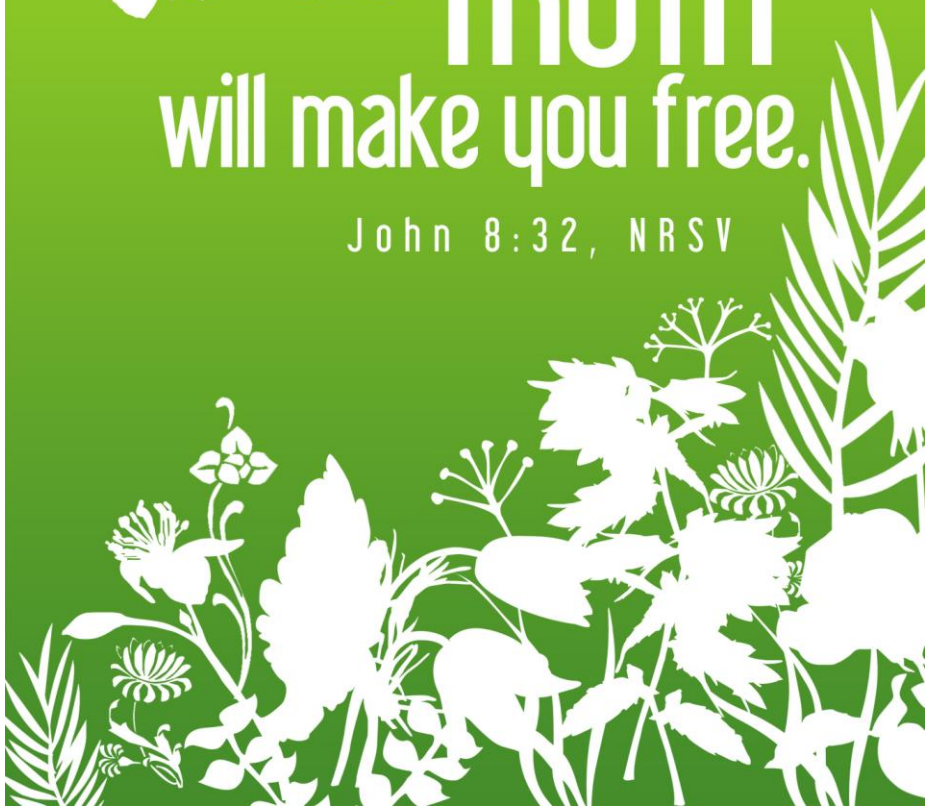


... and you will know
the **TRUTH**, and
the **TRUTH**
will make you free.

John 8:32, NRSV



**Celebration of the Ministry of
Pastor Barbara Caine
July 16, 2023**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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Church: (510) 793-6285

July 16, 2023
10 AM – 7th Sunday after Pentecost
Ministers: The People of HTLC & HRLC
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Welcome! Enter with Prayer, Worship in Awe, Leave to Serve.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

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 – Good Shepherd Lutheran Telugu Choir

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF
BISHOP CLAIRE S. BURKAT** – Pastor Tim Huff

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP – Pastor Tim

PT: Children of God: welcome!

All: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

PT: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

All: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

PT: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

All: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

PT: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE – Pastor Tim Huff

PT: The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

Please safely share the peace with each other

GATHERING HYMN: “Here I Am, Lord” vs. 1,2,3



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP – Pastor Barbara Caine

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY – Rick Koski

L: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

KYRIE

L: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

L: For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. L: For your

All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

L: Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy.


All: A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE


Refrain
All: Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u-nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain




Now the feast and cel-e-bra-tion, all of cre-a-tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo-ry for-ev-er-more!



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

Refrain



God; to make all things new.

Refrain



Now the feast and cel-e-bra-tion, all of cre-a-tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo-ry for-ev-er-more!

Be Seated

FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 31:31-34* – Jim Sepeda (CTK)

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

L: A reading from Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



PSALM 46 – Ann Lehman Harren (HTLC)

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

L: though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

All: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

All: The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

All: Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth

L: behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

All: "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted in the earth."

L: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: *Romans 3:19-28* – Linda Headrick (HRLC)

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

L: A reading from Romans:

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* & *"This Is the Day"* – Bell Choir

KIDS' TALK – Pastor Barbara



Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung twice)

All: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL: *John 8:31-36* – Bishop Claire

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

B: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Be Seated

SERMON – Bishop Claire

HYMN: “I Am” – Liturgical Dance by Karen Narveson

There's no space that God's love can't reach
There's no place where we can't find peace
There's no end to amazing grace
Take me in with your arms spread wide
Take me in like an orphan child
Never let go never leave my side

Chorus:

I am holding onto You
I am holding onto You
In the middle of the storm I am holding on I am

Love like this O my God to find
I am overwhelmed with a joy divine
Love like this sets our hearts on fire

I am holding onto You
I am holding onto You
In the middle of the storm I am holding on I am

This is my resurrection song
This is my hallelujah come
This is why it's to You I run
(Repeat)

There's no space that God's love can't reach
There's no place where we can't find peace
There's no end to amazing grace

I am holding onto You
I am holding onto You
In the middle of the storm I am holding on I am
(Repeat 2 more times)

Please Stand



APOSTLES CREED – Carmen Blair

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: **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 power of 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 – Linda Headrick

After each petition, please respond:

L: God of grace,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC – The Tongan Wesleyan Church Choir

Please Stand

OFFERING PRAYER – Rick Koski

L: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our
Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

HOLY

Congregation:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est!

P: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice reconciliation and peace. He was obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

On 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 biven for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all ot drink, 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.

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and earth, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Presider: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.
 A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

P: Send now we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and to your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new.

Presider: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for ev - er.

A - men.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

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.

Be Seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is open to all.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For walking communion:

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the wafer into, then take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the assistant's tray, 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 down the center aisle, 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“How Beautiful” – Kathleen Keating and Michael Keating*

COMMUNION HYMN: "I Am the Bread of Life" vs. 1,4,5

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 lieve in me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son of God, who have

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain
 "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."



COMMUNION HYMN: "One Bread, One Body" vs. 1,2,3

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

PRAYER – Pastor Hayward Ofa and Rev. ‘Amipeliasi Palu
The Tongan Wesleyan Church of New Zealand & Fremont, CA

Be Seated

THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL

ADDRESS – Rick Koski, HRLC Council President

L: Pastor Barbara Baker Caine, on April 3rd, 2005, we of
Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church of Newark, California

called you to be our pastor: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel, you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you retire from your call with this community of faith, we pray for God's blessing.

PRAYER – Rick Koski

L: Let us pray for the saving presence of our living God:
In your world,

All: be present God.

L: In this congregation,

All: be present God.

L: In this community,

All: be present God.

L: In this synod, and the whole church,

All: be present God.

L: In the homes and hearts of all your people,

All: be present God.

L: Let us pray for the mercy of God:
For work begun but not completed,

All: God have mercy.

L: For expectations not met,

All: God have mercy.

L: For wounds not healed,

All: God have mercy.

L: For gifts not shared,

All: God have mercy.

L: For promises not kept,

All: God have mercy.

L: Let us give thanks for our journey together:
For friendships made, for joys celebrated and for times
of nurture and growth,

All: thanks be to God.

L: For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given and
promises kept,

All: thanks be to God.

L: For our fellowship in Jesus Christ, and for the love of
God which has sustained us,

All: thanks be to God.

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God which has sustained us,

All: thanks be to God.

RELEASE FROM CALL

L: People of God, members of Holy Redeemer Lutheran
Church, do you release Barbara Caine from service as
our pastor on her retirement?

**All: We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry
together.**

L: Pastor Barbara, do you recognize and accept your
retirement from your ministry with Holy Redeemer
Lutheran Church of Newark, California?

P: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you gave the holy
apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your
flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ
according to the grace given to them, and you call them
to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for
the ministry of Word and Sacrament of Pastor Barbara
Baker Caine among the people of God with Holy
Redeemer. You watch over our going out and our
coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us. Help Pastor Barbara, and all of us, to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.

As Pastor Barbara has been a blessing to us, so now bless her in her retirement with much-deserved rest and the time to enjoy her family and friends, new experiences, and whatever else that You, O God, have planned for her. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

Bishop Claire:

Your siblings in Christ of the Sierra Pacific Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America give thanks to God for the ministry you have shared. We promise you our continued support and prayer, rejoicing in the blessings of God through Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church . . . especially as your congregation considers its own retirement.

With hope in God's abundant grace in years to come, I announce that Pastor Barbara Baker Caine's service as pastor of Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church of Newark, California is now concluded.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION - Bishop Claire



SENDING HYMN: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" vs. 1,2 - Praise Band

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

DISMISSAL – Linda Headrick

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE: *“Turn, Turn, Turn”* & *“Make a Joyful Noise”*
– Michael Keating

Please join us for a



for Pastor Barbara after the service!

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