

Service of Holy Communion
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Do Not Despair, O Little Flock"	- Johann Pachelbel
"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"	- William Kroeger
"Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"	- J.S. Bach

WELCOME

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of the Son + of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to live forever. Give us at this moment your mercy, that we may confess our sin and receive your forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may sit or kneel.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ God gives the power to become the children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak” sts. 1-2

Red Book #676

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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE WORD

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Instead of David building a house (temple) for God, God promises to establish David’s house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne. Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the Messiah, God’s anointed.

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” ³Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” ⁸Now therefore thus you shall

say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ^{14a}I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:20-37

read responsively

²⁰I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

²¹**My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.**

²²No enemy shall deceive him,
nor shall the wicked bring him down.

²³**I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.**

²⁴My faithfulness and steadfast love are with him,
and he shall be victorious through my name.

²⁵**I will set his hand on the sea,
and his right hand on the rivers.**

²⁶He will say to me, 'You are my father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

²⁷**I will make him my firstborn
and higher than the kings of the earth.**

²⁸I will keep my love for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

²⁹**I will establish his line forever**

and his throne as the days of heaven.”

³⁰If his children forsake my teaching
and do not walk according to my judgments;

³¹**if they break my statutes
and do not keep my commandments;**

³²I will punish their transgressions with a rod
and their iniquities with the lash;

³³**but I will not take my love from him,
nor let my faithfulness prove false.**

³⁴I will not break my covenant,
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

³⁵**Once for all I have sworn by my holiness:
I will not lie to David.**

³⁶His line shall endure forever
and his throne as the sun before me;

³⁷**it shall stand fast forevermore like the moon,
the abiding witness in the sky.”**

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally, they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are

citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL **Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak” sts. 3-4

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The congregation may stand.

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 INTERCESSION

Let us come before the triune God in prayer, responding to each petition with words “Hear our prayer.”

For the church, O God, that you would raise up new leaders for ministry and strengthen all the baptized in their calling. Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

For the nations, O God, that you would unite us as one human family and that you would empower all who work to resolve conflict. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For local community leaders, especially those who oversee budgets and the use of tax dollars and covid relief funding, that their work may support the common good. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For those who are new to our community and congregation, that they may be blessed with friendships, kindness, and welcome. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For those whom it would be easy to forget: those in prison, those who are homebound, those who experience homelessness, for nations still reeling from the pandemic, for all who are ill, and for those we name before you.... (*silent pause*)...Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For the communion of saints, O God, we bless you, and we pray that you would inspire in us the hope of resurrection until we see you face to face. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” - Jan Bender

The congregation may stand.

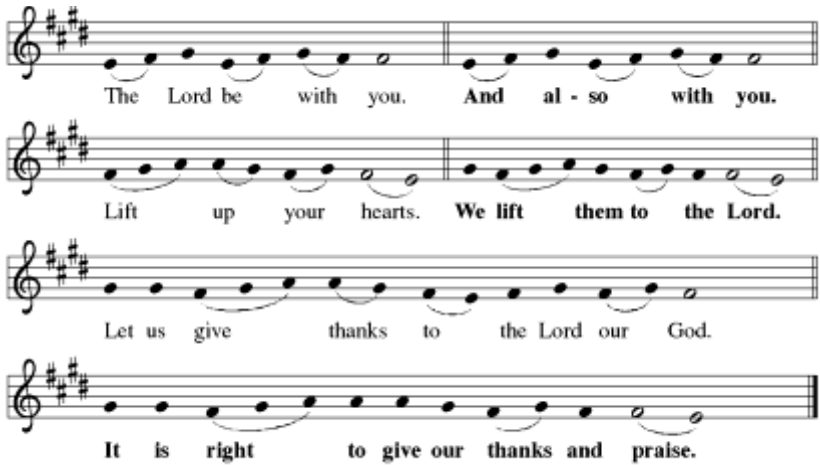
MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...*(the presiding minister continues giving thanks)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...*(the presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding)*...Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The congregation may be seated.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive; please keep 6 feet of distance between you and the next group of communicants. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.

The congregation may stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”

Red Book #556

RECESSION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“O Day of Peace” - C. Hubert H. Parry

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Gary Roth	Presiding Minister
Sandy Lefebvre	Assisting Minister
Amy Beiler	Reader
Sandy Lefebvre	Crucifer
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Sue Morrow	AV Assisting Minister
Heather Helsel	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Bob and Karen Domanski	Ushers
Bob and Karen Domanski	Counters

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Sue and Dan Morrow,
in memory of Wil Morrow.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 7/19	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Wednesday, 7/21	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 7/22	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
Saturday, 7/24	12-2:00 PM	NA Meeting in Social Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kimberly will be away on vacation beginning Saturday, July 17th and returning to the office on Tuesday, August 3rd. In case of pastoral emergency during that time, please contact Pr. Joel Benson at Trinity Lutheran Church, 724-287-1977 or 724-544-3996. For routine office concerns, please contact the church office.

Social distancing markers have been removed from the two central sections of pews. Please reserve the far right (pulpit side) section of pews for those who wish to mask and keep social distance. Thank you!

VBS will be held at Lutherlyn on August 5, 6 & 7!

Registration: Registration for Vacation Bible School is open to children ages 3 years through 6th grade. To register, please provide your child's

name, age, grade entering in the fall (if applicable), parents' names, address, phone numbers, email address, and a phone number for an emergency contact.

Help: We are still in need of food items for VBS:

10 8-packs of hotdogs and 10 8-packs of hotdog buns

40 bags of individually packaged salty snacks

56 fruit cups

40 juice drinks

2 24-packs of small, bottled water (8-10 oz)

These items can be brought to worship on Sunday, Aug. 1st or dropped off in the church office during office hours. If you are willing to donate food or help with VBS, please call or email Sharon at (724) 822-9576 or sharonfelc@zoominternet.net.

We look forward to hearing your voice, your instrument, and musical talent as an important part of our worship! A Summer Music Schedule is posted in the Social Hall. Please consider signing your name on the schedule for one of the Sundays in June, July or August. We look forward to hearing you at the church on your chosen Sunday. However, if you have concerns about attending in-person during the pandemic, please let us know if you would prefer to pre-record your selection of music in advance. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

PRAYERS

Dave Konesni, Donna, the family of Rita Wagner, the family of Carol Duffus, Judy O. and family, Graham Cannon, Anne Ferguson, Claudia, Karen, Anita, Joyce Hall, Kitty Walker, Nancy Hoehn, Tad & Shirley Sellers, Aryl Bashline, Jenna, Tom Olson, Pam Patterson

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Bathsheba and Uriah wronged by David

Psalm 14

God is in the company of the righteous. (Ps. 14:5)

Ephesians 3:14-21

Prayer for wisdom, strength, and Christ's indwelling

John 6:1-21

Christ feeding the five thousand