

Service of Holy Communion
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the mercy of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

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 HYMN

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 2:4-13**

God, who has been faithful in leading Israel through the wilderness into a good land, calls upon the heavens to witness the incredible foolishness of a people who, under the flawed leadership of priests, rulers, and prophets, willingly abandon God's life-giving water for leaky cisterns.

⁴Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

⁶They did not say, "Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

⁷I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.
But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.

⁸The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.

⁹Therefore once more I accuse you,
says the LORD,
and I accuse your children's children.

¹⁰Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;

see if there has ever been such a thing.

¹¹Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.

¹²Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD,

¹³for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 81:1, 10-16 *read responsively*

¹Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰**"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of
Egypt.**

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

¹¹Yet my people did not hear my voice,
and Israel would not obey me.

¹²**So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,
to follow their own devices.**

¹³Oh, that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

¹⁴**I would quickly subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.**

¹⁵Those who hate the LORD would cringe in fear,
and their punishment would last forever.

¹⁶**But I would feed you with the finest wheat
and satisfy you with honey from the rock."**

SECOND READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

O God, Whose Word Well-Planted



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

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Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952
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GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told

them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever

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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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, creation, and all in need.

God of grace, in your love you make a place at the table for all people, and we can never repay you for your grace. Wondering at your love, we pray for your church. Help it live in the world as a community that receives, and never earns, your grace. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, your Son made meals a sign of communion with him. We pray for people in places where war, violence, and poverty have made food unaffordable or unavailable, especially in Yemen, Afghanistan, and Madagascar. Give world leaders a sense urgency and compassion in dealing with food crisis. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, following your word, we pray for those who are in prison, for those who are being tortured, for those whom our society forgets or does not respect, and for all who are in need at this hour, whom we name before you aloud or in our hearts...In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, we lift up to you all those who are returning to school this this year: students and parents, teachers, bus drivers, administrators, aides, cafeteria workers. Help our community to work together to support one another in education of young people. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, the cross and resurrection of your Son has opened to us a place at your eternal banquet. We remember before you those who have gone before us, trusting that you will receive us, needy and beloved, at the end of all things. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

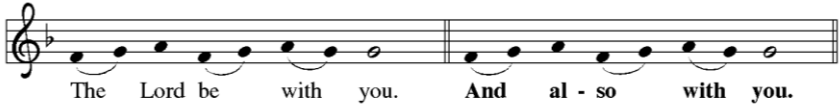
Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

THE MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



You are indeed holy, God of power and might, O God...(*the prayer continues*)...Through your Son, in you Spirit, with all your people, we give you thanks and praise, O source of our life and fountain of all good, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

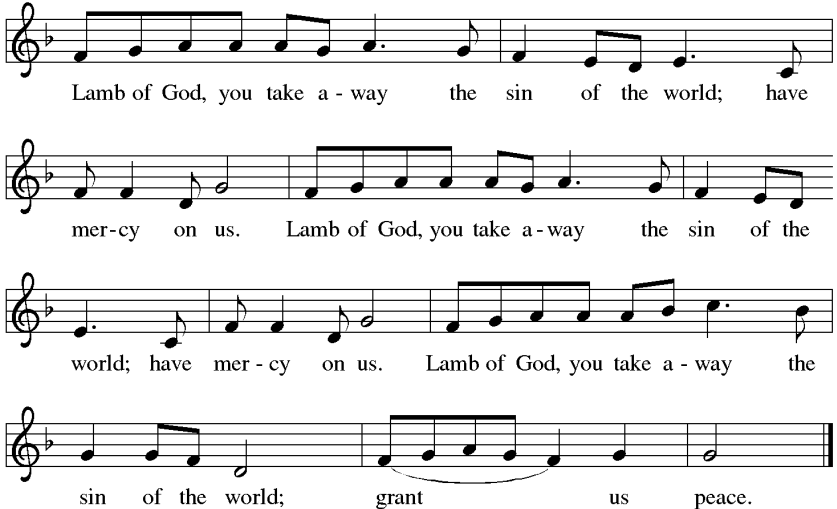
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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 COMMUNION

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.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG DURING COMMUNION

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joyce! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es, the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.' There are triplets in the piano accompaniment on the second and third systems.

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Music: Jacques Berthier

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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sue Morrow	Assisting Minister
Marlin Boltz	Reader
Kevin Mathias	Keyboard
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Melody Kamerer	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Carl Devore, Susan Farrell, and Jan Nieto	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters

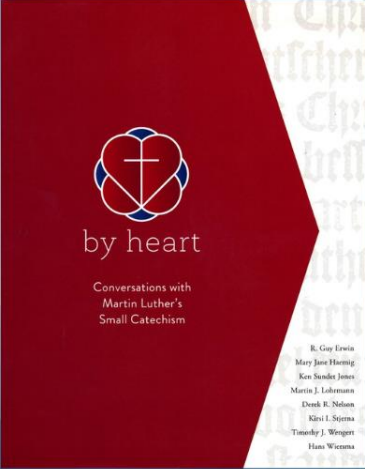
Please join us for a picnic following the worship service!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 8/29	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 8/31	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 9/1	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 9/2		Pastor Kimberly's day off
Sat., 9/3	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Patrick Frank, sexton at Trinity and First English, will be held at Trinity on September 9, from 4-7 p.m.



Join Us for a
Wednesday Evening
Book Group on Zoom
beginning September
14th at 7:00 p.m.

We will read *By Heart:
Conversations with
Martin Luther's
Small Catechism.*

Books are available for purchase on Amazon
or you can contact the church office at
(724) 283-2378 to order your copy.

PRAYERS

Ramona Schmidt; Sandy Lefebvre; continued healing for Graham Cannon; family of LTC. Jeffrey E. Cunningham; Pat Mould & family; Stan Graff; family of Gretchen Farrell; Stephanie (Stevie) Andrew & husband; victims and community of Highland Park, Ill.; continued healing for Baby Mac; family of John Rudzki (Jack Rudzki's father); Aryl Bashline; Patrick Frank; family of Ed Shields; the families and community of Uvalde; Tom Walker; Holly Schubert; family of Mary Ellen Shanor; continued healing for John Negley; family of Don Hapeman (Jeanette Cunningham's stepfather); family of Jim Petsinger; Ellen Dodge; family of Jean Morrow; Jamie McPoyle & family; Andrea Dubler; Keith Morgan; Jan Nieto; family of Marlyn Dempsey; Michelle; family of Megan Gibson; Chrissy; Jennifer Hartle Fink; family of Rob Huey; the people of Ukraine & others affected by the conflict; Tracy Steadman & family; Cassidy; Roberta; Cindy Regis & family; Tad Sellers; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson; Judy; Claudia; Karen; Anita

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Like a potter, the Lord will reshape Israel

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

You have searched me out and known me. (*Ps. 139:1*)

Philemon 1-21

Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a coworker

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus says: Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross

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