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10:00 am

7th Sunday After Pentecost

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**We are blessed that you  
have joined us today.**

Notes on worship:

**BOLD type** = people of God =You

Regular type = leader

*Italic type* = directions or explanations

Introduction to the Day



*God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from*

*what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.*

**WELCOME**

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellerose! We are so glad that you are here to worship with us either in person or online. **If you are seeking a church to call home, welcome and we hope you find the comfort of Christ's Beloved Community here.** If Pastor Analyse or the Prayer Team can provide any care for you at present, please reach out in person or at [pastoranalyse@holytrinitybellerose.org](mailto:pastoranalyse@holytrinitybellerose.org) or the church office at [office@holytrinitybellerose.org](mailto:office@holytrinitybellerose.org).

**~Please stand as you are able~**

### CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have failed to be honest.**

**We have lacked the courage to speak.**

**We have spoken falsely.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of **☩** Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN ELW #512

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is  
understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE W&P #6

Alleluia

**1 I will praise him, alleluia,  
I will praise him, alleluia;  
I will praise him, alleluia,  
I will praise him, alleluia.**

**4 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia;  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*~Please be seated~*

## FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-13 NRSV

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

The first reading is from Isaiah beginning at the 55<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have  
watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the  
eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my  
mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their  
hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the  
cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the  
myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut  
off.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 65:9-13

We will now read responsively from Psalm 65.

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; the river of God  
is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you  
provide for the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**You drench the furrows and smooth out  
the ridges;**  
**with heavy rain you soften the ground  
and bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup>**May the fields of the wilderness be rich  
for grazing,**

**and the hills be clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with  
flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with  
grain;

let them shout for joy and sing.

## SECOND READING Romans 8:1-11 NRSV

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

The second reading is from Romans beginning at the eighth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**~Please stand as you are able~**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
NRSV

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew beginning at the thirteenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**~Please be seated~**

**SERMON**

**~Please stand as you are able~**

**1 For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.**

**3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.**

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith saying the words of the 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.**

***~Please remain standing as you desire,  
otherwise please be seated~***

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Guide your church, O God, to sow seeds of forgiveness and righteousness on good soil. Direct your people to proclaim your love in this congregation and throughout the world.

Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sustain your creation, O God, by sending favorable weather, causing trees and fields to grow, protecting waterways from pollution, and instilling in all people the need to be good stewards. Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Maintain peace among all people, O God, and raise up lawyers to work for justice in the courts, advocates to speak for the downtrodden, and politicians to work on behalf of the common good. Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Heal those who are sick, O God especially *Laura Occhiogrosso, Bob Sarro, Heather Chittum, Klohe Goetz, Florence Buckley, Evelyn Lund, Paul Corell, Kelly Gonzalez, Cheryl Albrecht, Malcolm Cross and Cody Lester*. Guide health care workers to care for those who suffer, scientists to conduct lifesaving research, and counselors to care for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Answer the prayers of those gathered in worship, O God. Protect those who travel near and far, accompany visitors to this congregation, and nurture our faith. Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call us your Beloved Community. End racism and oppression in our world. Deliver all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples in conflict. Help us pray for our enemies. Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Inspire us by the faithful departed, O God, examples of your embodied love, whose confidence in the resurrection guides us in living lives worthy of the gospel. Receive our prayer, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**And also with you!**

*Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another. (In the method of your comfort level.)*

**~Please be seated~**

**OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**~Please stand as you are able~**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**      W&P #41

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus  
Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus  
Christ, his Son.

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"**  
**let the poor say, "I am rich,"**  
**because of what the Lord has done for**  
**us.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"**  
**let the poor say, "I am rich,"**  
**because of what the Lord has done for**  
**us.**  
**Give thanks!**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

**PREFACE**

It is indeed right our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might; Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to 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, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.  
By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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.**

*~Please be seated~*

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to the Lord's Table. We receive communion in the form of a wafer and a small cup of wine or grape juice. Please tell the ushers if you need the bread and wine brought to you. If you are not yet receiving communion, or do not wish to receive today, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Follow the usher's directions.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.

*~Please stand as you are able~*

## TABLE BLESSING & COMMUNION PRAYER

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

**Amen**

Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all  
the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*~Please be seated.~*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*~Please stand as you are able.~*

## BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
☩ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN ELW #547

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

**1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take  
leave.**

**The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who  
believe.**

**The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and  
for all.**

**Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer  
your call.**

**2 With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face--  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole  
human race.**

**With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we  
share.**

**Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we  
bear.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

What is our Mission?

**Welcoming all to grow in faith; living  
Christ's message of serving and loving  
neighbors near and far.**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

Looking for volunteers to help Denice & Pastor Analyse with Altar Guild responsibilities.

#### **VIDEOGRAPHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Learn a new skill. The camera is really user friendly. See Pastor for additional information.

#### **YOGA PRACTICE**

Yoga, Thursdays, at 7 pm in the Friendship Hall.  
One hour for only \$10.  
Contact Carol Robinson, 917-208-7340, for additional information.

#### **JULY CELEBRATIONS**

- 2 Sue Scala
- 3 Kim Williams
- 5 Helen Kunz
- 10 Karen Campbell
- 12 Harry & Evelyn Lund
- 12 Linda Lago & Jeff Slatkin
- 12 Roderick Williams
- 23 Pastor Analyse & Sam Lewis  
(Engagement 2022)
- 25 Carol Albasini
- 27 John Daxland
- 30 Marilyn & Tom Weickert

***Thank you for worshipping  
with us today. We are blessed by  
your presence.***

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS**

**IN PERSON SERVICES** every Sunday Live and via Facebook Live @ 10:00 am. You don't have to belong to Facebook to watch. Video will also be available on our interactive bulletin at: [holytrinitybellerose.wordpress.com](http://holytrinitybellerose.wordpress.com).

#### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Next meeting, Tuesday, September 12 @ 7:30 pm. (No August Meeting)

#### **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

Next meeting TBA

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

The youth meet twice a month on the first and third Saturday's from beginning at 6:30 pm. Contact Diane Gilroy for more information.

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