

August 20, 2023 10:00 am

12th 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



In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in

her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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 or the church office at office@holytrinitybellerose.org.

~Please stand as you are able~

CONFESSION 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 #886 vs 1&4 Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

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

- 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.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

~Please be seated~

FIRST READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 NRSV

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

The first reading is from Isaiah beginning at the 56th chapter.

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come,

and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD.

to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,

and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of

for all peoples.

8Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

prayer

We will now read responsively from Psalm 67.

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 NRSV

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

The second reading is from Romans beginning at the 11th chapter.

Paul writes: ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are

irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 15: 21-28 NRSV

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew beginning at the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered. "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

~Please be seated~

SERMON

~Please stand as you are able~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #712 vs 1&3 Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

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.*

O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and interreligious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Receive Our Prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Be with those affected by the wild fires in Maui. Receive Our Prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. Receive Our Prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick especially Laura Occhiogrosso, Bob Sarro, Paul Corell, Kelly Gonzalez, Cheryl Albrecht, Malcolm Cross, Cody Lester, Jim O'Hara, Heather Chittum, Barbara Loomis, Lauren Daniels, Dawn Abram and Erica Ramos. Receive Our Prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, you journey with us in all of life's transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. Guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry. Safeguard those who travel. 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.

We give you thanks for those who now rest from their labors. Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. 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 WP #139 vs 1 The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing

The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing The Feast Is Ready To Begin The Gates Of Heaven Are Open Wide And Jesus Welcomes You Inside

Refrain (sing 2x)
Sing With Thankfulness
Songs Of Pure Delight
Come And Revel In Heaven's Love And
Light

Take Your Place At The Table Of The King The Feast Is Ready To Begin The Feast Is Ready To Begin

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

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #513 vs 1&3 Listen God Is Calling

Refrain

Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

- 1 Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news that he came to save us and set us free. *Refrain*
- 3 Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast, walking in your precepts, led by your Word. *Refrain*

~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

SENDING HYMN ELW #785 vs 1 & 3 When Peace, Like a River

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.

3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;

my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

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.

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.

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.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP

Saturday, August 26 from 10 am -4 pm. Help needed to organize our storage spaces. Your help would be appreciated. Stay as long or as little as you can.

CAR WASH AND YARD SALE

Saturday, September 16 Youth **car wash** fundraiser 10 am – 2 pm.

Yard Sale—10 am – 4 pm. Please contact the office if you wish to purchase a table to sell your own items, or see signup sheet on back table.

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.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

- 1 Richard Kunz
- 2 Ed Unz
- 3 Laura & Peter Stiefel
- 5 Ruth Loomis
- 7 Sophia Albasini
- 11 Rakesh Rajbali
- 15 Brandon Ng
- 17 Ashley Lemmo
- 22 Jackie Sanfedele
- 27 Kai Blom

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