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10:00 am

13th 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 the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's

bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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 #849 vs 1,3&4

Yours, Lord, Is the Glory

**1 Yours, Lord, is the glory,
and honor as well;
yours, Lord, now and always.
Amen, amen.**

**3 To you I surrender
my being, my life;
all, Lord, I surrender.
Amen, amen.**

**4 Glory in the highest,
and on earth as well.
Glory, alleluia.
Amen, amen.**

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.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

~Please be seated~

FIRST READING Isaiah 51:1-6 NRSV

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

The first reading is from Isaiah beginning at the 51st chapter.

¹Listen to me, you that pursue
righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were
dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

We will now read responsively Psalm 138.

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my
whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your name, because of your
steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and
your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you,
O LORD,
when they have heard the words of
your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the
fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save
me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me;**

⁹**O LORD, your steadfast love endures
forever; do not abandon the works of your
hands.**

SECOND READING Romans 12:1-8 NRSV

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

The second reading is from Romans beginning at the 12th chapter.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20 NRSV

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 #654 vs 1&2

The Church's One Foundation

- 1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

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.

God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm 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.

Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Joyful God, You inspire joy and celebration. We rejoice and pray for all those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this month: Richard Kunz, Ed Unz, Laura & Peter Stiefel, Ruth Loomis, Sophia Albasini, Rakesh Rajbali, Brandon Ng, Ashley Lemmo, Jackie Sanfedele, and Kai Blom. 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.

God of all the saints, death is overcome in Christ's resurrection. We rejoice with the faithful departed. Sustain us in hope until we come at last to our heavenly 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. 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.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #812

Faith Of Our Fathers

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.**

Refrain

***Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.***

- 2 The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,
were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate
if they, like them, should die for thee.**

Refrain

- 3 Faith of our fathers! We will love
both friend and foe in all our strife;
proclaim thee too, as love knows how,
by saving word and faithful life. 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

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 #820 vs 1&2

O Savior, Precious Savior

- 1 O Savior, precious Savior,
whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
all other names above:
we worship thee; we bless thee;
to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee,
our holy Lord and King.**

**2 O bringer of salvation,
who wondrously hast wrought,
thyself the revelation
of love beyond our thought:
we worship thee; we bless thee;
to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee,
our gracious Lord and King.**

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:
holyltrinitybellerose.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

Thank you to all who came and helped with the
reorganization and clean-up. Your help was
greatly appreciated.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Our Lenten Bible Study began February 20th at
10am and 7pm. We will take a deep dive into
the Gospel of John. Books are \$15. Please
sign up on the appropriate sign-up sheet in the
narthex.

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

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| 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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