



**September 3, 2023**  
**10:00 am**

## **14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

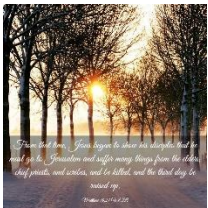
### **Notes on worship:**

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

Regular type = leader

*Italic type = directions or explanations*

### **Introduction to the Day**



The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their

lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering 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~**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God,  
the one who forms us,  
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.  
**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you  
and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all  
understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for  
us.

In ✠ Christ, you are already and always  
forgiven. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN ELW #655 vs. 1 & 4**  
Son of God, Eternal Savior

**1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among  
us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,**

**for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.**

**4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among  
us  
hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.**

### **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 #67    2X**  
I Love You, Lord

**I love you Lord, and I lift my voice  
to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;  
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

***~Please be seated~***

**FIRST READING    Jeremiah 15:15-21    NRSV**

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

The first reading is from Jeremiah beginning at the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,

you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 26**

We will now read responsively from Psalm 26.

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

**<sup>2</sup>Test me, O LORD, and try me;**

**examine my heart and my mind.**

**<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes;**

**I have walked faithfully with you.**

**<sup>4</sup>I have not sat with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

**<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of evildoers;**

**I will not sit down with the wicked.**

**<sup>6</sup>I will wash my hands in innocence,**

**O LORD,**

**that I may go in procession round your**

**altar,**

**<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.**

**<sup>8</sup>LORD, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.**

## **SECOND READING Romans 12:9-21**

**NRSV**

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

The second reading is from Romans beginning at the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is

written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-28**

**NRSV**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before

they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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 #798 vs. 1, 2, & 5  
Will You Come and Follow Me

- 1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

## **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**

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain, 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, Erica Ramos, Barry Weber and Jackie Budds.* Liberate your people being insulted,

persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless.  
Give endurance to workers who persevere on  
this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe  
working environments. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of justice, equip this congregation to  
boldly follow you in uncertain times and to  
remain faithful in prayer when facing  
challenges. Show us how best to love and care  
for one another and our communities. Merciful  
God,

**receive our prayer.**

Sustain us, O God, we pray for those who  
experience racism and oppression on a daily  
basis and for who work for racial justice, that all  
may be sustained in hope, empowered with  
courage, and filled with the grace to persevere  
in love. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who  
now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us in  
faith until the day we join their heavenly song.  
Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love  
as we offer these and the prayers of our heart,  
trusting in your compassion made known  
through Jesus Christ.

**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 ELW #466**

In the Singing

**1 In the singing, in the silence,  
in the hands expectant, open,  
in the blessing, in the breaking,  
in your presence at this table,**

### *Refrain*

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,  
be the wine of grace;  
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,  
be the bread of peace.**

**2 In the question, in the answer,  
in the moment of acceptance,  
in the heart's cry, in the healing,  
in the circle of your people, Refrain**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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

Jesus invites you to this table.  
Come, eat and live.

## COMMUNION HYMN ELW #

Pick Congregation request?

*~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.

Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

*~Please be seated.~*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*~Please stand as you are able.~*

## BLESSING

The God of glory,

✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN ELW #548 vs. 1 & 3

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

- Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,  
from this meal of love and grace;  
may we through such love envision  
whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia;  
God, the wonder of our days.**
- Rise, remember well the future  
God has called us to receive;  
present by God's loving nurture,  
Spirited then let us live.  
Alleluia, alleluia;  
Spirit, grace by whom we live.**



## 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. God is at work in you.

**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](http://holyltrinitybellerose.wordpress.com).

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Next meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 12 @ 7:30 pm.

### **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.

### **RALLY DAY**

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, our annual BBQ will begin following worship. Bring a dish or dessert to share. See signup sheet on the literature table. Also, there will be a blessing of backpacks.

### **FALL BIBLE STUDY**

Our Fall Bible Study will begin on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 7pm. We will take a deep dive into the Book of Revelation. Books are \$15. Please sign up on the appropriate sign-up sheet on the literature table.

### **CAR WASH AND YARD SALE**

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

**Yard Sale**—10 am – 2 pm. Please contact the office if you wish to purchase a table to sell your own items, or see signup sheet on back table.

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Join us for the annual blessing of the animals on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> following worship. Pets are welcome for Worship!



### **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.

## **SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS**

5	Vanessa Mejia
6	Jackie Budds
7	Cheryl Albrecht
17	Susan Henyan
17	Bill Robinson
17	Evelyn Kimmich
18	Kelvin Persad
20	Emily Clark
20	Michael Giordano
21	Tom Weickert
21	Callie Ann Lemmo
23	Judy Lim-Leung
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