



October 1, 2023

10:00 am

18TH 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



Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ

as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy 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 or the church office at 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 #526 vs. 1&2

God is Here!

**1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

**2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**

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

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.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

~Please be seated~

FIRST READING Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 NRSV

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

The first reading is from Ezekiel beginning at the 18th chapter.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of

the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9

We will now read responsively from Psalm 25.

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not
be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are
treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you
have I trusted all the day long.

**⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion
and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast
love and for the sake of your goodness,
O LORD.

**⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your
way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-13 NRSV

*As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking,
Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the
selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross.
Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential
perspective we share as the foundation for Christian
accord.*

The second reading is from Philippians
beginning at the 2nd chapter.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ,
any consolation from love, any sharing in the
Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make
my joy complete: be of the same mind, having
the same love, being in full accord and of one
mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or
conceit, but in humility regard others as better
than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to
your own interests, but to the interests of
others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was
in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of
death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have
always obeyed me, not only in my presence,
but much more now in my absence, work out
your own salvation with fear and
trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will and to work for his
good pleasure.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32 NRSV

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple
(21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is
questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to
be in charge of the temple.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
beginning at the 20th chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief
priests and the elders of the people came to
him as he was teaching, and said, "By what
authority are you doing these things, and who
gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them,
"I will also ask you one question; if you tell me
the answer, then I will also tell you by what
authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of
John come from heaven, or was it of human
origin?" And they argued with one another, "If
we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why
then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say,
'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd;
for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they
answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he
said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what
authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons;
he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work
in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will
not'; but later he changed his mind and
went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said
the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he

did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him." The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

~Please be seated~

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

~Please stand as you are able~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #772 vs. 1, 2 & 4
Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
to know and do his will!**
- 2 Order my footsteps by your word
and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord,
but keep my conscience clear.**
- 4 Make me to walk in your commands,
'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands
offend against my 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

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

A brief silence.

We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Lead us in your truth as we pray for creation. Empower us to look to the interests of others as we make choices that impact the environment. Summon us to be advocates for healthy waterways, habitats, and air. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Lead us in justice as we pray for those in government, the military, and other positions of authority. Give them humble and willing hearts, looking to the needs of others. We pray also for our enemies. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Trusting your goodness, we pray for all caregivers and people who are sick or suffering in any way *especially Laura Occhiogrosso, Bob Sarro, Paul Corell, Heather Chittum, Lauren Daniels, Dawn Abram, Erica Ramos, Jackie Budds, Frank Cabral, Ira Faber, Tom Weickert, Ruth Nouza, the family of Harry Weber, and the family of Joseph Giordano.* Give them

encouragement and consolation in your presence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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

We give thanks for all the saints who died secure in the knowledge of salvation. Keep us fearless in our faith and certain of your resurrection. 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 #680 vs. 3
We Plow the Fields and Scatter

**3 We thank you, our creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts
but what you most would treasure—
our humble, thankful hearts.**

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 #447 vs 1, 3 & 5
A Blessed Spring

- 1 O blessed spring, where word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine:
here Christ enjoins each one to be
a branch of this life-giving Tree.**
- 3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
then through us, warm, the Christ will move
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.**

- 5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
be praised for this blest mystery:
that word and water thus revive
and join us to your Tree of Life.**

~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 #776 vs. 1, 2 & 4
What God Ordains is Good Indeed

- 1 What God ordains is good indeed,
for all life well providing.
The will of God is best for me,
the ground of my confiding.
My faithful God,
on ev'ry road
you know the way unfolding
and my hand you are holding.**
- 2 What God ordains is good indeed:
my light, my life, my Savior!
No ill can get the best of me;
God's care will never waver.
Through joy and pain
I shall attain
the dawn disclosing clearly
that God has loved me dearly.**

- 4 What God ordains is good indeed.
My Lord will never fail me
on danger's path, in deepest need,
when death in grief shall veil me.
My God so dear
will draw me near,
in loving arms will hold me,
at last in light enfold me.

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: holytrinitybellerose.wordpress.com.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting, Tuesday, October 10th @ 7:30
pm.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

October 3rd at 10:00am.

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.

WOMEN'S GROUP

October 18th at 7:00pm

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Our Fall Bible Study will continue Mondays
through November 3rd 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 in the narthex.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Join us as we commemorate the 506th
Anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday,
October 29th during worship. We will also
celebrate First Communion and welcome New
Members at that service.

Don't forget to **WEAR RED!**

FIRST COMMUNION & NEW MEMBER CLASSES

First Communion

Classes will be held on
October 11th & 18th at
5:00pm. **New Member**

Classes will follow on the same dates at
6:00pm or immediately after First Communion.
If you are interested in either, please contact
Pastor Analyse. First Communion and New
Member Welcome will take place during
worship on Reformation Sunday, October 29th.

ALTAR GUILD

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

OKTOBERFEST

Mark your calendars! Oktoberfest is scheduled
for Saturday, October 28th from 11:30-3:30pm.
Volunteer sign-up sheet is located on the
literature table in the Narthex.

REFRIGERATOR FUND

It has come to our attention that the refrigerator
in the kitchen is running constantly, and
therefore going to stop working soon. If you
would like to contribute to a replacement
refrigerator there is a box marked "Refrigerator
Fund" on the literature table in the Narthex.
Also, if you know someone who works in the
appliance business please let a council
member know as we look for a deal to replace
the one we have. Thank you.

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.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

3	Abraham Lu-Correa
3	Cameron Watkins
5	Barney & Kathy Gallagher
6	Don Hanratty
6	Edwin Correa
7	Grace Gallagher
11	Michael & Maria Giordano
18	Emily Grace Montrony

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