



September 17, 2023  
10:00 am

## 16<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



In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation 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~*

### CONFESSON 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 #864 vs. 1, 2, & 4

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1 **Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;**  
joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praises everlasting ring!

2 **God be praised for grace and favor**  
to our forebears in distress.

**God be praised, the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious is God's faithfulness!**

**4 Angels sing in adoration,  
in God's presence, face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation,  
all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!**

## **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.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**~Please be seated~**

## **FIRST READING** Genesis 50:15-21 NRSV

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*  
The first reading is from Genesis beginning at the 50<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they

approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 103:8-13**

We will now read responsively from Psalm 103.  
<sup>8</sup>LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

**<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.**

<sup>10</sup>You have not dealt with us according to our sins,

nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

**<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,**

**so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.**

<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west,

so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

**<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,**

**so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.**

## **SECOND READING** Romans 14:1-12 NRSV

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do*

not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

The second reading is from Romans beginning at the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 18:21-35

NRSV

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew beginning at the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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 #716 vs. 1, 4 & 5

Lord of all Nations, Grant me Grace

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
to love all people, ev'ry race;  
and in each person may I see  
my kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.**
  
- 4 Give me thy courage, Lord to speak  
whenever strong oppress the weak.  
Should I myself the victim be,  
help me forgive, rememb'ring thee.**
  
- 5 With thine own love may I be filled  
and by thy Holy Spirit willed,  
that all I touch, where'er I be,  
may be divinely touched by thee.**

## 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 pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Be with those who are recovering from the earthquake in Morocco and those affected by the recent flooding in Libya. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy especially *Laura Occhiogrosso, Bob Sarro, Paul Corell, Heather Chittum, Lauren Daniels, Dawn Abram, Erica Ramos, Barry Weber, Jackie Budds, Frank Cabral, Ira Faber, and Tom Weickert*. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain us, O God, we pray for those who experience racism and oppression on a daily basis and for those 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.**

We give thanks for the saints who died in faith.  
Show us how to live faithfully, creatively, and  
lovingly in your church and world. 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.**

**EUCARISTIC 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 #639 vs. 1,2&3 When We Are Living

- 1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.**
  
- 2 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God.**

- 3 Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind; and when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God.**

*~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 #867 vs 1

In Thee is Gladness

- 1 In thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art. Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest. Who trusts thee surely has built securely and stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining to see thy shining, dying or living, to thee are cleaving; naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

## **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](http://holytrinitybellerose.wordpress.com).

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Next meeting, Tuesday, October 10 @ 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.

### **FALL BIBLE STUDY**

Our Fall Bible Study will continue Mondays through October 31<sup>st</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 in the narthex.

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

Thank you to everyone who organized and participated in the Yard Sale yesterday!



**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	Vanesa 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
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