

October 15, 2023 10:00 am

20TH 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 are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great

banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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, vet 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.

GATHERING HYMN W&P #41

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.

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Give thanks!

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.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

~Please be seated~

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:1-9 NRSV

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

The first reading is from Isaiah beginning at the 25th chapter.

¹O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds:

the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines.

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

We will now read responsively from Psalm 23.

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING Philippians 4:1-9 NRSV

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

The second reading is from Philippians beginning at the 4th chapter.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46 NRSV

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew beginning at the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banguet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' 5But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' 10Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a

wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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 #462 vs 1&2 Now We Join in Celebration

- 1 Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation, dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder; for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence, stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture! For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry, pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

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

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, especially the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, that all followers of Christ share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the Lord. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world, that creation flourishes and humankind lives in right relationship with all you have made. God of grace.

receive our prayer.

For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, especially those in Palestine and Israel amidst war and violence. Guide them toward your vision of justice-seeking peace and a resolution that extends human rights to all. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

For all taking milestone steps in their faith this month. We pray for all who are preparing to make their First Communion or join Holy Trinity as new members in a couple of weeks. Help us to support them in their journey of faith. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd who walks beside them. We pray especially for Laura Occhiogrosso, Bob Sarro, Paul Corell, Heather Chittum, Lauren Daniels, Dawn Abram, Erica Ramos, Jackie Budds, Frank Cabral, Ira Faber, Tom Weickert, Ruth Nouza, Gertrude Carty, and Rich and Nadine Cortese. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

For this community of believers, that wherever there is conflict or discord, the love of Christ may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. God of grace,

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.

In thanksgiving for the beloved saints who now rest in your, that their faithful witness guides your church until the day we join them at your heavenly feast. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through 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 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.

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

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live. **COMMUNION HYMN** ELW #362 vs 1, 3 & 4 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.

 Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
 - ~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.

~Please be seated.~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able.~

BLESSING

Amen.

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 # 632 vs. 1, 4 & 6 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 4 A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

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, Nov. 14th @ 7:30 pm.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Next meeting TBA

WOMEN'S GROUP

Next Meeting, Wednesday, October 18th.

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 Bible Study on Revelation will continue Mondays through November 3rd at 10am and 7pm. We will **not** meet on 10/23 as pastor Analyse will be at a Conference.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Join us as we commemorate the 506th Anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday, October 29th during worship. We will welcome new members and celebrate First Communion. Don't forget to **WEAR RED**!

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 & Bake Sale sign-up sheets are located on the literature table in the Narthex. More information to follow.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

If you have someone you'd like remembered on November 5th for All Saints' Sunday please add their names to the list on the literature table in the narthex.

REFRIGERATOR FUND

Thanks to a generous donation from a member of the congregation, the need for a new refrigerator has been met. Money donated to the refrigerator fund will now transition into the general fund. 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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