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10:00 am

21ST 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 first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance

is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of 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 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 #685 vs. 1-3, 5 & 6

Take My Life, That I May Be

- 1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**
- 5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.**
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

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.
Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts.
Created by you, let us live in your image;
created for you, let us act for your glory;
redeemed by you, let us give you what is
yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

~Please be seated~

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1-7 NRSV

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

The first reading is from Isaiah beginning at the 45th chapter.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,

³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your
name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know
me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the
sun

and from the west, that there is no one
besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-9

We will now read responsively from Psalm 96.

¹Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

²**Sing to the Lord, bless the name of
the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from day to
day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**⁴For great is the Lord and greatly to be
praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are
but idols;
but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

**⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your
presence;
power and splendor are in
your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the
peoples,
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

**⁸Ascribe to the Lord the honor due
the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of
the Lord.**

⁹Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

**SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
NRSV**

*Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives
pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new
Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their
commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model
for other new Christian communities.*

The second reading is from First
Thessalonians beginning at the 1st chapter.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you
and mention you in our prayers,
constantly ³remembering before our God and
Father your work of faith and labor of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters
beloved by God, that he has chosen
you, ⁵because our message of the gospel
came to you not in word only, but also in power
and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;
just as you know what kind of persons we
proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And
you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for

in spite of persecution you received the word
with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you
became an example to all the believers in
Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the
Lord has sounded forth from you not only in
Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your
faith in God has become known, so that we
have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the
people of those regions report about us what
kind of welcome we had among you, and how
you turned to God from idols, to serve a living
and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from
heaven, whom he raised from the dead—
Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is
coming.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

**THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22
NRSV**

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple,
religious leaders try to trap him with questions.
First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to
an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to
entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent
their disciples to him, along with the Herodians,
saying, "Teacher, we know that you are
sincere, and teach the way of God in
accordance with truth, and show deference to
no one; for you do not regard people with
partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it
lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or
not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,
"Why are you putting me to the test, you
hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the
tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then
he said to them, "Whose head is this, and
whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The
emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give
therefore to the emperor the things that are the
emperor's, and to God the things that are
God's." ²²When they heard this, they were
amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 #631 vs 1&3
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

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.

Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church
throughout the world and binds believers near
and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the
work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the
labor of love. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices,
and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all
you have made. Bless the work of ecologists
and conservationists and all those who
safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over
the cosmos. As you once worked through the
ruler Cyrus for the good of your people,
accomplish your purposes through the work of
elected leaders and public servants. Guide
them with your wisdom and compassion. God
of grace,
receive our prayer.

Caring God, your arms enfold all who are
lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and
suffering *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, Gertrude Carty, Rich and Nadine
Cortese, Christina Green, and Renee Beaulieu.*
Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this
world has neglected, abandoned, and
forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of
grace,
receive our prayer.

Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. 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.

Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. 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.

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 #623 vs 1, 3 & 4
Rock of Ages, Cleft to Me

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.**

- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.**

~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 #705 vs. 1 & 4
God of Grace and God of Glory

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

- 4 **Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.**

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.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 14th @ 7:30 pm.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will take
place on Sunday, **November 19th** immediately
following worship in the Sanctuary for voting
members. Any reports are due to the office by
Wednesday, **November 1st**. Please contact the
office if you would like an example report to
help you write yours.

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 Bible Study on Revelation will continue
Mondays through November 3rd at 10am and
7pm.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Join us **next Sunday** as we commemorate the
506th Anniversary of the Reformation on
Sunday, October 29th during worship. Don't
forget to **WEAR RED!**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE SURVEY

Please fill out the survey included in your
bulletin so we can prepare our Christmas
Worship Schedule. Surveys are due today.

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

Special thanks to a generous donation from a
Holy Trinity Member, the need for a
replacement refrigerator has been met.

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

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| 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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