

November 19, 2023 10:00 am

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST GIVING SUNDAY

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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







Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the Time Talent Treasure coming day of the LORD will be

filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope-word, water, bread, and wine-eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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~

CALL TO WORSHIP

A reading from Jeremiah.

For thus says our God: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says God, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says God, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

By the waters of Babylon,

there we wept when we remembered.

We remembered that ancient rhythm of separation and homecoming,

exile and return, going out and coming in.

You who are by the waters of Presider Babylon: Come!

From kitchens and home offices, sidewalks and parking lots, we come!

You who remember and you who do not:

Sometimes remembering clearly, sometimes confused by nostalgia, we come!

God goes with every exile:

God rejoices with every return.

By the waters of Babylon and in God's holy temple,

in strange lands and familiar rooms, in sanctuaries and on screens, in pews or chairs, couches or recliners:

Let us worship God!

GATHERING HYMN ELW #327 vs. 1 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band, singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land. Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light; pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim stepping fearless through the night.

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

W&P #89

Lord, Be Glorified

- 1. In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2. In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; In my song, Lord, be glorified today.
- 3. In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Righteous God, you created the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

~Please be seated~

GENEROSITY MOMENT Carol Robinson

FIRST READING Jeremiah 29:1,4-14 NRSV

The prophet's letter to the exiles in Jeremiah 29, which has travelled across a vast distance in order to bring comfort and much needed advice to those who find themselves under imperial rule a long way from home, emerges as a powerful testimony to resilience and survival. Verse 11 has served as our guiding scripture for our Generosity Appeal for the last few weeks leading up to our Giving Sunday, today.

The first reading is from Jeremiah beginning at the 29th chapter.

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from

Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. 8For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, 9 for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name: I did not send them, says the LORD. ¹⁰For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. 11 For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. 12Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. 13When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, 14I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-8, 12

We will now read responsively from Psalm 90. ¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

³You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past

and like a watch in the night;

5you sweep them away like a dream,
 they fade away suddenly like the grass:
 6in the morning it is green and flourishes;

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 NRSV

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The second reading is from First Thessalonians beginning at the 5th chapter.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30 NRSV Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew beginning at the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: 14"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

~Please be seated~

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **SERMON**

~Please stand as you are able~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #707 vs 1, 2 & 4 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

- 1 Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price, never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice: and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand to the unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give gladly, freely, of your own. With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone till our cold and selfish natures. warmed by you, at length believe that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.
- Lord of glory, you have bought us 4 with your lifeblood as the price, never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew.

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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life. as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Receive our prayer, O God. Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day especially Laura Occhiogrosso, Bob Sarro, Paul Corell, Tom Weickert, Gertrude Carty, Rich and Nadine Cortese, Christina Green, Renee Beaulieu, Janice Rajgopaul, Mersades Dunmor, Mary Archer, Bart Simon and Robert Nouza. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God for whom we care, you love and delight in all people, remind us that the spark of life within each person on earth is the spark of your divine life. We pray for all who experience discrimination and racism. Place our hopes for racial harmony in our committed action to treat all you've created with respect. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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~

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

The people gather and disperse, gather and disperse. It is the way of life with God. As with the people, so with our money: gather and disperse, gather and disperse. As with the people, so with our money: the more we gather, the more we can disperse. As with the people, so with our money: the gathering is good, but the giving, the sending out into the world, is even better! This is the heart of everything!

This morning, in addition to your regular Sunday gifts, I invite you to place your intent cards in the offering plate as it passes by you. Even if you're not in a place to give financially at this time or wish to give in the categories of time and talent, indicate that on your card and place it in the basket. Our gifts come in many forms.

As we make our intentions for the coming year, our offering is gathered and sent, as it always is, for the sake of "a future with hope."

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

~Please stand as you are able~

OFFERTORY ELW #689 vs. 1 Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Dear Lord, we give You thanks for all that You have so generously given to us. You have provided us with a church family where we can love and be loved, share our joys and sorrows, welcome strangers, and so much more. Please open our hearts and encourage us to share all our talents, treasures, and resources as You have done for us. In Jesus name, **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,a 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

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

~Please bring your Pledge Card forward when you come up for Communion and place it in the basket.~

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #717 vs 1, 2 & 5 Christ, Be Our Light

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. Refrain

~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 prav.

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts

as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

~Please be seated.~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able.~

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #327 vs. 2 & 4 Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

- 2 One the light of God's own presence on the ransomed people shed, chasing far the gloom and terror, bright'ning all the path we tread. One the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires, one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.
- 4 Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers; onward, with the cross our aid.
 Bear its shame, and fight its battle till we rest beneath its shade.
 Soon shall come the great awak'ning; soon the rending of the tomb!
 Then the scatt'ring of all shadows, and the end of toil and gloom.

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, Dec. 12th @ 7:30 pm.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will take place <u>TODAY</u> Sunday, **November 19**th immediately following worship in the Sanctuary for voting members.

ADVENT POTLUCK & CRAFT NIGHT

The Advent Potluck and Craft Night will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 5:00pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

WOMENS GROUP

The Women's Group Christmas Dinner will be on Friday, December 15th at 6:00pm at Salvatore's of Elmont. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex by December 11th.

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.

ALTAR GUILD

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

BIBLE STUDY

No bible study this week. Advent Bible Study will begin on November 27th at 10am and 7pm. The sign-up Sheet can be found on the literature table in the Narthex. Books are \$10.

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.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

- 11 Cathy Unz
- 13 Emma Innella
- 14 Pastor Analyse
- 16 Gloria Daxland
- 27 Audrey Diemer

Advent be Christmus Schedule

Sun., Dec. 10th + Advent Polluck & Crafts
5:00 pm

Sun., Dec. 17th + Christmas Pageant 10:00 am during Worship

Thurs., Dec. 21st + Blue Christmas
7:00 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
with Christ Lutheran, Floral Park

Sun., Dec. 24th + 4th Sunday of Advent 10:00 am during Worship

Sun., Dec. 24th + Christmas Fle Candlelight Service 8:00 pm

Sun., December 31st + Lessons & Carols 10:00 am during Worship.

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