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14TH 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 gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

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.~

CONFESION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, **☩** the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 838 vs 1, 3 & 4

Beautiful Savior

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

4 **Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

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 #160

You Are My Hiding Place

**You are my hiding place;
You always fill my heart
with songs of deliverance.**

Whenever I am afraid

**I will trust in You,
I will trust in You.**

**Let the weak say, "I am strong
in the strength of the Lord."**

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You always fill my heart
with songs of deliverance.**

Whenever I am afraid

**I will trust in You,
I will trust in You.**

**Let the weak say, "I am strong
in the strength of the Lord.**

I will trust in You."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

~Please be seated.~

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 NRSV
In the Near East, covenant means "agreement" or "alliance." It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

The first reading is from Joshua, beginning at the twenty-fourth chapter.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:15-22

We will now read responsively from Psalm 34.

¹⁵The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

**¹⁶The face of the Lord is against
those who do evil, to erase the
remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

**¹⁸The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are
crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers them from every one.

**²⁰God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20 NRSV

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

The second reading is from Ephesians beginning at the sixth chapter.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able.~

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 6:56-69 NRSV

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

The Holy Gospel according to John beginning at the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

~Please be seated.~

SERMON

~Please stand as you are able.~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 638 vs 1-3

Blessed Assurance

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.***

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

Refrain

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

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things.

Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief.

Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts especially *Bob Sarro, Janice Rajgopaul, Ruth Nouza, Susan Henyan, Jackie Budds, Darrell Weller, Josh Dinkins, Stephen J. Behr, Allen Jennings, Jeff Slatkin, Linda Lago Henry Kunz, Helen Kunz, Larry Fattorusso, and John Pietler.*

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future

for our children. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this month: Richard Kunz, Ed Unz, Laura & Peter Stiefel, Ruth Loomis, Sophia Albasini, Rakesh Rajbali, Brandon Ng, and Jackie Sanfedele. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of welcome, you call us your beloved community. Teach us your way of hospitality that we may receive the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language, or culture. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

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

~Please stand as you are able.~

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 715 v 1

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 472

Eat this Bread

**"Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst."**

**Jesus Christ, bread of life,
those who come to you will not hunger.
Jesus Christ, risen Lord,
those who trust in you will not thirst.**

~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.

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your
own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

~Please be seated.~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able.~

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys
with us, **☩** be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 858 vs 1 & 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King
of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is your health
and salvation!**

**Let all who hear now to his temple draw
near,
joining in glad adoration!**

**4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me
adore him!**

**All that has life and breath, come now with
praises before him!**

**Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!**

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. You are the body of Christ.
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: September 10th @ 7:30 pm.

RALLY DAY &

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Mark your calendars! We will gather upstairs for worship for the Blessing of the Backpacks on **Sunday, September 8th**. We will have our Rally Day Picnic on the side lawn after worship with tables about ministry opportunities located in the fellowship hall. Contact Diane Gilroy, Kim Williams, or Heather Clark for more information about the picnic. **Wear your Holy Trinity or God's Work, Our Hands t-shirts!**

OKTOBERFEST

Mark your calendars! Oktoberfest will take place on **Saturday, October 5th**. See Carol Robinson, Julia Klarman, and Tom Weickert for more information.

CHURCH MERCHANDISE



We have a webstore! Apparel and accessory items will ship either to your home or the church (Your choice!)

As a certified non-profit Holy Trinity receives money back for every item purchased.

Purchase Holy Trinity shirts, hats, mugs etc. by visiting <https://www.bonfire.com/store/holy-trinity-lutheran-church-merch/> or scanning the QR code above.

GENESIS BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study will resume on Monday September 16th with a study on Genesis. Join us at 10am or 7pm as we look at the first book of the bible! Sign-up sheet is on the literature table. The book is \$15.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth meet twice a month on the first and third Saturday's from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for 2 - 8 grades and 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm for 9th grade and up. Contact Diane Gilroy for more information.

ALTAR GUILD

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

WOMEN'S GROUP

This group is women getting together to discuss relevant topics and books, spend time uplifting and supporting each other. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm. All are welcome. Any questions contact Carol Robinson or Denice Watkins.

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.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

1	Richard Kunz
2	Ed Unz
3	Laura & Peter Stiefel
5	Ruth Loomis
7	Sophia Albasini
11	Rakesh Rajbali
15	Brandon Ng
22	Jackie Sanfedele

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