

### September 15, 2024 10:00 am

#### 17<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



Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is

Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

#### 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 & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips,

but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN** ELW 774 vs. 1 & 3 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain

#### **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

ELW 595 v. 1

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### ~Please be seated.~

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a NRSV

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

The first reading is from Isaiah, beginning at the fiftieth chapter.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher. that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; 8he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **PSALM 116:1-9**

We will now read responsively Psalm 116.

<sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the Lord has dealt well with you.

<sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

#### SECOND READING James 3:1-12 NRSV

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

The second reading is from James beginning at the third chapter.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able.~

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38 NRSV

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge

Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark beginning at the eighth chapter.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 660 vs 1 & 4 Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious,
Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! 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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need. *A brief silence*.

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Receive our prayer, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Receive our prayer, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Receive our prayer, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve 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, John Pietler, Isaiah Soriano, Jackie Sanfedele, Funda Gedick, Rosetta Fiorello, Sandra Sariabria, and the family of Robert Slane. We also celebrate with Margaret and Damien Fiorello on the birth of their son. Draw them close to you and embrace them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Wisdom has gathered us all to her self. 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. Receive our prayer, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Receive our prayer, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, 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**

~Please stand as you are able.~

**OFFERTORY HYMN** ELW 531 v 1 & 2 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

1. The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin. The gates of heaven are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King. The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

2. Tables are laden with good things; oh taste the peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine. Refrain

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

**COMMUNION HYMN** ELW 742 What a Friend we have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear-all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged-take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

~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. Holy God,

you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

~Please be seated.~

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

~Please stand as you are able.~

#### **BLESSING**

God all mighty,
God most merciful

→ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.



# **SENDING HYMN** ELW 798 vs 1, 2 & 5 Will You Come and Follow Me

- "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?
- Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
   Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
   In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
   Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

#### **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. Follow Jesus.

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: October 8th @ 7:30 pm.

#### **CA\$H & COCKTAILS**

Join us for CA\$H & COCKTAILS on Friday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Entries for the fundraiser are \$100 each and grant you admission for 2 to the cocktail party. See Carol Robinson for entries.

#### **OKTOBERFEST**

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

#### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Our annual pet blessing will take place Sun. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> after worship. Pets are welcome to worship at 10am!

#### **GENESIS BIBLE STUDY**



Bible Study will resume on Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **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.

#### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

All positions available. Learn a new skill. The video 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 18		18	Kelvin Persad
5	Vanesa Mejia	20	Emily Clark
6	Jackie Budds	20	Michael Giordano
7	Cheryl Albrecht	21	Tom Weickert
17	Susan Henyan	23	Judy Lim-Leung
17	Bill Robinson	29	Juliana Daxland Herbe´
17	Evelyn Kimmich	29	Charlie Ng

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