

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 18, 2021

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

Welcome to in-person worship!

As we safely transition out of the pandemic protocols, our worship is modified to incorporate the following. We are grateful for your compliance, and hope that you are blessed by God's word and by our hospitality for this morning's worship!

- Please use the sanitizer before and after you touch any surfaces, for your protection and the protection of those who follow you.
- Vaccinated people who are attending worship can choose to do so without wearing a mask. Unvaccinated people, including children age 12 and under, will still wear a mask for the duration of the service.
- Pick up your sealed wafer upon entering the sanctuary.
- Greeters will seat you, either together with household members or 6 feet apart for non-household members.
- Sharing of the peace is contact free with non-household members.
- Humming the tune and meditating on the words of the hymns are encouraged.
- Offering may be given upon entering or leaving the building in designated places in the back of the sanctuary.
- Greeters will kindly guide you outside after the service ends.
- You are invited to congregate, visit and catch up with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ outside following worship.

Restrooms (including a changing table) are located downstairs and are accessed through the lift or the stairway door in the narthex.

GOD GATHERS US

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Prelude

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

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

The Church's One Foundation

(please hum along or meditate on the words)

- 1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"

And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Psalm: 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: Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—
¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

see attached file

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

(please hum along or meditate on the words)

- 1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.

- 4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

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.

Prayers

Let us offer our prayers to God, responding to each petition with an echo from Ephesians,
"Grant us your peace."

A brief silence.

O God our shepherd, the church calls out for your care. Form bishops and pastors into courageous shepherds who guide the flocks of the baptized. Where the pandemic recedes, renew the worship and revive the ministries of your churches. Where throughout the world the pandemic rages, uphold your people with the strength of your word. We pray for ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton, Synod Bishop Macholz, our new synod Bishop-elect Lee Miller, II, and our companion synods in Zimbabwe and Zambia; all leaders and staff of Grace Chapel; and our congregation of Holy Trinity.

A brief silence.

Show mercy to the church, O God: **Grant us your peace.**

The lands and waters call out for renewal. Provide green pastures and still waters for livestock, and protect gardens, farms, and ranches from disaster. Where flood or drought threatens, save

your creation with your loving might. We especially pray for the preservation of our beloved Finger Lakes.

A brief silence.

Show mercy to the earth, O God: **Grant us your peace.**

All the needy cry to you. Restore all who are oppressed or imprisoned. Visit Haiti and all nations in distress. Guide the leaders of nations to walk in the pathways of justice. Break down the walls that divide people of different nation, color, language, or ethnicity.

A brief silence.

Show mercy to the nations, O God: **Grant us your peace.**

Embrace all who are lonely or abandoned. Protect teenage runaways, and house any who are homeless. Grant acceptance to quarreling family members. Bless all governmental and church agencies of care with sufficient resources for their tasks.

A brief silence.

Show mercy to all in want, O God: **Grant us your peace.**

We pray for the safety of the athletes at the Olympics. Cultivate among them a spirit of friendly camaraderie, and protect the residences of Tokyo from COVID contagion.

A brief silence.

Show mercy to this worldwide pursuit, provident God: **Grant us your peace.**

Those who are sick stand in need of your care. Visit all who have COVID-19, and accompany those who are standing in the shadow of death. Be a strong rod to those who are weak, and with your staff keep evil distant from all your children. Hear our pleas for those named on our prayer list, along with those we name here before you.

A brief silence.

Show mercy to all who suffer, O God: **Grant us your peace.**

We thank you for all the faithful of every time and place. We pray that at the end, we all will dwell in your house forever.

A brief silence.

Show mercy to us all, O God: **Grant us your peace.**

Into your hands, mighty and merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your gift of life, through Jesus Christ, who is our peace. **Amen.**

The Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Unless you are in the same household, please share the peace by either bowing to one another, or placing your hand over your heart as you say the words.

GOD FEEDS US

God invites ALL God's beloved children to be fed at His table of grace. During this time of pandemic, we will share this feast with one another by remaining in our pews. For those who have medical restrictions or other special concerns: the bread is made from wheat flour. We are assured of Christ's full presence in bread alone, as Christ forgives us and strengthens us for the journey ahead.

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.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

At this time, all may remove the wafer from its protective cover and partake of the Holy Meal.

Prayer after Communion

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.

GOD SENDS US

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

(please hum along or meditate on the words)

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
- 4 Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated and wait for the ushers to dismiss you.

Postlude

Holy Trinity Summer Book Chat 2021

American Dirt by *Jeanine Cummins*

Good News! Our annual Holy Trinity Book Chat and Salad Luncheon will resume this year after a break in 2020 necessitated by Covid 19.

On August 29th, immediately following our 10:00 church service, we will gather to discuss *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. A pitch-in salad luncheon will accompany the discussion. Details to follow.

In this novel, Lydia Perez, an Acapulco, Mexico bookstore owner and her eight-year-old son Luca become targeted by a drug cartel after Lydia's journalist husband Sebastien exposes the cartel's leader, Javier, who incidentally has become a favorite bookstore client of Lydia's. When Sebastien and 15 other relatives are murdered at a family birthday party, Lydia and Luca must flee to escape the cartel and they instantly become migrants, traveling to El Norte on "La Bestia," the freight trains that head towards the U.S. border through dangerous areas of Mexico. A thriller of a story ensues, with challenges, dangers, and courageous kindnesses experienced along the way.

Registration is requested. Please contact *Gretchen Jeffers* if you plan on attending. You may let her know when you see her at church, or call or email, at 315-567-6137, gjlakeside67@aol.com. Look for a sign up sheet in the entry way of the church.

American Dirt is available through libraries, book stores, and electronic readers.

Gretchen is also interested in hearing more about anyone's experience or knowledge of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) and how they have assisted immigrants to our country.

Keep tuned in for more information on the pitch-in luncheon.

website: www.htlutheranchurch.org

The **flowers on the altar this morning** are given to the glory of God by *Julie and Paul Corbett* in memory of John A. Corbett, Jr.

The **basket of flowers in the chancel** are given to the glory of God by *Louise Zabel* in thanksgiving for the life of Dale David Zabel, celebrated during yesterday's memorial service.

Celebrations this week:

- **Happy Birthday** TODAY to *Scott Braun*.

News:

1. **Reflections Service at 8am** is offered on Sunday mornings via ZOOM. The interactive service can be accessed by downloading the ZOOM app and then clicking on "join" a meeting and entering the Meeting ID #374 073 8185 and Password 10311517. Prior to attending, please print out the bulletin which is used for the service.
2. The **10am Traditional Service** is held in-person. **To ensure proper social distancing, PLEASE MAKE A RESERVATION EACH WEEK with ARLENE JOHNSTON (315-427-5426 before Saturday)**. Reflections at 8am will continue to be offered digitally on ZOOM, along with the emailing and regular mailing of weekly bulletins, sermons, and children's activities, and livestreaming worship from the building on FaceBook, with a recording for website access.
3. The **Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry** reopened on July 1. It resumes regular business hours on Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 am and Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 pm. Clients will only need to come alone and wear masks as our space is small. Orders will no longer need to be placed on Sundays. The Pantry is open to residents in the Town, Village or Skaneateles School District. For emergencies other than those hours call 315-685-3512.
4. **Holy Trinity Book Chat**, facilitated by *Gretchen Jeffers*, will be held on Sunday, August 29. The book to be discussed is *American Dirt*. Please see the article on the previous page for more information. Mark your calendars now!
5. Are you willing to **pray each week** during the summer for a **4-year-old** in our Preschool who is entering Kindergarten after Labor Day? If so, please pick up a name on the board in the narthex. Thank you!
6. In grateful response to all **God's many blessings**, please remember to either place your offering in the offering plate before or after worship, or mail it in. Thank you.
7. Please check our website, along with the **synod's website** (www.upstatenysynod.org) for current information throughout our synod.

We remember those in need of prayer. Lord please grant...

Peace and Comfort to the Families of: *Marnie* (Sheila Ryder's friends); *Cora Dove* (Pastor Paula's aunt); *Mike Hartman* (Schwenke's former neighbor)

Healing from Surgery/Injury/Illness: friend of Jason Ryder; *daughter-in-law of Cheryl* (Sheila Ryder's cousin); *Jim Bartlett* (Kathryn Carlson's nephew); *Dave Moczarski* (Pastor Paula's friend); *Pastor Emeritus Steve Hluchy*; *Jenny* (Tom and Gretchen Jeffers' friend); *Peter Pucino* (Herman Hertkorn's friend); *Ferdie Jedik*; *Marjorie Reynolds* (former member); *Helen Dobrovosky*; *Linda Wetherbee* (Scott Braun's coworker's sister); *Jennifer Pink* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Ed and Rob Bilinski* (Lenore Gillmore's father and brother); *Ward Wesley Vuillemot* (*Vuillemot's son*); *Dianne Vitkus* (friend of the congregation); *Sheila Ryder*; *George Schwenke*; *Rick Powers*; *Rick Munson*; *Louise Zabel*; *Dawn Matijas-Czolowski*; *Marian Settineri*; *The Griswold Family* (Vuillemot's friends); *Marike* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Don* (Preschool Director Desiree Franciamone's father); *Shirley Perry*; *Ann Bader*; *Rose*; *Clara Siefka*; *Sylvia Maditsi* (Val Schulz' friend)

Long-term Healing and Comfort to: *Suzanne Rouland* (Schwenke's relative); *Pat Barrie* (Karen Camp's sister-in-law); *The Olsen Family*; *Beverly* (Mary Dobrovosky's mother); *Jim McGowen* (Scott Braun's coworker friend); *The Reeves Family*

Guidance and Wisdom to: All God's people facing persecution and gun violence throughout the world; those protecting the health of Skaneateles, Otisco, and Oswaco Lakes along with all the Finger Lakes; our companion synods in Zimbabwe and Zambia; our ELCA leaders and staff – *Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton*, *Synod Bishop John Macholz* and *Bishop-elect Lee Miller, II*; *all leaders and staff of Grace Chapel*; and *Pastor Paula*, the *Council*, and *lay members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*.

Today's Stewards of Worship

Livestreaming and Recording: *Youngs and Schwenkes*
Organist/Keyboardist: *Barb Mushock*
Greeter/Ushers: *Brauns*
Office Coordinator: *Arlene Johnston*
Pastor: *The Rev. Paula E. Roulette*

All in attendance
Altar Guild: *Arlene Johnston*
Custodian: *Sheila Ryder*
Counters: *Val Schulz*
Pastor Emeritus: *The Rev. Stephen Hluchy*



Holy Trinity Council: Co-Presidents – *Marty Siefka* and *Karen Camp*; Secretary – *Arlene Johnston*; members *Lisa Ryan*, *Janet Schwenke*, *Tim Dobrovosky*, and *Pastor Paula*