

# Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

JUNE 30, 2024

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Minneapolis

#### WELCOME TO ALL

The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a special welcome to all visitors! Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.

We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Children are full participants in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play. Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.

> Accessible and all-gender restrooms are located in in the basement. Single-use, all-gender restrooms are located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

For over forty years, this congregation has advocated for the *full welcome, inclusion, and equity* of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.

Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.

Our services are livestreamed on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.

If you are seeking **pastoral care**, please speak to a pastor today.

Today's bulletin cover art, entitled "Outpoured," is provided by Robyn Sand Anderson.

### GATHER

#### About Pride Sunday

The first Pride marches were held on June 28, 1970, in cities around the United States, on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising. Thousands of LGBTQIA+ people gathered to commemorate Stonewall and demand equal rights. Invisibility was not an option anymore. Within a few years, gay rights organizations were founded throughout the world.

The first Pride Sunday at a church is attributed to the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) in the early 1970s, shortly after the Stonewall riots. The MCC is a Christian denomination founded in 1968 with a specific focus on serving the LGBTQIA+ community. In the decades after Stonewall, a number of Mainline Protestant denominations also began holding annual Pride Sunday worship services as a way to celebrate LGBTQIA+ identity and affirm the church's commitment to equity.

Both Pride and worship are acts of celebration and protest, acts of remembrance, and enactments of a world where all belong. We practice these acts in a world where the safety and rights of LGBTQIA+ people are threatened each day. On Pride Sunday—or Imago Dei Sunday—we cry out for justice and rejoice in the beauty of our embodied selves. We remember the suffering of those who came before us and imagine new ways of loving ourselves and our neighbors.

Pride Sunday is a celebration of the image of God in everyone and the diversity of humanity. In the beginning when God breathed the breath of life in us, God blessed us and called us very good. There is no better way to celebrate the fact that we were created in the image of the Divine than by being unapologetically ourselves and becoming the people God called us to be: authentic, whole, complex, and made to love.

+invites the congregation to stand

#### Prelude

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

Source of Life, in the beginning, you made us and called us beloved. When we forget how to love, you remind us we are beloved. When the powers of the world try to oppress us, you name us beloved. When our siblings in faith condemn us, you claim us: beloved. We are your beloved, so today we sing your praises, Source of Love.



#### +GREETING

The grace of 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

God of the outstretched arm, each morning you greet us with abiding love; each day your mercy meets us anew. You lift us up beyond that which harms or weighs us down; you raise us up in hope. Held fast in the strength and healing of your hand, we come eagerly to lift our voices in praise and prayer with the fervent hope that we might become your arm outstretched to others. We pray in the name of the risen and raising One.

#### Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

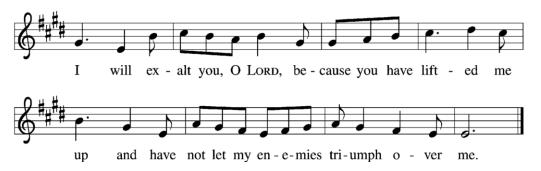
#### FIRST READING Lamentations 3:22-33

Word of God; word of life. Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 30

Marty Haugen

*Refrain* (first time: Cantor, then **All**):



I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me. O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. Sing praise to the LORD all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance. **Refrain** 

God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning. While I felt secure I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. I cried to you, O LORD: I pleaded with my LORD, saying, "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper." **Refrain** 

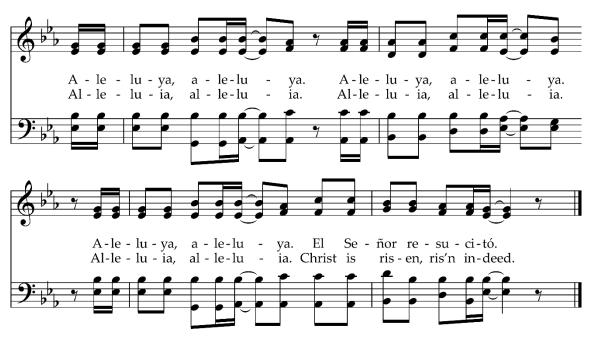
You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. **Refrain** 

#### SECOND READING

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+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!



+GOSPEL READING



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#### SERMON

God, We Gather As Your People



#### +INTERCESSIONS

With the vast array of people created by God and loved in Christ Jesus, let us pray for our faith communities, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

#### (silence)

God of the rainbow, changing hues, and all that is colorfully living: you have given us a sure promise that you will never abandon us. And yet the psalmist reminds us that weeping spends the night, while joy comes in the morning. O Divine One, we often find ourselves in nighttimes of tears while deeply longing for dawn's hope. Sustain us all in these painful closets of time. In your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

God of transfiguration, transitions, and all that is translucently transformed: your goodness abounds in our diversity. Multiply the understandings and acceptance we have of what love looks like, how families are formed, and the various ways people healthily express the gift of being sexual beings you have so lovingly created. Allow all of us to rejoice beyond selfimposed binaries. In your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

God whose touch is healing, given freely, and is disruptive to our ideas of propriety: hear our prayers for Wayne Vetter, hospitalized following a stroke; Shawn Barry; Pat Lundquist; Katie Murray's mom Pat Wilson; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Cori Gershon; Joyce Hanson; Juliet Williamson; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, Margie Guelker; the family of Lois Eid's niece, Kathleen Siebrands, upon her death; Jody Liedholm and her family, upon the death of her father Larry; and those we hold in our hearts or speak with our voices now (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. In your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

God of those who have come before us, our ancestors who demanded the rights from which we benefit, and all who are still seeking dignity: remind us to be grateful for queer leaders, for those protesting war in Gaza, and everyone who is paying attention to all that is needing your healing touch in this world. On this day of celebration, remind us to dance and to weep. In your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "In your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, **"Hear our prayer."** 

Receive these prayers, O Divine One – Holy Three, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ, whose love and healing touch is for all, our Lord. **Amen.** 

### MEAL

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

Please be seated.

#### **BELOVEDNESS PRAYER AND RITUAL**

In joyful response to God's Word proclaimed and affirming our faith in the one who created each of us with love, I invite you to hear the poem by the Rev. Sarah Speed titled, "The Bravest Thing We Can Do."

The Bravest Thing We Can Do Trust your belovedness. Let it be a protest, an act of resistance, a song of celebration. Trust your belovedness in a world that is rarely satisfied. Wear it like a badge of honor. Speak it as confidently as your last name. Tattoo it to your heart. When outside forces chip away at your sense of self, when life asks you to hand over the keys, remember the water. Remember creation. Remember how it was good, so very good. Let that truth hum through your veins. Sing it so loud that it drowns out the weariness of the world, for the bravest thing we can ever do is trust that we belong here. We now enter into a prayerful space to reflect on our own belovedness and our interdependence with all God's beloved children. On the heart in your bulletin, we invite you to write down in a word or a sentence something that reminds you that you are beloved. Maybe it's a loved one or a precious memory. Maybe it's a gift God has given you, or part of your identity that brings you unique insight to share with Christ's body. It should be something you are comfortable sharing with the community, as we'll be gathering these during the offering today and posting them in the Community Room next Sunday.

As our offering plates are passed, we will collect your hearts where you have written your reminder of belovedness as well as any monetary offerings you might be giving today.

#### MUSIC AND TIME FOR WRITING

OFFERING

Love Has Broken Down the Wall Pop-up Choir Mark A. Miller

Love has broken down the wall. Let us join our hearts as one. We're accepted as we are. Through love's power all is reconciled. Cast aside your doubts and fears. Peace and love, freely offered here. We will tear down the walls! Love has called us, one and all.

1 When at the falls, world last rain our turns liv - ing 2 All the pret - ty song - birds re - joice and sing vour the green. Lit - tle flow - ers blos - som, air is warm and praise, war - ble hymns ex qui - site, through sun - ny spring - time clean. See the gor - geous lil - y its ra - diant blooms dis tree - frogs Night - in - gales and sing praise when davs. it grows play; bold - ly praise God may Ι just as in my own way. dark, on - ly cease at day-break, and then we hear the lark. 3 Refrain 3 3 curl - ing ferns show their mak-er's All the lit - tle flow-ers and ten-der To - da flor sil - ves - tre, la ma – ya, el cun-dea - mor: icó – mo ma – ni – 3 glo-ry, each praise to God re - turns. Sing, all of cre - a - tion, your mak-er prais-es ac fies-tan la glo-ria del Se - ñor! ¡Có - mo se te a la - ba en to - da la cre - a -Ι al - so will cord! of - fer my songs to 0 Lord. you, ción! Yo qui - sie - ra ha - cer - lo en for - mai - gual, Se - ñor.

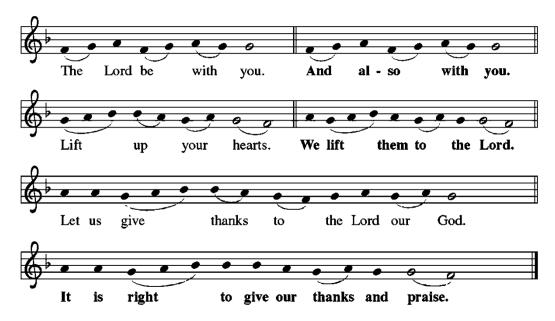
*Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.* 

#### +OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Sharer of Good News, 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.

#### +GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:

#### +SANCTUS



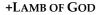
#### +WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### +LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together:

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.





Please be seated.

#### **COMMUNION INVITATION**

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

For those worshiping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

*All are welcome at the table. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.* 

An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** 





+BLESSING

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.** 

#### +POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of Christ, our Savior and guide.

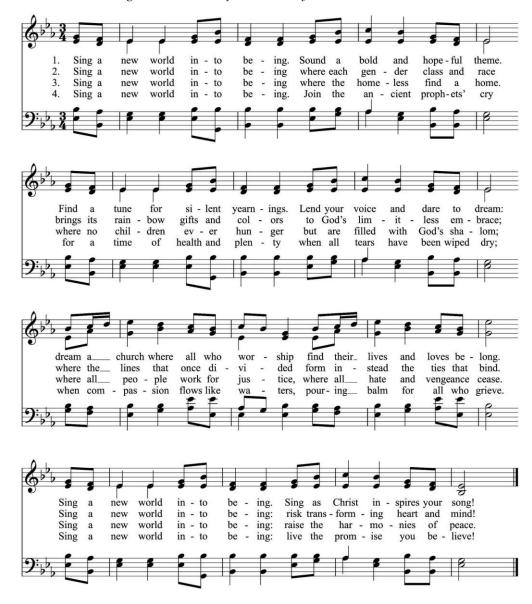
Amen.

### SENDING

#### +SENDING HYMN

Sing a New World into Being

*Children and youth are invited to join the worship leaders as they recess and gather at the rear of the sanctuary to share the dismissal.* 



#### +BENEDICTION

May the assurance of God's unwavering presence accompany us on our journey, reminding us that we are never alone,

and that we are deeply loved and cherished just as we are.

Amen.

#### +DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

#### You are invited to the Community Room

(located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.

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Crucifer		
Altar Guild	Libby and Keith Olstad	
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### CHURCH SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 2	11:00 AM 1:30 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Knitting Group
Thursday, July 4		Fourth of July Holiday; Building Closed
Friday, July 5		Building Closed
Sunday, July 7	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

### COMMUNITY INFORMATION

#### STORY SHARING PHOTO EXHIBIT

Over the past few months, Amy Levad has curated an exhibit from photos shared from participants in the Story Sharing Photo Project. Dr. Levad's exhibit is available to view in the Mary Martha Room.

#### SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHT AND PIZZA WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Let's take advantage of the lingering sunny days and come together from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a night of food, fun, and friendly connections. Today we will have water games and remember our baptism! Wear clothes that can get wet. We'll provide everything, just bring your family. Hosted by the Children and Family Team.

#### LONGFELLOW SUMMER SING THURSDAYS, BEGINNING JULY 11

This second annual Summer Sing will take place on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity and will provide a space for singers to join together. This year, music will center around peace: worldly peace, inner peace, and the like. To sign up (or if you have any questions), contact Phil Radtke (pradtke@htlcmpls.org). A short concert will be shared on August 8 at 7:00 p.m.

#### MUSIC IN THE GARDEN SUNDAY, JULY 21

Join us for music and wood-fired pizza in the garden at 11:00 a.m. (immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service). All are welcome! Sign up in the Community Room if you are able to help.