

**Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 13, 2021**

Welcome

**P** This is the day that the Lord has made!

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

*Silence for reflection and self examination*

**P** 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.**

**P** 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.**

Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

Opening Hymn

*Jesus, Your Name*

Jesus, Your name is power, Jesus, Your name is might.  
Jesus, Your name will break ev'ry stronghold,  
Jesus Your name is life.

Jesus, Your name is healing, Jesus, Your name gives sight.  
Jesus, your name will free ev'ry captive,  
Jesus, Your name is life.

Jesus, Your name is holy, Jesus, Your name brings light.  
Jesus, Your name, above ev'ry other,  
Jesus, Your name is life.

***I Will Sing of the Mercies***

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness;  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray together. **O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

First Reading ***Ezekiel 17:22-24***

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

....*The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm ***92:1-4, 12-15***

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

**<sup>4</sup>For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

**<sup>13</sup>Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

**<sup>15</sup>that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*....The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

*Please stand as you are able*

Gospel Verse (spoken by all)

***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?***

***You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.***

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

## Gospel    **Mark 4:26-34**

He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

....*The Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

## Youth Time

## Meditation

## Hymn    ***O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts***

1	O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all: from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.
2	Your truth unchanged has ever stood; you plead with all to call on you; to those who seek you, you are good; to those who find you, life is new.
3	We taste you, ever-living bread, and long to feast upon you still; we drink of you, the fountainhead; our thirsting souls from you we fill.

4	For you our restless spirits yearn, where'er our changing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
5	O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 of the Church

**A** Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musicians. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

Choir Anthem *How Marvelous Are the Works of the Lord*

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

#### The 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.**

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

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

#### Post-Communion Blessing

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

**A** 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.**

## Prayers and Announcements

### Prayer Petitions

**We remember in our prayers today:** Glenda and Ralph Fretz, Lacy Stang, Arlene Lyman, Evelyn Miske, Grace Root-Derby, Bill Krieger, Carol Diana, Don and Dorothy Ehlers, Jane Koons, and Joan Heath. We remember those impacted by war and violence and those affected by natural disasters, and we pray for our men and women in the armed forces.

**Worship on Cable TV:** If you are unable to join us for in-person or Zoom worship, Lutheran worship is available on Cable TV channel 5, MeTV, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Steve Biegner and Pastor Jeremiah Smith lead this inspiring worship.

**New Members' Class:** Following our worship service today, we will hold a new members' class. We invite all who would like to join! At this class, we will be sharing info about the ELCA and our Conference, our church and its ministries, as well as meeting some of our church leaders. Please let Pastor Fred or the church office know that you would like to attend. We will receive new members at worship next **Sunday, June 20**. We look forward to sharing our mission together!

**June Mission:** This month, our focus will be ELCA Disaster Response. There are so many places in our country and around the world in need of ELCA's presence and support, which brings healing and renewal to those whose lives have been disrupted by disaster. Please use the marked envelopes in the narthex, use [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly), or mail your donation to the church office, indicating that your donation is for ELCA Disaster Response. Thank you.

**Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ:** **Less than ONE week** till our fundraising dinner this **Friday, June 18 from 4 - 7 pm**. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors! This event will be drive through only, we will follow current COVID guidelines, and volunteers are needed to help make this a success. Please see Earlene Crocker.

**Graduates:** Please let us know if a member of your family will be graduating from high school or college this May or June; we would like to recognize them. Please call the church office (836-4868) or email [trinityoldlutheran@verizon.net](mailto:trinityoldlutheran@verizon.net).

**Galatians Bible Study with Pastor Fred:** Beginning **Friday, June 25**, Pastor Fred will lead a study of Galatians--exploring the book and the author Paul who gave us this quote: "*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.*" *Galatians 2:20*. This study will be at Augustana on **Fridays from 10 am to 11:30 am**. It

will be hybrid—Zoom and on location. The study dates are: **June 25, July 9, 16, 23, 30, and Aug. 6.** Everyone is invited to attend one or all!

**Adult Ed Classes and Table Talk:** Both of these interesting programs will begin again in the Fall, and everyone is always welcome! Adult Ed will take place on Mondays at 1 pm, and Table Talk will be held in the evening, so that those who might work during the day will be able to attend. Stay tuned over the summer for details.

**Adult Retreat “Love in the Time of COVID:”** “What have we learned about ourselves and others?” We hope to return to our annual retreat this year and gather again for fellowship, laughter and prayer at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Camp on **October 1, 2, and 3.** Details and restrictions are rather changeable, but a vaccination will be required. There will be more information when we have a clearer picture of the gathering. There is a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board, and if you are worshipping with us on Zoom, just call or email the office and we can add your name.

**Offering:** We understand that some people are experiencing financial hardship during this time. For those who are able to continue to make offerings to TOL:

- 1) There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary for your offering.
- 2) **Through the US mail** (checks only-please don’t mail cash).
- 3) **Tithe.ly.** Online giving. You can get to Tithe.ly on TOL’s website homepage ([www.trinityoldlutheran](http://www.trinityoldlutheran)). If you have a smartphone, you can download the Tithe.ly app. Instructions for both ways of giving through Tithe.ly are on our website’s homepage. Call the church office at (716) 836-4868 if you have questions.

**Food Drive:** We are so grateful for all your donations! We will continue to accept grocery donations of non-perishable items, such as:

Soups and other canned goods (vegetables, tuna, etc.)

Peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, applesauce

Boxes of pantry staples, for example, cereal, rice and pasta

*(Please check food expiration dates before donating.)*

Paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)

Personal care (feminine hygiene products, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, etc.)

Gift cards for Tops or Wegmans

Food items can be dropped off here at TOL Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. – noon by entering through the far-left front door, where the elevator is situated, and placing the bags of groceries in the bins provided there. The items will then be delivered to Community of Good Neighbors and/or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

**Book Sale Continues:** If you’re looking for a good book to read or share, stop by the **newly re-located Book Sale in the Resource Library.** The tables are filled with something for everyone – children to adults. There are many items to choose from, at



surprisingly low prices! Also, you are welcome to bring in your books or puzzles to add to the inventory.

**Operation Christmas Child:** We are collecting items for this year's shoeboxes throughout the year. There is a list of items needed in the Trinity Tidings and a collection box in the narthex for your items. Thank you for your continued support.

**Devotional:** If you would like a "Christ in Our Home" devotional for July - September, please pick one up in the narthex or call the church office at 836-4868 to have one mailed to you.

**Announcements:** If you'd like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send it to [trinityoldlutheran@verizon.net](mailto:trinityoldlutheran@verizon.net) or call 836-4868 by Wednesday morning. Thank you.

### Closing Hymn *Go My Children, With My Blessing*

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919  
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh

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### Blessing

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal  
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 am–12 noon. Please note that the office is unstaffed on Mondays. For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message.	<b>This week's calendar</b>	Sun	6/13	9:30 am 11 am 12 noon 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service & Communion at TOL New Members' Class GA and GAMAnon Meetings
		Mon	6/14	10 am 5:45 pm	OA Meeting Yoga Flow
		Tues	6/15	7 pm	Church Council Meeting
		Wed	6/16	5:45 pm	Yoga Flow
		Thurs	6/17	9:30 am 5:45 pm	Gentle Yoga Beginners Yoga
		Fri	6/18	4 – 7 pm	Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ drive-through
		Sat	6/19		
		Sun	6/20	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	<b>Happy Father's Day</b> Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Trial Run of Worship GA and GAMAnon Meetings

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