



ST. MATTHEW TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Where tradition and inclusivity meet.

In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While you cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer.

Divine Worship

Pentecost 4

June 28, 2020

Welcome and Introduction

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.



Thanksgiving for Baptism

At Home: Use a bowl of water to make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, on the foreheads of one another.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image and
planted us in a well-watered garden.
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.
You give us water for the cleansing of our hands so that we
may love our neighbor as you command.

We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Salutation // Corinthians

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, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great realms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 89:1-4, 15-18

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

¹Your love, O Lord, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.**

³"I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

⁴**I will establish your | line forever,
and preserve your throne for all | generations.’” R**
¹⁵Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light | of your presence.
¹⁶**They rejoice daily | in your name;
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**
¹⁷For you are the glory | of their strength,
and by your favor our might | is exalted.
¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs | to the Lord;
our king to the Holy | One of Israel. R**

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present any parts of your bodies to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your bodies to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive

a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation

Reflection

“War, famine, and pestilence,” prophesied by the ancient prophets, are all around us today. We may wish to listen to people who speak of peace instead. We may long to say “amen” to their promises. But false comfort is worse than no comfort at all. Instead, in a hard time, we who have been baptized into Christ should offer welcome to people who speak the truth and we should offer comfort — “a cup of cold water” — to the least and littlest ones, the ones hurt by these times. The truth-speakers are the very emissaries of God. And the little ones, the vulnerable and un-justly treated ones, are the very presence of Jesus Christ to us. The truth in Christ saves us, turning our bodies from sin to real righteousness, from death to real life, from despair to hope, from lies to love.

Hymn

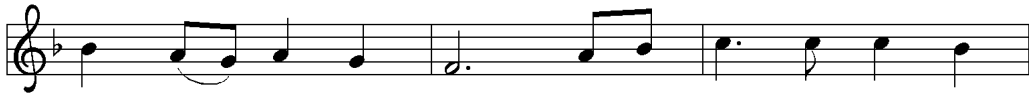
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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Prayers

Remember in your prayers and with acts of kindness:

John Weakland (Brian Weakland's Father)
Zoia "Charlie" Foster (Pastor's niece)
Lacey Burton (Friend of Oberndorf family)
The Family of Sean Gustwiller (Friends of Courtney Kochuba)
The Family of Charles Powers (Friend of the Meusel family, Covid19)
The Family of Richard Altomare (Our neighbor)
The Family of Francis Ng (Friends of the Stolls, Covid19)
The Family of Amy Brekke (Friends of Pastor)
The Family of Arthur Jusu-Davies (Member of our congregation, Covid19)
Lorenzo Bevilaque at the death of his mother

Although distant from each other, we are called to join together to pray for our needy world. In response to each bid, you are invited to offer your own prayers, silently or aloud, and to conclude each petition with the words Hear us, O God, our light and our shield. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for the church of Jesus Christ around the world.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for our own congregation and for its leadership.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for the health of the earth – its lands, its seas, its animals.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield:
your mercy is great.

Let us pray for those who work in our fields and produce our food.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for peace between and within nations.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for President Trump, the Congress, the Supreme Court and our Governors Phillip and Andrew.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for a right observance of the Fourth of July.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
your mercy is great.

Let us pray for those who are oppressed, or enslaved, or poverty-stricken.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for an end to racism.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
your mercy is great.

Let us pray for both protesters and police.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for all who are sick.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
your mercy is great.

Let us pray for all who are sick or sorrowing from the coronavirus.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for medical workers and researchers.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for families facing an unprecedented summertime.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us thank God for Bishop Irenaeus, the apostles Peter, Paul, and Thomas,
and all those who have died in the faith,
and let us pray that at our end we will join them in God's presence.

A time for prayer.

Receive our praise, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

O God of justice and love, you are yourself the cup of cold water we crave, relieving our deep thirst. We give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

**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.**

Or

**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.**

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Upcoming Commemorations

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444 Saturday, June 27, 2020

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202 Sunday, June 28, 2020

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Peter and Paul, Apostles
Monday, June 29, 2020

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators
Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

Thomas, Apostle
Friday, July 3, 2020

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

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Readings for the Week:

Monday (Peter and Paul, Apostles) John 21:15-19. **Tuesday** 1 John 4:1-6. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators) Matthew 11:20-24. **Thursday** Psalm 145:8-14. **Friday**(Thomas, Apostle) John 14:1-7. **Saturday** Luke 10:21-24. **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost** Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

[Daily Prayer Resources](#) use in the home are available, including simple forms of Morning, Evening, and Night Prayer; Responsive Prayer; and prayers for mealtimes and other occasions.

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