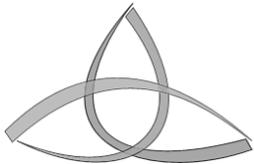




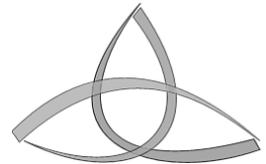
**Worship with Holy Communion  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 29, 2021 - 11:00 am**



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## God Gathers Us In to Worship

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Alice Christianson

**Gathering Song**

*“Gather Us In”*

*Please stand as you are able*  
ELW 532 (red)

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Holy God,

**People: 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. Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

*Please stay standing as you are able*

## Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: O God our strength,

People: **without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## God Proclaims His Holy Word

### First Reading

James 1:17-27

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away,

immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

**Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Oh Christ.**

Please be seated.

**Message** “A Break from Tradition” Pastor Jodi Golden-Lund



Please stand as you are able.

**Song** “Oh, that the Lord would Guide My Ways” ELW 772 (red)

## Confession of Faith/Apostle's Creed

Pastor: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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

Please be seated.

## Prayers of the People

*A series of petitions will be offered for the sake of those in need within the church and within the community and world.*

Pastor: Lord in your mercy...

People: hear our prayer.

## Passing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.



## God Nourishes Us at His Holy Table

### **Offering Prayer**

Pastor: Jesus, Bread of Life,

**People: 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.**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **Words of Institution**

Pastor: On 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." And 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**

Pastor: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord. Teach us to pray, saying from our hearts:

**People: 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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Pastor: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

*Please be seated*

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*All Christians are welcome to share with us in Holy Communion. The gift of Holy Communion is given by God without condition; therefore, we do not condition who may receive. If you would like to receive Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine, simply do so.*

## Songs During Communion

*"As the Grains of Wheat"*

ELW 465 (red)

*"This is My Father's World"*

ELW 824 (red)

*Please stand as you are able*

## Post-Communion Blessing

**Pastor:** May these gifts of Jesus' body and blood strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

**People:** Amen



## God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Others

### Post-Communion Prayer

**Pastor:** Jesus, Bread of Life,

**People:** 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.

*Please be seated*

## Announcements

### Benediction and Blessing

Pastor: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

People: Amen.

*Please stand as you are able*

**Sending Song**                      *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*                      ELW 879 (red)

### Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God**

### Postlude

Alice Christianson



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Organist: Alice Christianson  
Reader:  
Ushers:  
Servers: Linn and Karin Wiseman  
Song Leader: Julie McIntosh  
Camera: Ray Cauwet  
Altar Care: Karin Wiseman, Marga Schaeffer  
Multi-Media: Andy Buzzelli

**Staff of TLC:**

Pastor: Jodi Golden-Lund  
Office Manager: Toni Dumont  
Worship Director: Jan Gibson  
Organist: Alice Christianson  
Choir Director: Dave Hensley

Weekly Scriptures to read at home:

**Isaiah 35:4-7a**

*Like streams in the desert, God comes with healing*

**Psalms 146**

*I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)*

**James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

*Faith without works is dead*

**Mark 7:24-37**

*Christ healing a little girl and a deaf man*

## Prayer Requests

### New Prayer Concerns

for family and friends of Sally McIntosh (Doug's mother) for hope in the resurrection

Prayers of thanks (Judy Trimble) for successful surgery and recovery. Prayers for continued healing and strength.

### Continuing Prayer Concerns

Earl Gibson (Jan Gibson) for recovery from Covid 19 and ongoing health issues

Marga Schaefer - for healing after surgery

Stanley (Susan Firestone) - for God's peace and patience as he faces a new cancer diagnosis

Scott (Susan Firestone) - for relief in his back pain

Art and Karen Cardell - for peace and strength through difficult communication

Marcia (Nancy Chadwell) for perseverance while enduring chemo side effects

Cee Bee - (Susan Firestone) - for healing of infection

Colleen Wickeeshem (Carol Baggett) -for God's hand of protection as she deals with serious health problems

Peggy Holt - for healing and comfort due to health problems

Julie Elston - for continued health concerns

Muriel Josten - for continued healing after knee replacement

Brian Nelson (Scott Nelson) - for continuing health concerns

La Vida Nueva UMC - for God to prosper our partnership in the gospel

The Sierra-Pacific Synod - for wisdom and a spirit of true fellowship in our shared ministries

Foothill Presbyterian - for God's blessing on our partnership with their community

### Those unable to worship with us:

June Mowles - Sierra Hills                      Phyllis Rengstorf - Kaweah Manor, Visalia

Avis Lindroos - North Dakota

### Birthdays:

30 - Carol Bentz

### Anniversaries:

31 - Marvin & Carolyn Sharp

