



Carlton Hills Lutheran Church / Santee, CA

*Strengthen Faith in Christ, Enlarge our Hearts, Energize for Mission, Stretch our Minds*

## 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

### Gathering

**Prelude** "Prelude on 'NETTLETON' " (ELW #807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing) arranged by Eugene Englert

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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



- + Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
  - o the God of manna,
  - o the God of miracles,
  - o 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 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 enough.
- + Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
  - o you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW #807

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
"Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

## APOSTOLIC 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.**



## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Let all things now living ELW 881

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses,  
And sun in its orbit, obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine,  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

#### Covid 19 RESTRICTIONS:

Please remember to keep your mask on and maintain social distancing **throughout** and **after** the service. Where responses or songs are indicated, please do so in low tones if at all, while maintaining your mask in place. **Your silent response "in the heart" is equally appropriate.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Oh 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.**

## Word

**FIRST READING**      **EZEKIEL 17:22-24**      Read by: Randy Catron

### Israel Exalted at Last

<sup>22</sup> 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.

<sup>23</sup> 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.

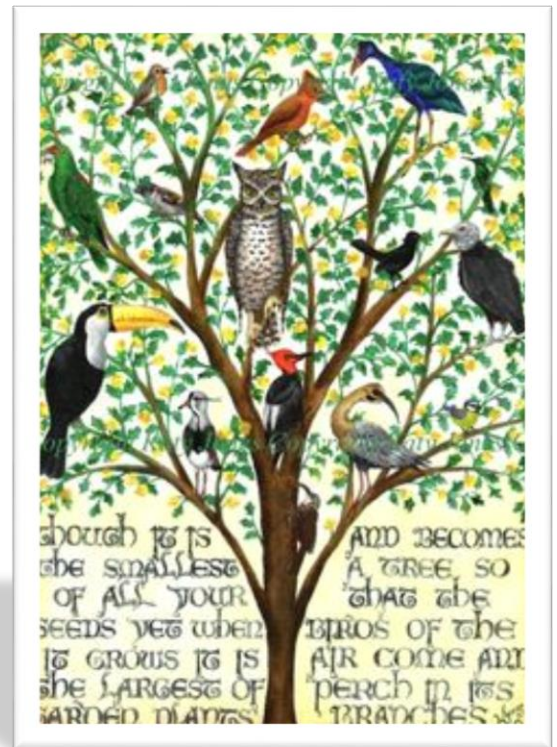
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup> 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.



*L: Word of God, Word of Life!*

*C: Thanks be to God*

## **GOSPEL**      **MARK 4:26-34**

### The Parable of the Growing Seed

<sup>26</sup> He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

## The Parable of the Mustard Seed

<sup>30</sup> He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup> 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.”

## The Use of Parables

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup> he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*L: Word of God, Word of Life!*

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**SERMON** Pastor Andreas

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Praise and Thanksgiving ELW 689

1. Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
2. God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.
3. Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.
4. Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Led by Jen Brown

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you plant 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. Be with those who suffer from and fight the wildfires in Arizona, and with our own CalFire as the dry season approaches. 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 Roger and Marvin, and our choir and congregation singers who await the opportunity to sing again. 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.**

We pray for this worshipping community, Carlton Hills Lutheran Church, that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here in our community, we especially lift up our Friday Community Meal, the Santee Food Bank, the East County Homeless Task Force, the “You did it 4me’ program, the Welcome Ministry in El Cajon, and the Orphanage of Mundo Pequeño Especial: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray also for the Dorcas Circle, the Choir, the Stephen Ministers, The Men’s Group, and the Seniors Exercise group, the Boy Scouts, and the Model A Ford Club, that your steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Especially we pray for:*

- WE give thanks for the life of **ROYCE PRIVETT** – who now rests in the arms of his Lord, whom we celebrated and memorialized here yesterday. We pray for **MARIAN** his wife, **BELINDA** and his extended family, that you would continue to sustain them in their time of grief and loss.
  - WE give thanks for the lives of **JAMIE HUNTLEY-PARK** and **RYAN PARK**, lives that our hearts feel had so much more life ahead. We pray for their families and for the SDPD Family who mourn their loss, as their lives are commemorated this coming Tuesday.
  - For **JIM** – Brother of Pam Meyers, who underwent surgery recently to repair a collapsed lung; grateful for good success in surgery and prayerful for continued healing.
  - For **RON DIXON** who was hospitalized after experiencing shortness of breath, who is now home and is doing well, and for **Carole**, his wife as she cares for him.
  - **DEBBIE SAILER** – mother of Monica Paul, who resides in Maine and was recently diagnosed with liver cancer; we pray that her scheduled surgery last month has been successful and that she experiences your healing presence in her body and spirit.
  - For **JANET LEWIS** and family and friends of her father Les Lewis who recently passed away after a reaction to the COVID vaccine, as she discovered by working on her father's estate, that her formerly estranged sibling Kent has passed away. *(Laura Vaughan)*
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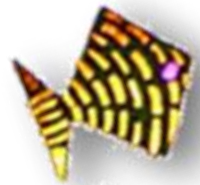
- For **JANICE**, who is recovering from surgery at the Mayo Clinic due to an unidentified infection in her arm, as she awaits healing to see the effects of her surgery. *(Wentz)*
- For **MARVIN HAMILTON**, who continues to heal from issues with his TMJ (temporomandibular joint).
- Prayers of thanksgiving for **GAELYN**. Her surgery was successful in eradicating the cancer and she is well on her way to recovering. THANKS BE TO GOD! *(Dierdre Zeller)*
- For **RICK BLOCK** and for **HIS FAMILY** – finally out of ICU and now in rehab, who in his fight with COVID is re-learning how to walk, talk, and even breathe, and is seeing vast improvements. *(Wentz)*
- For **CAMERON BOX**, and Kate Francis Box, as they have relocated to Fort Lauderdale and as his Coast Guard unit is deployed to the Caribbean for the next two months. *(Kris Francis)*
- **ADDISON**, born with a protein deficiency, that her seizures may continue to be controlled, and for her family as they make plans to relocate to be closer to extended family. *(Laura Vaughan)*
- Marvin's sister **LINDA** in her treatment for a brain aneurysm *(Marvin Hamilton)*
- **GAIL** – for healing from her loss and successful treatment of her cancer *(Kris Francis)*
- **SIGRID THODE**, who anticipates surgical treatment for her back pain. *(Pastor Andreas)*
- For **MANDY AND NATE WAGNER** in Mandy's retirement from the US Army. Be present as they now settle into their new home in El Paso. *(Laura Vaughan's daughter.)*
- God's protection and mercy over business partners, employees, customers, and their families. *(Lee, Corky & Michele Strand)*
- For **DAVID FRANCIS, SYDNE BROWN, SERENITY AND ZACK STARK**, that their studies might continue and that they have productive learning experiences.
- We pray for all students and teachers as we approach the end of the school year, graduations, and preparations for the summer. We pray for the new school year, that we would continue to see movement towards normal in their education.
- We pray for all our youth to make wise decisions, for the future and for the present.

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For all these: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*Please continue to share your prayer requests with us. If you become aware of an update, please let us know so that we can pray accordingly. Requests will be removed after about one month if we have not received an update.*

In the midst of the COVID pandemic, we pray  
 for those who are doubting, renew faith.  
 For those who are worrying, provide release.  
 For those who are struggling, ease burdens.  
 For those in fear, give hope.                      Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**



Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you *(especially Rich, Kay, Royce, Les, Ryan & Jamie)*. 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. **C: Amen.**

**PEACE** *We share peace with one another, saying “Peace be with you” or similar words. You are invited to SHARE THE PEACE with a wave, a bow, in sign-language, or any other non-contact greeting that is appropriate.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **C: And also with you.**

## HYMN

### Thine the amen      ELW 826

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Thine the amen Thine the praise alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

3 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.



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## OFFERING PRAYER

We invite you to send your tithes and offering to the church either by mail or via your bank: **Carlton Hills Lutheran Church, 9735 Halberns Blvd, Santee, CA 92071.** *If you wish to give your offering while you are here for worship, please place it in the **GIVING STATION.** No collection of offerings will be taken or received during the service.*

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Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of the 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.



# Meal

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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.**

Holy God,  
You alone are holy,  
You alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
Beyond the stars  
Beneath the sea  
Within each cell  
With every breath.  
We praise you, O God.  
**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
Through the water  
By night and day  
Across the wilderness;  
Out of exile;  
Into the future.  
We bless you, O God.  
**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
At the heart of human life;  
Near to those who suffer;  
Beside the sinner;  
Among the poor;  
With us now.  
We thank you, O God.  
**We thank you, O God.**

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 to remember me.*

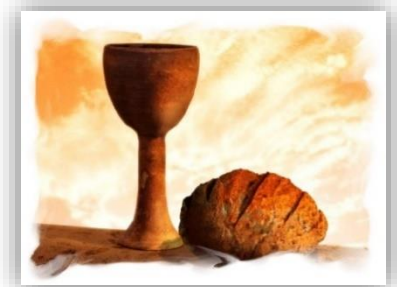
Again, after supper, he took the Cup, gave  
thanks, and gave it for all to drink,  
saying:

*This Cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.*  
*Do this to remember me.*

Remembering his love for us  
On the way,  
At the table,  
And to the end,  
We proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

We pray  
For the gift of your Spirit:  
In our gathering;  
Within this meal;  
Among your people;  
Throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you,  
Holy God,  
Through Christ  
Jesus,  
By your Spirit,  
In your church,  
Without end.  
Amen.





## THE LORD'S PRAYER

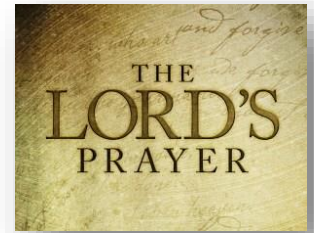
We join in prayer as our Lord taught us...

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.



**The Body of Christ, given for you. The Blood of Christ, shed for you.**

## 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.**

## Sending

P: The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

**+** be upon you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word ELW #663

1 Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.  
Send forth our Creator's call, heaven's gifts extend to all.

2 Tell of our Redeemer's grace, who, to save our human race  
and to pay rebellion's price, gave himself as sacrifice.

3 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,  
strong and holy, just and true, working both to will and do.

4 Lord of harvest, great and kind, rouse to action heart and mind;  
let the gath'ring nations all see your light and heed your call.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*"Sing and Rejoice" by Lani Smith*