



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

I am there among them

MATTHEW 18:20

*God's Work.
Our Hands.*

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP

*as we put God's love
into action together!*

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September 6, 2026 *Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*

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PRELUDE

What God Ordains Is Good Indeed

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

CONFESSION OF SINS

Please stand. (All may make the sign of the cross)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ on God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another.

Silence for reflection

Lord God, **our maker and our redeemer, this is your world
and we are your people.**

Come among us and save us.

We have willfully misused your gifts of creation.

We have seen others being ill-treated and have not gone to their aid.

We turn a blind eye to evil and dishonesty while failing to strive for justice.

We have heard the good news of Christ, but fail to share it with others.

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves.

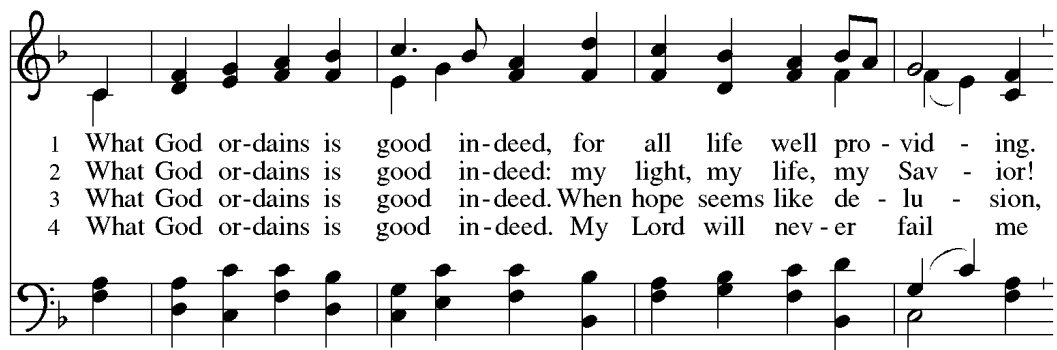
Lord, we plead for your mercy, forgive us our sins.

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and the resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ I therefore declare to you all your sins have been forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit by the sacrifice of our dear Lord.

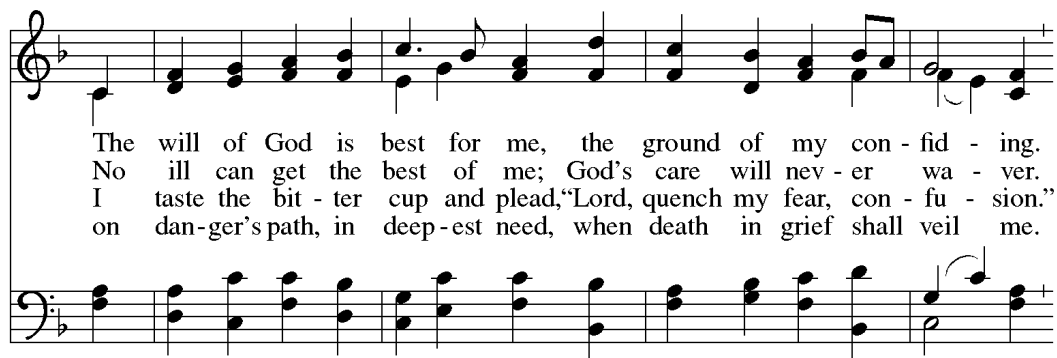
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

What God Ordains Is Good Indeed (ELW 776)



1 What God or-dains is good in-deed, for all life well pro - vid - ing.
 2 What God or-dains is good in-deed: my light, my life, my Sav - ior!
 3 What God or-dains is good in-deed. When hope seems like de - lu - sion,
 4 What God or-dains is good in-deed. My Lord will nev - er fail me



The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con - fid - ing.
 No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev - er wa - ver.
 I taste the bit - ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con - fu - sion."
 on dan-ger's path, in deep - est need, when death in grief shall veil me.



My faith - ful God, on ev - 'ry road you know the way un -
 Through joy and pain I shall at - tain the dawn dis - clos - ing
 God ends the night, re - stores de - light; by faith I face to -
 My God so dear will draw me near, in lov - ing arms will



fold - ing and my hand you are hold - ing.
 clear - ly that God has loved me dear - ly.
 mor - row and yield to God all sor - row.
 hold me, at last in light en - fold me.

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649–1708; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951
 Music: WAS GOTT TUT, Severus Gastorius, 1646–1682
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GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (UMH 99)

To God be the glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry,
to God be the glo - ry for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glo - ry for the things he has done.

WORDS: Andraé Crouch, 1971
MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1971

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MY TRIBUTE
Irr.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from Ezekiel.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40



- ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way ¹ of your statutes,
and I shall keep it ¹ to the end.
- ³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall ¹ keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with ¹ all my heart.**
- ³⁵ Lead me in the path of ¹ your commandments,
for that is ¹ my desire.
- ³⁶ **Incline my heart to ¹ your decrees
and not to ¹ unjust gain. R**
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from be- ¹ holding falsehood;
give me life ¹ in your way.
- ³⁸ **Fulfill your promise ¹ to your servant,
which is for ¹ those who fear you.**
- ³⁹ Turn away the reproach ¹ that I dread,
because your judg- ¹ ments are good.
- ⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for ¹ your commandments;
by your righteousness en- ¹ liven me. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Romans.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

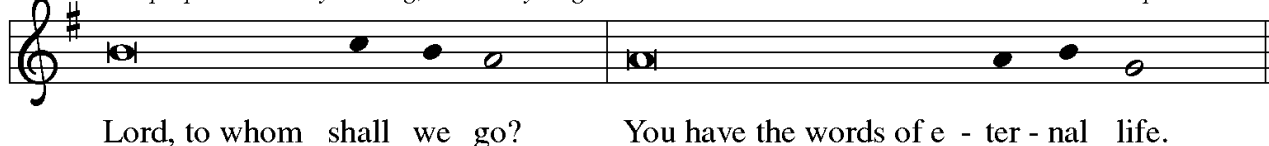
Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia



Music: Plainsong mode VI

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.

¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever

you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

REV. LARRY CLOSTER

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* (ELW 605)



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers’ debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.

Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal communities crying out after disaster. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the good of all who labor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. We pray especially for Shirley, Louise, Paul, Hadley, Nikki, Jeff, Adam, Phyllis, Anthony, Dan, Bonnie, and Ashante (*worshippers may add names silently or aloud*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING *Fairest Lord Jesus* Arr. Lloyd Larson Trinity Chime Choir



Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.

Please stand

OFFERING PRESENTATION (ELW 182)

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

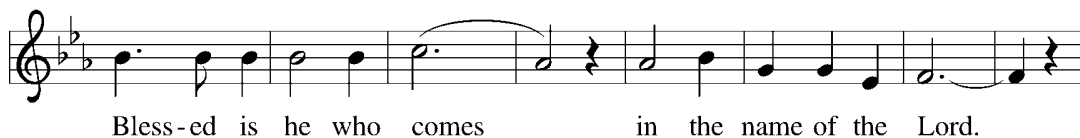
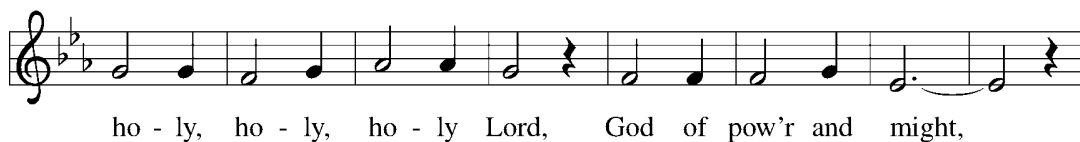
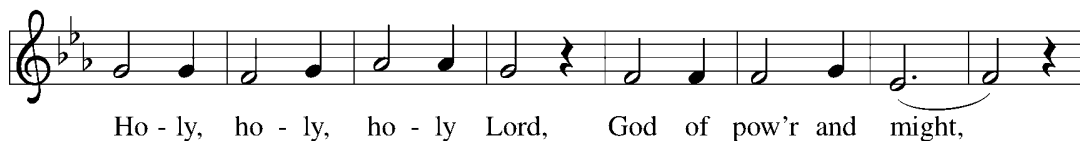
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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.
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:



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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.
He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.
He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.
Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.

For those communing at home, have your package ready to open. The pastor will acknowledge your presence and request that you consume the elements at this time.

Please be seated

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

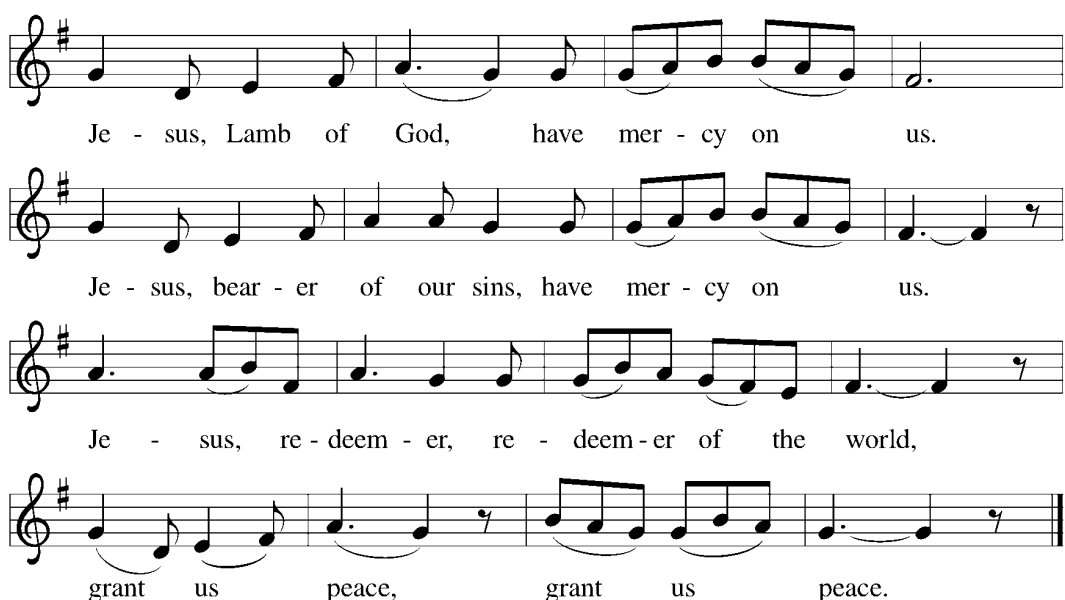
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

For those who prefer not to partake of the wine there are cups filled with grape juice in the center of the communion tray.

COMMUNION SONG



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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SONGS DURING COMMUNION

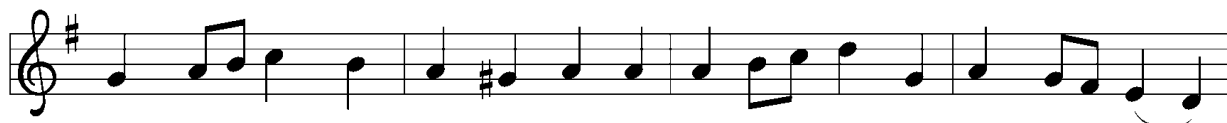
As We Gather at Your Table (ELW 522)



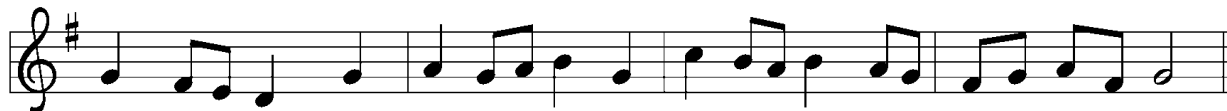
- 1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



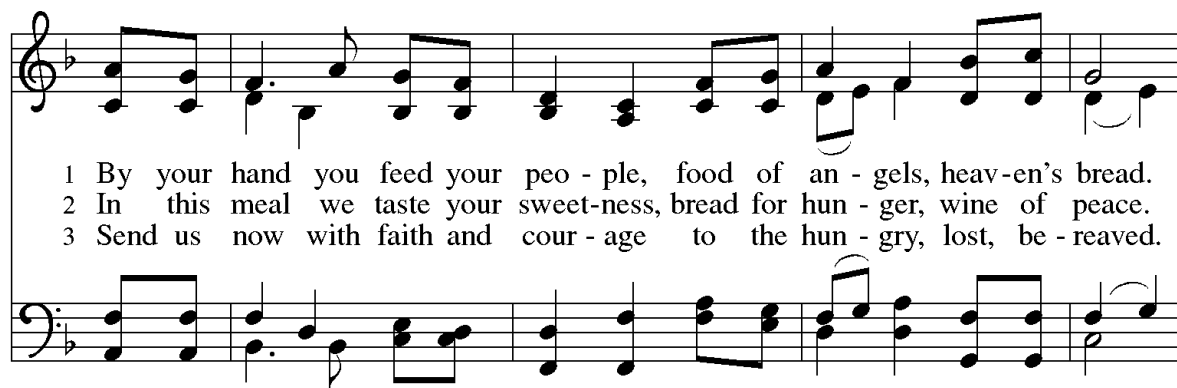
teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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By Your Hand You Feed Your People (ELW 469)

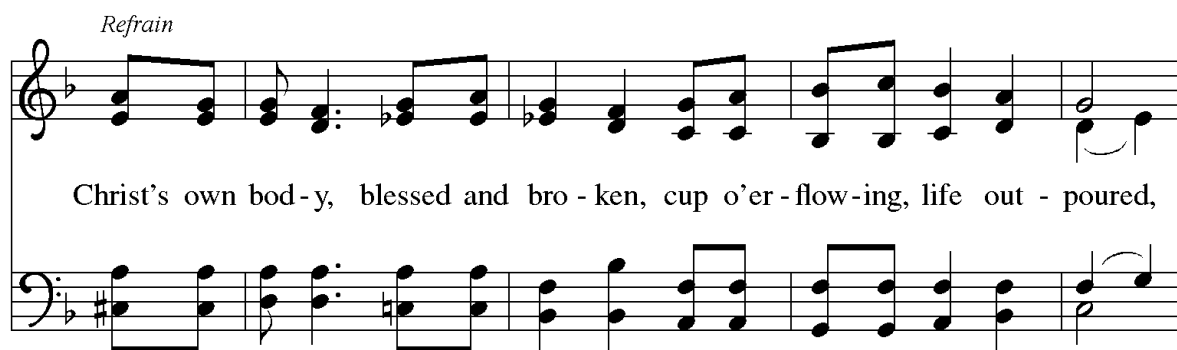


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

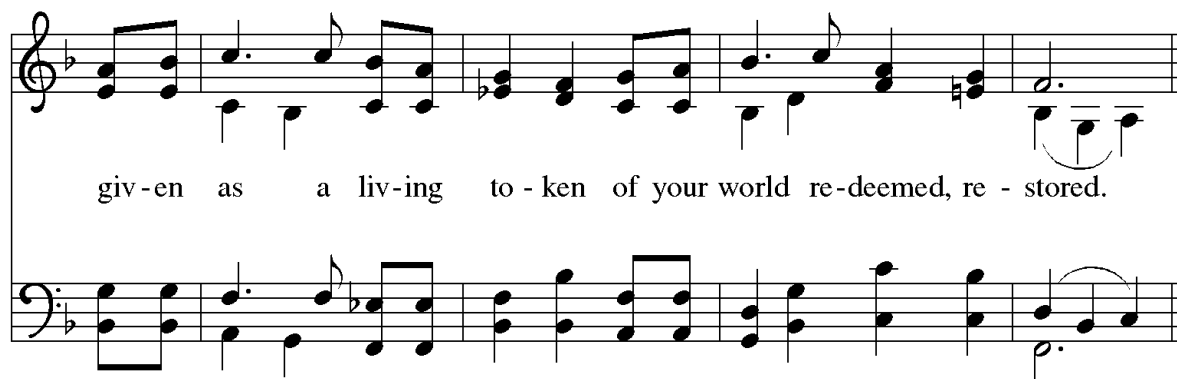


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952
 Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world. Give us courage to live as your faithful disciples, serving our neighbors with love, mercy, and compassion.

Amen.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

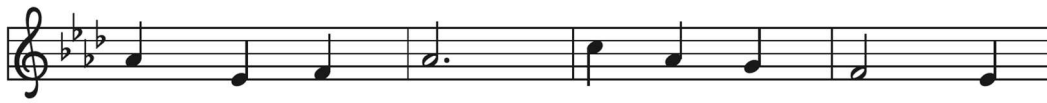
BLESSING

Now may the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believe in, and by the power of the Holy Spirit may the God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

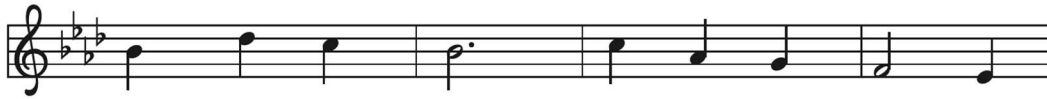
SENDING SONG *God's Work, Our Hands* (ACS 1000)



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

John Stanley (1712-1786)

The Ministers of Service:

- ❖ Officiant: The Reverend Larry Closter
- ❖ Organist & Music Director: Ricky Gearhart
- ❖ This Service: Greeters: Martha Cooley. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Sue Teal.
Communion Assistant: Susan Scheulen. Acolyte: Joey Patterson.
- ❖ Next Service: Greeters: Marianne Watson. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Loretta Koontz. Communion Assistant: Carole Pfisterer. Acolyte: Wayne Wright.

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Please Consider Donating Chancel Flowers

Would you like to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion? Consider donating **chancel flowers** for a Sunday service. Flower donations are a beautiful way to:

- Honor or remember someone special
- Celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or milestone
- Add beauty to our worship space

If you'd like to donate flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please sign up on the **flower calendar** in the church Narthex or contact Martha Cooley.

You're welcome to take the flowers home after the service, or they can be delivered to someone in need of encouragement.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

~ Here's
what's
happening...



Welcome, scan the QR code—we'd love to connect with you.

In The Know

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY *Here's what's happening...*

(September 7–11  LCW Yard Sale Setup)

 **Monday, September 7**

- **Labor Day (Office Closed)**

 **Tuesday, September 8**

-  Sewing for the Savior @ 9:30 AM
-  LCW Meeting @ 11:30 AM
-  Church Council meeting @6:30 PM

 **Wednesday, September 9**

 **Thursday, September 10**

- Choir Rehearsal @5:45 PM

 **Friday, September 11**

- Patriot Day! Heroes and Harvest Celebration Newtown Commons 4-8 PM.
- Bible study and discussion of the book of Revelation @10 AM
- CMSP Music private lesson@ 5PM

 **Saturday, September 12**

-  LCW Yard Sale
- CMSP – Fall Music Together 9:00–10:00 AM | Room 202

 **Sunday, September 13**

- Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost | Outdoor Worship – Newtown Commons @ 10:30 AM, Fellowship Picnic Lunch.

Attendance and General Offering

DATE	IN PERSON	ONLINE	OFFERING
8/09/2026	46	11	\$4,889
8/16/2026	34		SERVICE IN PARISH HALL \$2,390.30
8/23/2026	42	14	\$2,129
9/06/2026	40	9	\$2,636

WEEKLY OPERATIONAL COSTS \$ 4,649.00



Congratulations, Emily & Raeann!

The Colaw Scholarship Committee and Trinity Congregational Council extend their heartfelt congratulations to **Emily Patterson** and **Raeann Patterson** on being awarded the **Colaw Scholarship Award** for this year.

We are proud of your accomplishments and wish you both continued success as you pursue your educational goals.

May God bless you on the journey ahead!

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

🙌 Sunday Servants

We'd love your help in making each Sunday special. Whether you'd like to greet, read, assist with Communion, or take part in special services, there's a place for you! Reach out to **Christine Cornwell** or sign up through **SignUpGenius** in the newsletter.

🙏 Prayer Team Table

Located just inside the sanctuary entrance. Submit a card with your prayer request or contact **Laurie Closter 540-840-8401**, to add a name to the Prayers of Intercession. Or simply scan and submit



🏥 Hospital Visitation

Pastor Closter is registered with Valley Health for hospital visits. Due to HIPAA laws, the hospital cannot notify us when someone is admitted. To request a visit, contact the church office at **540-869-4019**, or after hours, call Pastor Closter at **540-848-5325**. You may also reach out to **Pastor Closter** or **Martha Cooley**.



SAVE YOUR TREASURES!

Your donations help make Trinity's Annual LCW Yard Sale a success!

Keep setting things aside to donate!

SAVE THE DATE

DONATION DROP-OFF



Monday, September 7 –
Friday, September 11

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Parish Hall

YARD SALE



Saturday,
September 12

DONATION GUIDELINES



Clothing should be clean and in good condition.



No electronics (TVs, stereos, computers, etc.).



No large furniture.



Please do not bring donations before September 7, as storage space is limited. LCW members will be available during drop-off hours to receive and sort your donations.



Extra clothes hangers are always appreciated!



Questions? Please contact any LCW member.

♥ Thank you for supporting this annual ministry and fundraiser! ♥

🌳 OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC - Sunday, September 13

Newtown Commons • 10:30 AM

Join us for worship outdoors as we reflect on **God's creation and our responsibility to care for it.**

Potluck picnic follows worship!

The church will provide **fried chicken, hot dogs, paper products, and cutlery.**

Please sign up (Sheet in Parish Hall) to bring:

- A dish to share
- A case of soft drinks
- A case of water

Set-up help needed: Meet at Trinity at **9:45 AM.**

We also need volunteers to help with **clean-up after the picnic.**

🌳 **Come worship. Come share. Come enjoy God's creation!**
Bring a lawn chair and invite a friend!

**In case of inclement weather service will be in the Church at 10:30 followed by lunch in the fellowship hall.*

Save the Date! **SEPTEMBER 2026**

Mark Your Calendar – You're Invited!

Recurring Events



Choir

Rehearsals

Thursdays:

September **3, 10, 17 & 24**

5:45 PM



Bible Study –

Book of Revelation

Fridays: September 4, 11, 18 & 25

10:00 AM |

Room 205



Sunday Bible

Study – Book of

Revelation

Sundays:

September **20 & 27**

11:00 AM |

Parish Hall

Community

Partnership

CMSP – Fall Music

Together

Saturdays:

September **12, 19 & 26**

9:00–10:00 AM |

Room 202

Sunday September 6

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God's Work. Our Hands.

Worship @ 9:30 AM

- Monthly Birthday Celebration
- Coffee Hour

September 7

Labor Day

(September 7–11 **LCW Yard Sale Setup**)

September 8

Sewing for the Savior — 9:30 AM

LCW Meeting — 11:30 AM

Church Council — 6:30 PM

September 11 Patriot Day - Marking the 25th Anniversary of 9/11

September 12

LCW Yard Sale

Sunday September 13

Outdoor Worship & Picnic Lunch (Newtown Commons)

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship @ 10:30 AM

September 14

Senior Connections Lunch
10:00 AM–1:00 PM

September 19

Stephens City Fire Department
Boot Drive
9:00 AM–2:00 PM

Sustainability Laundry Day
2:00–4:00 PM

Sunday September 20

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship @ 9:30 AM

- Coffee Hour
- Chime Choir Practice

September 22

Sewing for the Savior — 9:30 AM

Sunday September 27

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship @ 9:30 AM

- Coffee Hour

Guest Musician Melinda Russell

September 28–30

Pastor Closter attending the **Virginia Synod Gathering of the Ministerium**

(Vacation follows October 1–7.)

September 30

Community Meal
5:30 PM

I Can 2

With God All Things Are Possible

I Can 2 Meets on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

They gather in the Parish Hall for 10 – 20 minutes before either going upstairs to room 203 or departing for events, they gather back downstairs on Mondays to have lunch, and then again prior to departure at 3 pm on those days.
(unless room conflict then they gather in the Narthex instead of Parish Hall)





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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 AM–1:00 PM



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

