

— THE TENTH SUNDAY —

*after Pentecost*

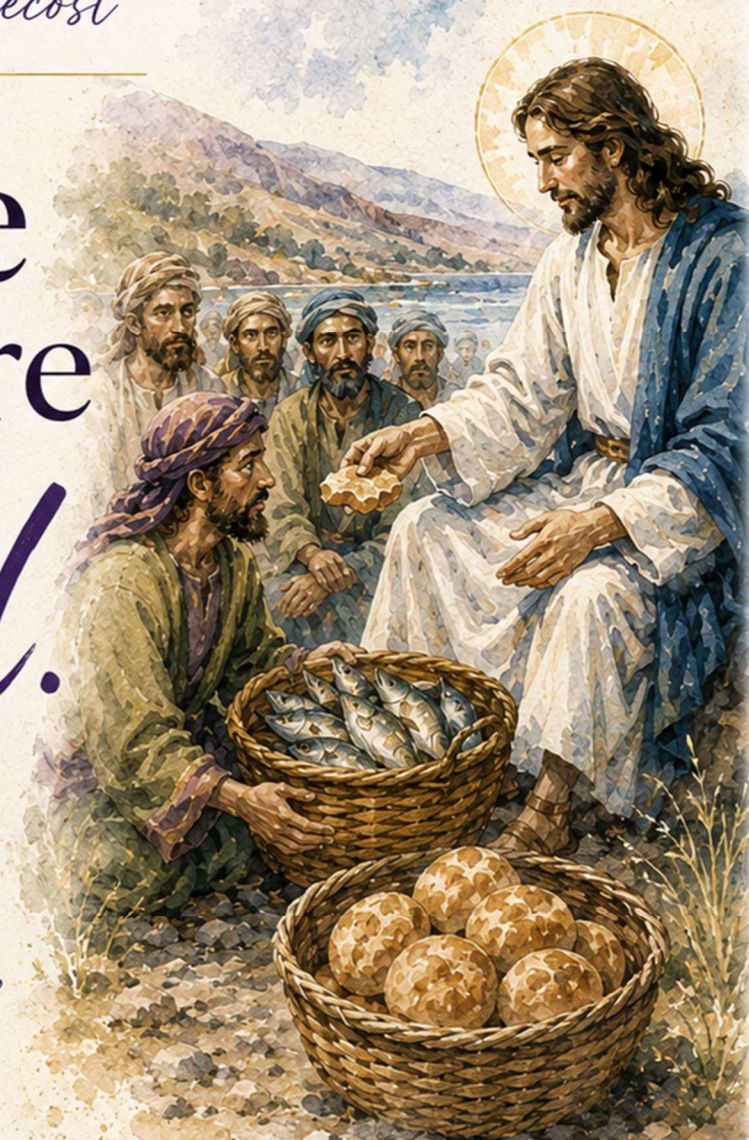
All ate  
and were  
*filled.*



MATTHEW 14:20

They all ate and were satisfied,  
and the disciples picked up  
twelve basketfuls of broken  
pieces that were left over.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

**9:30 AM**

*All Are Welcome!*

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## SUMMER SONG CELEBRATION

**Red Hymnal** ELW 593 *Here I Am, Lord.*

A favorite of Jami Wright & Dorthée St. Germain.

*He Touched Me*, Dorthée's favorite.

**(Please see insert page)**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

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

In First John the Bible tells us that, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."**

Let us confess our sin before God and before one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Merciful God,

**we've tried to hide the wrong we've done from you.**

**We have lived for ourselves and turned from our neighbors.**

**At times we refuse to bear or even to hear the troubles of others,  
ignore the pain of the world and passed by the lonely, hungry, poor, and  
oppressed folks.**

**Forgive us for this sin.**

**Free us from selfishness,**

**and guide us to choose your will and follow in your way.**

**Amen.**

Almighty God who in Jesus Christ has invited us into a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom through ✝ Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

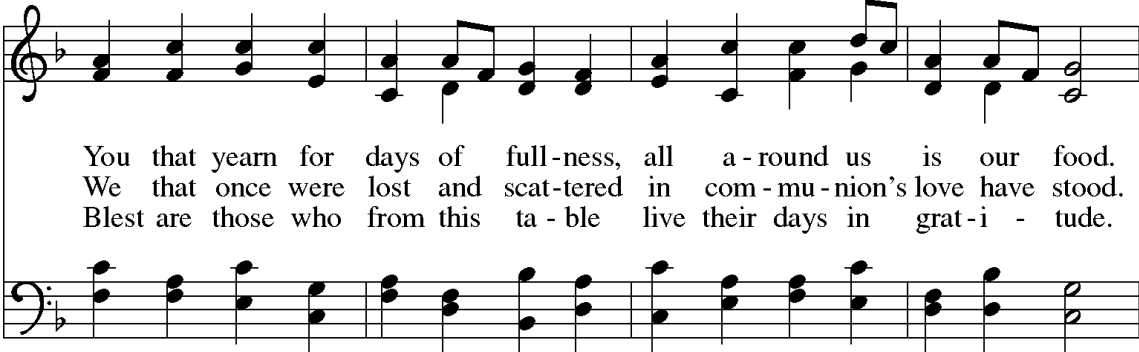
## All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)



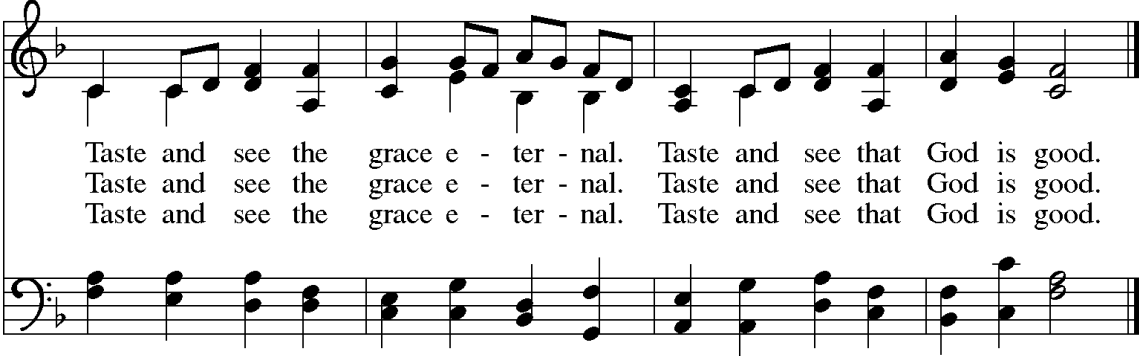
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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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.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> Hear, everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Now you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

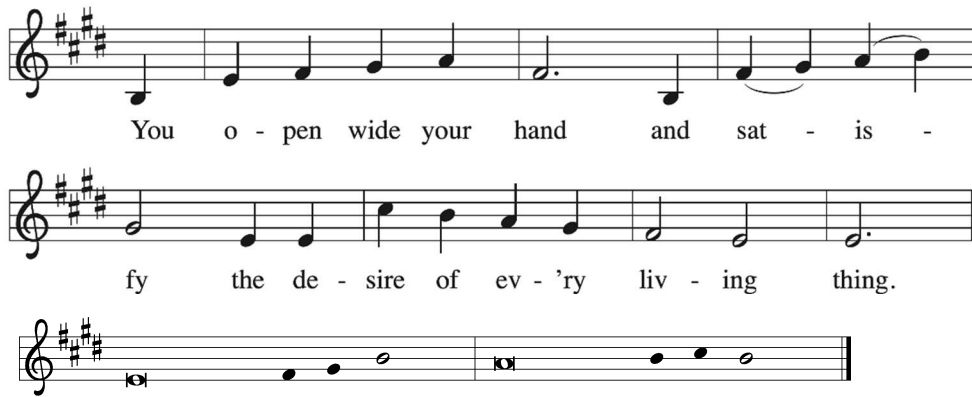
for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21



- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and full <sup>|</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in <sup>|</sup> steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup> **LORD, you are <sup>|</sup> good to all,  
and your compassion is over <sup>|</sup> all your works. R**
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all <sup>|</sup> those who fall  
and lifts up those who <sup>|</sup> are bowed down.
- <sup>15</sup> **The eyes of all wait upon <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food <sup>|</sup> in due season.**
- <sup>16</sup> You open <sup>|</sup> wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every <sup>|</sup> living thing.
- <sup>17</sup> **You are righteous in <sup>|</sup> all your ways  
and loving in <sup>|</sup> all your works. R**
- <sup>18</sup> You are near to all who <sup>|</sup> call upon you,  
to all who call up- <sup>|</sup> on you faithfully.
- <sup>19</sup> **You fulfill the desire of <sup>|</sup> those who fear you;  
you hear their <sup>|</sup> cry and save them.**
- <sup>20</sup> You watch over all <sup>|</sup> those who love you,  
but all the wicked you <sup>|</sup> shall destroy.
- <sup>21</sup> **My mouth shall speak the praise <sup>|</sup> of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- <sup>|</sup> er and ever. R**

## SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup> I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup> I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup> to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

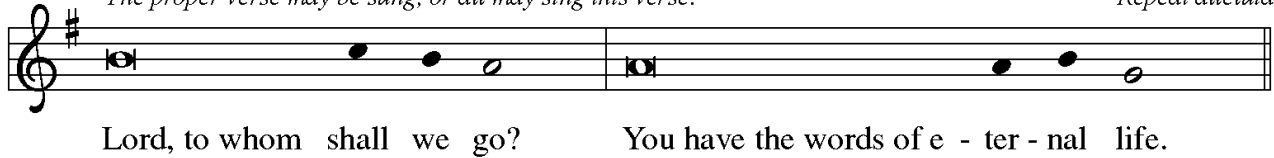
*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

*Repeat alleluia*



Music: Plainsong mode VI

## GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup> When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## SERMON

REV. LARRY CLOSTER

*Please stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Break Now the Bread of Life* (ELW 515)

1<sup>st</sup> verse women, 2<sup>nd</sup> men, 3<sup>rd</sup> all.

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part having three verses. The music features a mix of half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes, with a steady piano accompaniment of chords and moving lines.

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

## 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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need,  
and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless  
the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word  
is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed  
and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose  
labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony.  
As this week we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us  
mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love,  
hope, and peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted.  
Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in  
body, mind, and spirit especially for Shirley, Louise, Paul, Hadley, Nikki, Jeff, Adam,  
Phyllis, Anthony, Dan, Sandra, and Bonnie (*worshippers may add names silently or  
aloud*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

### **OFFERING**

*In The Garden*

C. Austin Miles

Marcie Stern, Alto

Jason Strosnider, Guitar



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*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.

Heavenly Father, you have given us riches

beyond measure. We give of what you have given us so others also may experience your blessings. We ask, Lord, that you will bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. **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.  
By the witness of your saints  
you show us the hope of our calling  
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,  
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.  
And so, with all the saints,  
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

From age to age your creation sings your praises.

You feed even the birds of the air, and you clothe the fields with lilies.

You gave your blessing to Abraham and his descendants, and you spoke with Moses, Elijah, and David.

Blessed are you, Lord our God:

**Blessed are you, Lord our God.**

You fulfilled your covenant with us in Jesus.

He is Emmanuel, your beloved Son.

For us he lived, for us he died, for us he rose to eternal life.

Then and now he invites us to your banquet.

On the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.

Send your Holy Spirit here on your gathered disciples.

Make of this meal the body and blood of forgiveness.

Heal us and grant us your righteousness, that we may love you and serve our neighbors.

Blessed are you, Lord our God:

**Blessed are you, Lord our God.**

**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

## *We Come to the Hungry Feast (ELW 479)*



- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
- 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
- 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943  
 Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever  
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## *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart: Gift of Finest Wheat (ELW 484)*

*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' - n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997  
 Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996  
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*Please stand*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand*

### **BLESSING**

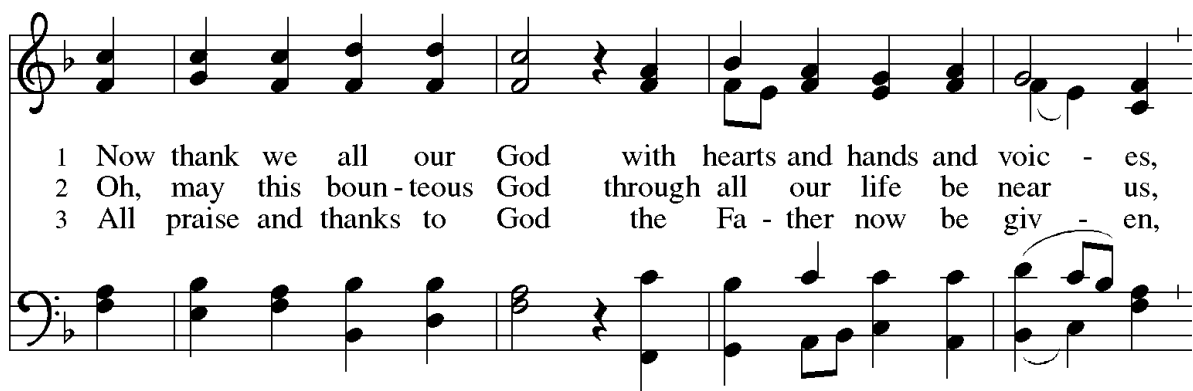
Now may the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another.

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.**



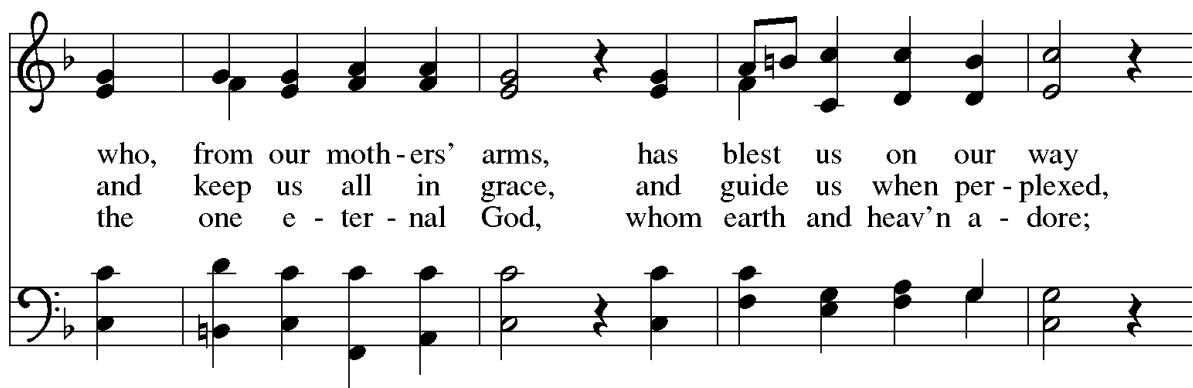
**SENDING SONG**    *Now Thank We All Our God (isometric) (ELW 840)*



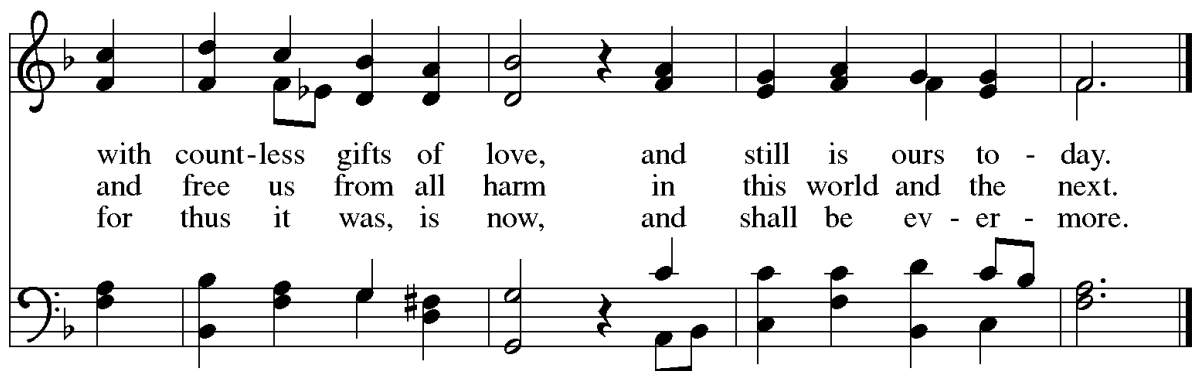
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all harm, in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude, gigue*

David Lasky

You're invited to remain after coffee hour today, for *An American Tribute*, a short patriotic organ program by Ricky Gearhart honoring America's 250th Birthday.

### The Ministers of Service:

- ❖ Officiant: The Reverend Larry Closter
- ❖ Organist & Music Director: Ricky Gearhart
- ❖ This Service; Greeters: Laurie Closter. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Jamie Wright. Communion Assistant: Barry Hockenberry. Acolyte: Wayne Wright
- ❖ Next Service: Greeters: . Lessons & Prayers Reader: Kathleen Carroll. Communion Assistant: Mary Anderson. Acolyte: Jacob Carroll.



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# THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

~ Here's  
what's  
happening...

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## In The Know

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

-  **Monday, August 3**
-  **Tuesday, August 4**
-  **Wednesday, August 5**
  - Youth Bible Study and discussion of the book of Genesis @ 2:30PM
-  **Thursday, August 6**
-  **Friday, August 7**
  - Bible study and discussion of the book of Revelation @ 10 AM
  - CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm
  - Pastor Closter @ Youth Conference
-  **Saturday, August 8**
  - CMSP Music together summer program @9- 10AM
  - **21st Annual Route 11 Yard Crawl | for space information contact Kim (page23)**
  - Pastor Closter @ Youth Conference
-  **Sunday, August 9**
  - Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost, Blessing of the Backpack's | Worship @ 9:30 AM,  Fellowship, Chime Choir rehearsal, Bible Study after this service. *Please stay after worship if you are able to help move altar and worship items to the Parish Hall.*



### Attendance and General Offering

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| 7/05/2026                                   | 45        | 2    | 7                | \$9,554  |
| 7/12/2026                                   | 48        | 1    | 7                | \$3469   |
| 7/19/2026                                   | 45        | -    | -                | \$1865   |
| 7/26/2026                                   | 45        |      | New streaming 18 | \$2,033  |
| <b>WEEKLY OPERATIONAL COSTS \$ 4,649.00</b> |           |      |                  |          |

### Colaw Endowed Scholarship Fund



The Colaw Board will review scholarship applications at its meeting on the **16th**. There is still time to submit an application to the church office.

Following the Board's review, a **special Congregational Council meeting** will be requested to consider the Board's recommendation and make a final determination on the scholarship awards.

# SANCTUARY RESTORATION UPDATE



**BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 10**

KEE Construction Services, Inc. will begin repair and restoration work on our Sanctuary and Chimney.



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**

Volunteers are invited to stay after worship to help move altar furnishings and worship items to the Parish Hall.



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**

Worship will be held in the *Parish Hall.*



**WEEK OF AUGUST 17**

A crane will be on site for chimney work. **Please expect limited parking** during portions of the project.



**PROJECT TIMELINE**

- The restoration is expected to take approximately **two weeks**.
- As with any construction project, the schedule may change if additional work is needed.
- Should the project extend, worship on **AUGUST 23** may also be held in the Parish Hall.

## Save the Date! AUGUST 2026



✨ Mark Your Calendar – You're Invited! ✨



**AUGUST 2 – Sunday**  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

- Service @ 9:30 AM
- Coffee Hour | Parish Hall – All are welcome!
- Organ Program: An American Tribute following Coffee Hour**
- Monthly Birthday Celebration!
- Chime Choir Practice
- Bible Study & Discussion of the Book of Revelation @ 11:00 AM | Parish Hall



**AUGUST 3 – Monday**  
Pastor Closter Back from Vacation



**WEDNESDAYS – August 5, 12, 19 & 26**  
Youth Bible Study & Discussion of the Book of Genesis @ 2:30 PM | Room 202



**AUGUST 8 – Saturday**  
Rt. 11 Yard Crawl



**AUGUST 9 – Sunday**  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

- Blessing of the Backpacks
- Service @ 9:30 AM
- Coffee Hour | Parish Hall – All are welcome!
- Chime Choir Practice
- Bible Study & Discussion of the Book of Revelation @ 11:00 AM | Parish Hall



**AUGUST 10 – Monday**  
Senior Connections Lunch  
10:30 AM – 1:00 PM | Parish Hall



**AUGUST 11 – Tuesday**  
Congregational Council Meeting  
@ 6:30 PM | Parish Hall



**AUGUST 12 – Wednesday**  
Frederick County Schools –  
First Day of School



**AUGUST 15 – Saturday**  
Sustainability Cooking Class  
1:00–5:00 PM



**SUNDAYS – August 16, 23 & 30**

- Service @ 9:30 AM
- Coffee Hour | Parish Hall – All are welcome!
- Chime Choir Practice
- Bible Study & Discussion of the Book of Revelation @ 11:00 AM | Parish Hall



**FRIDAYS – August 7, 14, 21 & 28**  
Bible Study & Discussion of the Book of Revelation @ 10:00 AM | Room 205



**AUGUST 26 – Wednesday**  
Community Meal @ 5:30 PM



**AUGUST 29 – Saturday**  
Newtown Heritage Festival  
(Make-Up Date, if needed)

**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)



## 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



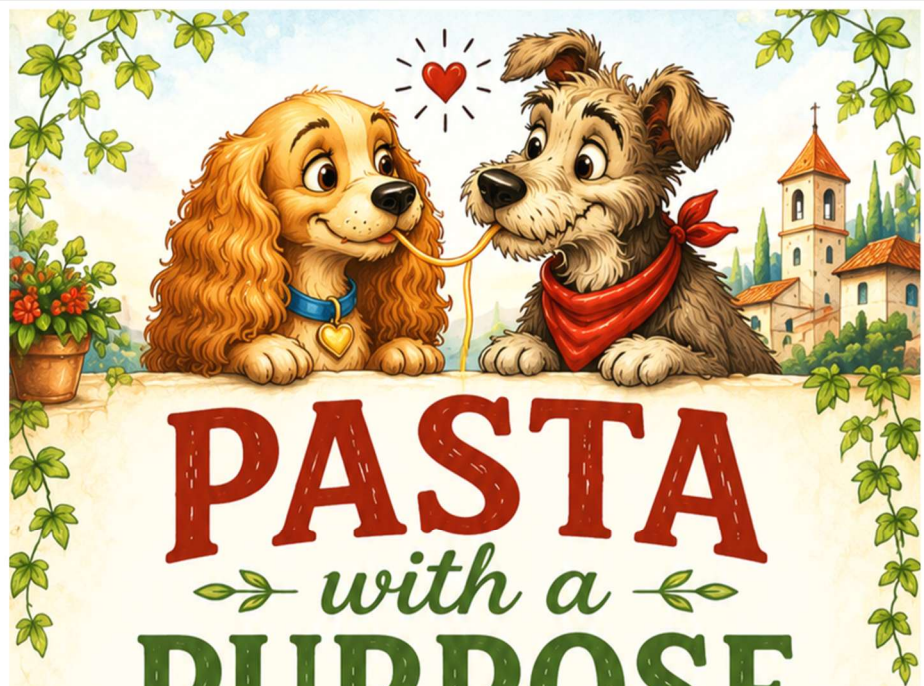
### Hospital Visitation

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**.

From Social Outreach ;

July lookback, News and Updates (This page 22 & 23)



# PASTA with a PURPOSE

## COLLECTION UPDATE

Thanks to the generosity of the Trinity family, our collection keeps growing!  
Many donations are already helping local families in need.

  
*Thank you for making a difference!*



  
**EVERY BOX • EVERY BAG • EVERY BITE**  
*Makes a Difference*

## American Red Cross Blood Services Sponsor Report

Our recent blood drive was a success, and we appreciate everyone who participated and helped make it possible.

### Blood Collection Results:

- Power Red Productive Procedures: **3**
- Power Red Productive Products: **6**
- Whole Blood Products Collected: **18**

### Donor Participation:

- Scheduled Appointments: **21**
- Walk-In Donors: **3**
- **Total Donors: 24**

Our next scheduled American Red Cross blood drive at Trinity will be held in **January 2027**. This scheduling is due to the number of other blood drive sponsors in our area. Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and supported this important community event. Your generosity helps save lives.

We still have vendor spaces available for the **21st Annual Route 11 Yard Crawl** on **Saturday, August 8, 2026!** The fee is \$20.00 per space. That money goes towards the Food Pantry for families with food insecurities. You will need to provide your own tables and chairs. And you are responsible for cleaning up afterwards. The Route 11 Yard Crawl is one of the Shenandoah Valley's largest annual community events, drawing thousands of shoppers from across the region. The event begins at **7:00 AM** and stretches approximately **43 miles** along **US Route 11 (Old Valley Pike)** from **Stephens City to New Market**.

Whether you're selling antiques, crafts, collectibles, household items, baked goods, or other treasures, this is a great opportunity to reach a large crowd of bargain hunters.

Reserve your spot today before they're gone! For vendor information or to register, please contact **Trinity Lutheran Church**. We look forward to seeing you on August 8 for another exciting Route 11 Yard Crawl!

Please contact: Kim Begnaud Hampton to reserve your spot 540-664-8088

## Second Chance Job Fair a Success

The Second Chance Job Fair was a great success, with **24 job seekers** attending, including **3 veterans**. The event provided an excellent opportunity for individuals to connect with employers, explore new career opportunities, and take the next step toward meaningful employment.

A total of **17 companies, non-profits and public works departments**, representing Winchester through Warren County, participated in the event. Employers met with individuals who may have been out of the workforce due to caring for a family member, raising children, retirement, health-related challenges, or previous incarceration. The job fair created a welcoming environment where participants could reconnect with the workforce and learn about available career opportunities.

If you or someone you know is seeking employment assistance, Job Works is available to help.

**Job Works – Winchester Center** 609 Cedar Creek Grade, Suite D | Winchester, VA 22601 Phone: (540) 545-4146

**Public Hours- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

- Closed to the public from **12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** for the staff lunch break.
- **Please note:** The Winchester Center is currently **open by appointment only on Tuesdays**.

We extend our sincere thanks to all of the participating employers and community partners who made this event possible. Together, we are helping individuals overcome barriers to employment and strengthen our local workforce.

A special thank you goes to **Kenny's Kicking @\$\$ BBQ, Begnaud Sales LLC**, and the **Trinity Lutheran Outreach Team** for generously providing a meal and refreshments and supporting this event.

Due to the success of this job fair, we are looking forward to hosting another **Second Chance Job Fair in November**. We hope to continue building connections between employers and job seekers while strengthening our community through meaningful employment opportunities.



# TRINITY

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STEPHENS CITY, VIRGINIA

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*Interim Pastor*

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**Ricky Gearhart**

*Organist & Music Director*

**Jodie Broccolo**

*Administrative Assistant*

**Mark Greene**

*Treasurer*

**Vacant**

*Bookkeeper*

**Mike Pyne**

*Financial Secretary*

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- Barry Hockenberry
- Tom Righter

### CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL • 2026

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**Marianne Watson**

*Vice President*

**Patty Stringer**

*Secretary*

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Tom Righter • Dorothée St. Germain

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**The Rev. Yehiel Curry**

*Presiding Bishop*

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**Pastor's Office Hours:**  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
9:00 AM–1:00 PM



## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP



SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM