



AUGUST 16, 2026

12TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

WOMAN,
GREAT
IS YOUR
FAITH!

MATTHEW 15:28



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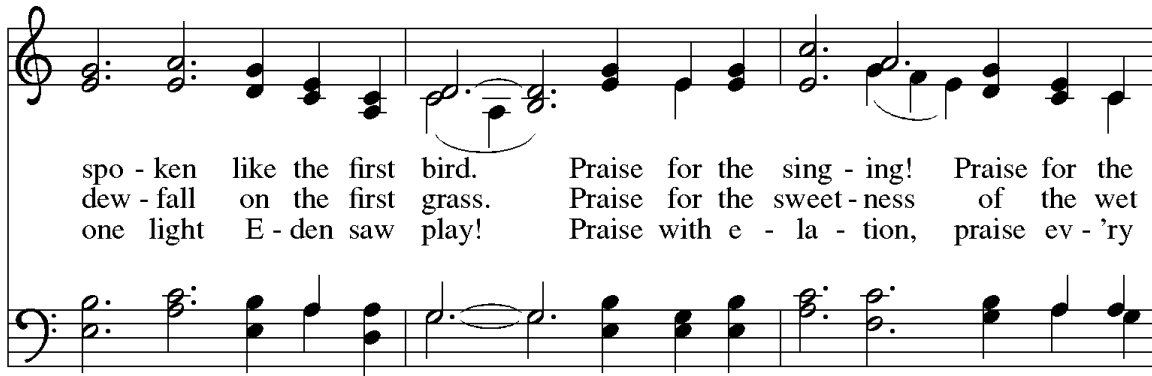
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SUMMER SONG CELEBRATION

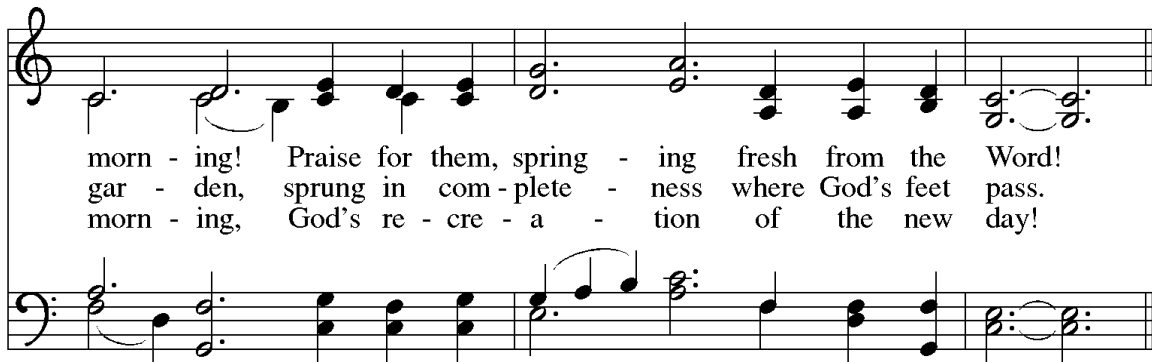
ELW 556 *Morning Has Broken*, Hilda Painter's favorite.



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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WOV 767 , Christine Cornwell's favorite.

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Refrain



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.

Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

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 *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* (ELW 860) *1st verse men, 2nd women, 3rd all*



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

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)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of five systems of two staves each. The first system contains the first two lines of the canticle. The second system contains the third line. The third system contains the fourth line. The fourth system contains the fifth line. The fifth system contains the sixth line. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm and a clear melodic line for each voice part.

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

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MY TRIBUTE
Irr.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.
Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy,
that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67 *spoken responsively*

¹ May God be merciful to ^l us and bless us;
may the light of God's face ^l shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known ^l upon earth,
your saving health a- ^l mong all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise ^l you, O God;
let all the ^l peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and ^l sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- ^l tions on earth. R**

⁵ Let the peoples praise ^l you, O God;
let all the ^l peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought ^l forth its increase;
God, our own ^l God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God ^l give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth ^l stand in awe. R

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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Thanks be to God.

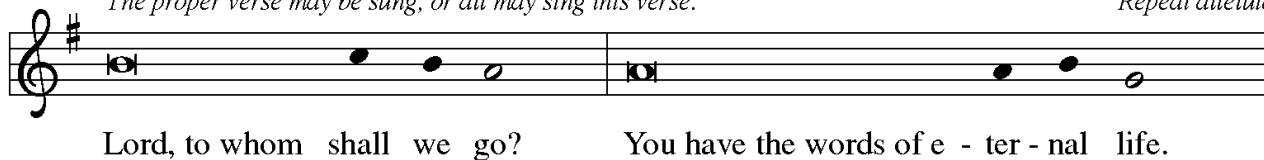
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

Repeat alleluia



Music: Plainsong mode VI

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

REV. LARRY CLOSTER

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (ELW 759)

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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 believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind 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, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or 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 Prayer Carl Von Weber (1786-1826)

NOISY OFFERING The Noisy offering this week will benefit,

Froggy's Closet 200 North Braddock Street Winchester, VA 22601 for more info visit

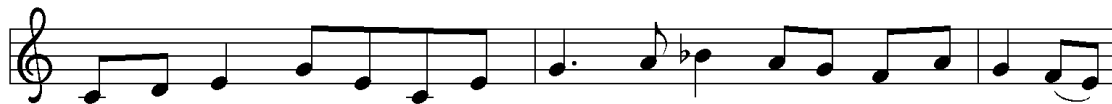
<https://www.frog-kids.org/>.



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.

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.

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.

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS (for the sick and homebound)

Let us pray. O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger bless these elements with your divine grace and those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come (ELW 610)



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
 2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find




How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep - est need.
 our com - mon life de-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

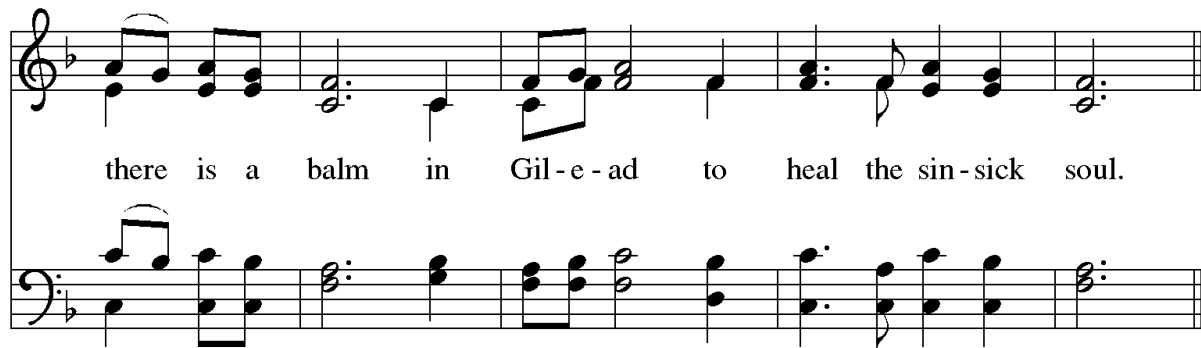
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There Is a Balm in Gilead (ELW 614)

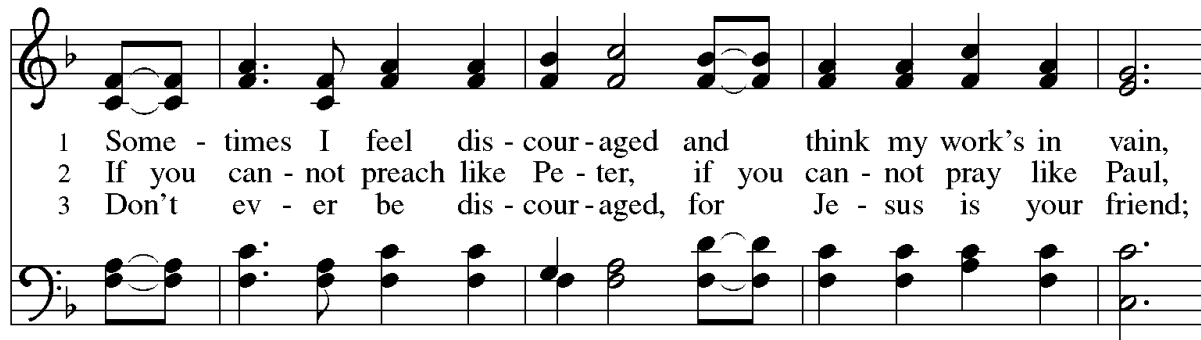
Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

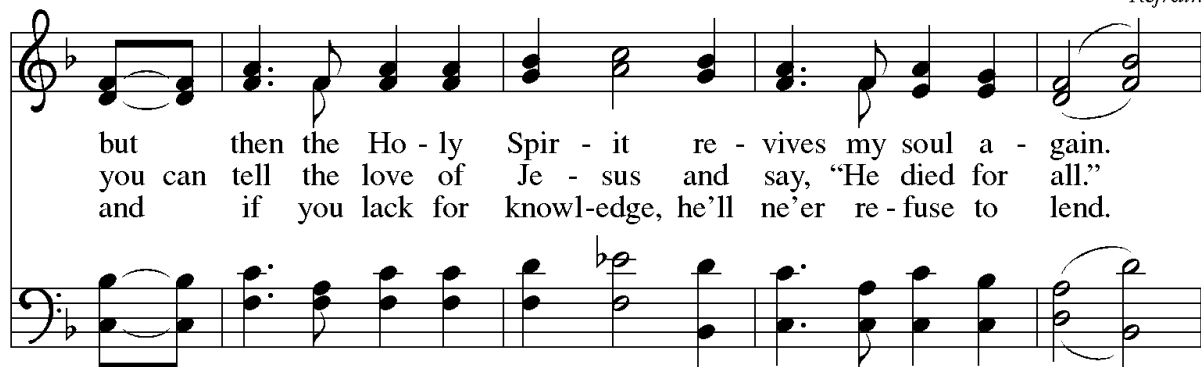


there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

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

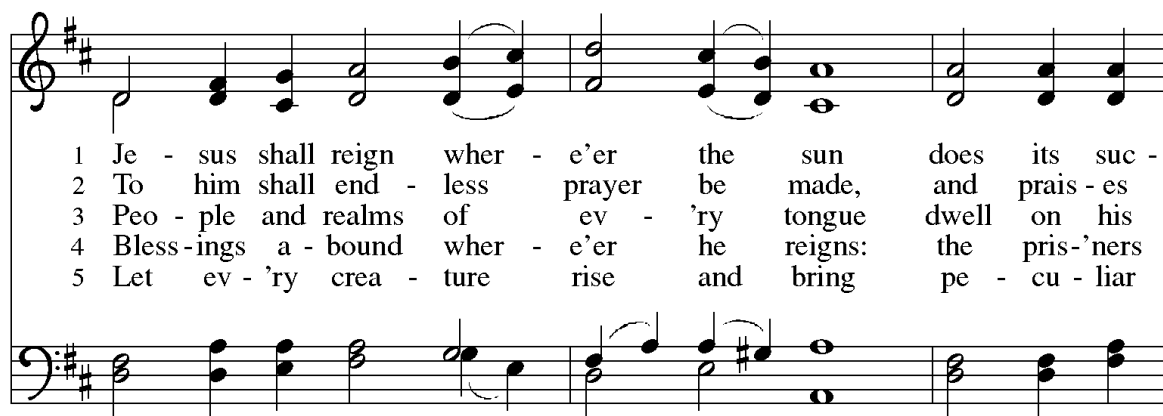
BLESSING

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

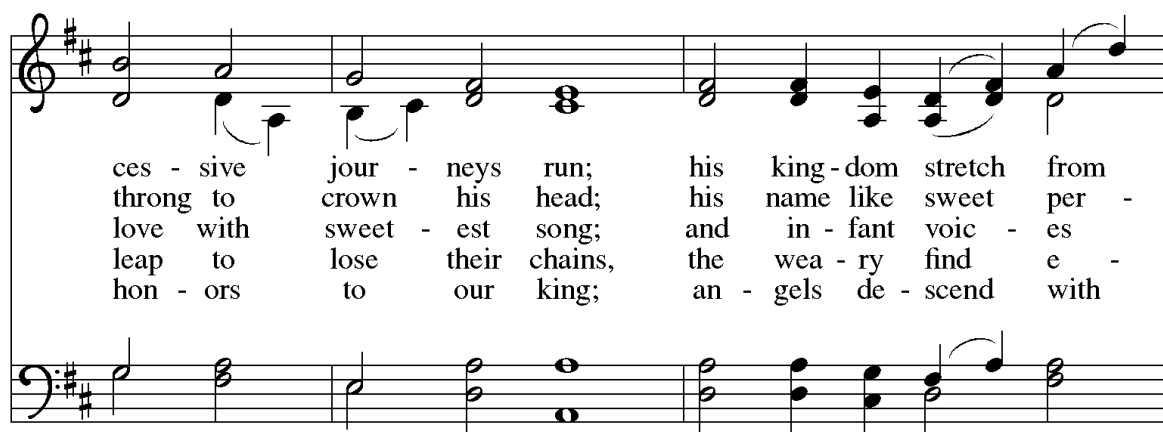
The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believe in, and by the power of the Holy Spirit may the God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

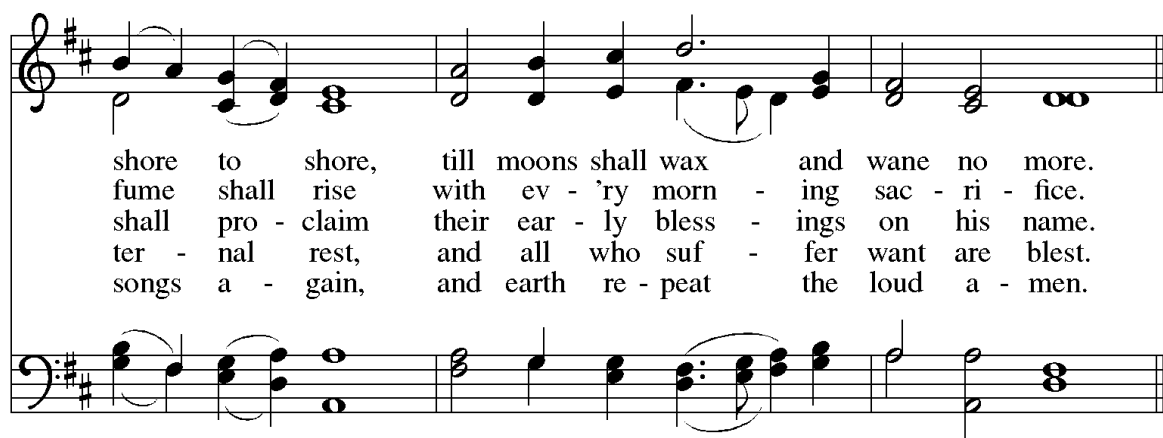
SENDING SONG *Jesus Shall Reign* (ELW 434)



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

John Hatton (1809-1886)

The Ministers of Service:

- ❖ Officiant: The Reverend Larry Closter
- ❖ Organist & Music Director: Ricky Gearhart
- ❖ This Service; Greeters: Jessica & Emily Patterson. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Jessica Patterson. Communion Assistant: Emily Patterson. Acolyte: Joey Patterson.
- ❖ Next Service: Greeters: Nan Righter. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Marcie Stern. Communion Assistant: Ken Marin. Acolyte: Wayne Wright.

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and on the churches **YouTube** page:

<https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranchurchsteph7103/videos>

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...*

-  Monday, August 17
-  Tuesday, August 18
-  Wednesday, August 19
-  Thursday, August 20
-  Friday, August 21
 - Bible study and discussion of the book of Revelation @ 10 AM
 - CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm
-  Saturday, August 22
 - CMSP Music together summer program @9- 10AM
-  Sunday, August 23
 - Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost | Worship @ 9:30 AM,  Fellowship, Chime Choir rehearsal, Bible Study after this service.

Attendance and General Offering

DATE	IN PERSON	ZOOM	FACEBOOK	OFFERING
7/19/2026	45	-	-	\$1865
7/26/2026	45	New streaming 18		\$2,033
8/02/2026	45	13		\$ 4,746.27
8/09/2026	46	11		\$4,889
<u>WEEKLY OPERATIONAL COSTS \$ 4,649.00</u>				

Newtown Heritage Festival Parade — Trolley Sign-Up

Trinity is excited to participate in the **Newtown Heritage Festival Parade** on **Saturday, August 29!**

Thanks to approval from the Congregational Council, Trinity will be providing a **trolley from the Visitors Center** for Trinity and I Can 2 participants to ride together in the parade. The trolley will arrive at Trinity at **12:45 PM**, with parade lineup beginning at **1:00 PM**. The parade is expected to finish around **3:00 PM**, with everyone returning to Trinity afterward.

Want to ride? Please sign up!

The sign-up sheet is posted on the **peg board next to the Community Meal sign-ups**.

Sign-up deadline: Monday, August 24

We need a final headcount for both **Trinity and I Can 2**.

Trolley decoration reminder: Signs may be attached to the trolley, but **please do not use nails, staples, or anything that could damage the paint or trolley**.

Come join the fun and help Trinity show our community spirit at this wonderful Stephens City tradition! 

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**.

The Noisy offering this week will benefit, **Froggy's Closet**
Braddock Street Winchester, VA 22601 for more info visit
<https://www.frog-kids.org/> .



More Than Just a Closet

Since 2009, we've operated on a simple belief: for foster and at-risk children in our community, "better than nothing" is never good enough.

From brand-new shoes and basic essentials to music lessons and foster parent support, we provide the dignity and confidence every child deserves. Serving **Winchester and the counties of Frederick, Clarke, Shenandoah, and Warren**, everything we do is powered by neighbors like you.

Learn More

A Special Thank You from ICan2

A heartfelt **thank you** from everyone at **ICan2** to the Trinity family for your incredible generosity and support!

We are so grateful for the recent **Noisy Offering**, which will help support our program. Your generosity is a beautiful reminder of what can happen when a community comes together to encourage, support, and celebrate one another. We also want to extend a very special thank you to the **anonymous donor** who stopped by the church office this week and left a card and generous gift following the **Senior Connections Lunch**.

Although we may not know your name, please know that your kindness was noticed and deeply appreciated. Your gift is another wonderful example of the love and generosity that make our community so special.

Thank you, Trinity, for believing in ICan2, supporting our participants, and helping us continue to create opportunities where everyone can belong, participate, and shine.

With grateful hearts,

The ICan2 Family ❤️



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

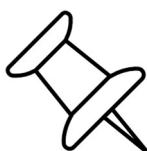
Newtown Heritage Festival
(Make-Up Date, if needed)

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)



SAVE YOUR TREASURES!

Keep setting things aside to donate!

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

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!





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SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM