

Those
who lose
their life
for my sake
will *find it.*

MATTHEW 16:25

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
after Pentecost

AUGUST 30, 2026

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SUMMER SONG CELEBRATION

Red Hymnal ELW 836

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

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil (ELW 721)

Sing Twice

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is
Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is
vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.
vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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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 God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8 **Spoken Responsively**

- ¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived ¹ with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and ¹ have not faltered.
- ² **Test me, O ¹ LORD, and try me;**
examine my heart ¹ and my mind.
- ³ For your steadfast love is be- ¹ fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- ¹ ly with you.
- ⁴ **I have not sat ¹ with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with ¹ the deceitful. R
- ⁵ I have hated the company of ¹ evildoers;
I will not sit down ¹ with the wicked.
- ⁶ **I will wash my hands in inno- ¹ cence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession ¹ round your altar,
- ⁷ singing aloud a song ¹ of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- ¹ derful deeds.
- ⁸ **LORD, I love the house in ¹ which you dwell**
and the place where your glo- ¹ ry abides. R

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Romans.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

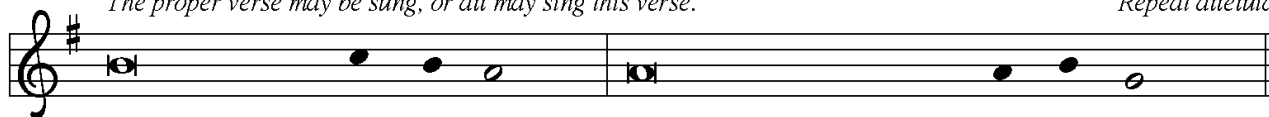
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

Repeat alleluia



Music: Plainsong mode VI

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

REV. LARRY CLOSTER

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons (ELW 798)*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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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

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

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of
Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you
in faith. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may
thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other
disasters. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another.
Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to
bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access
to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds 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 the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. 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

Our God

by Carole Tornquist

Emily Hartman

Piano



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.

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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

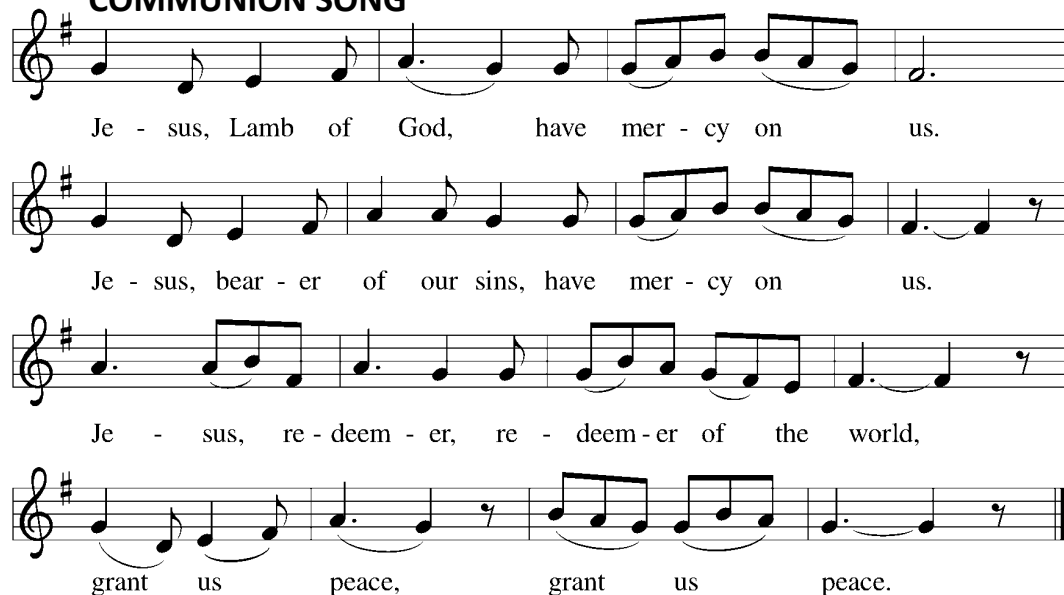
The body of Christ, given for you.

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.

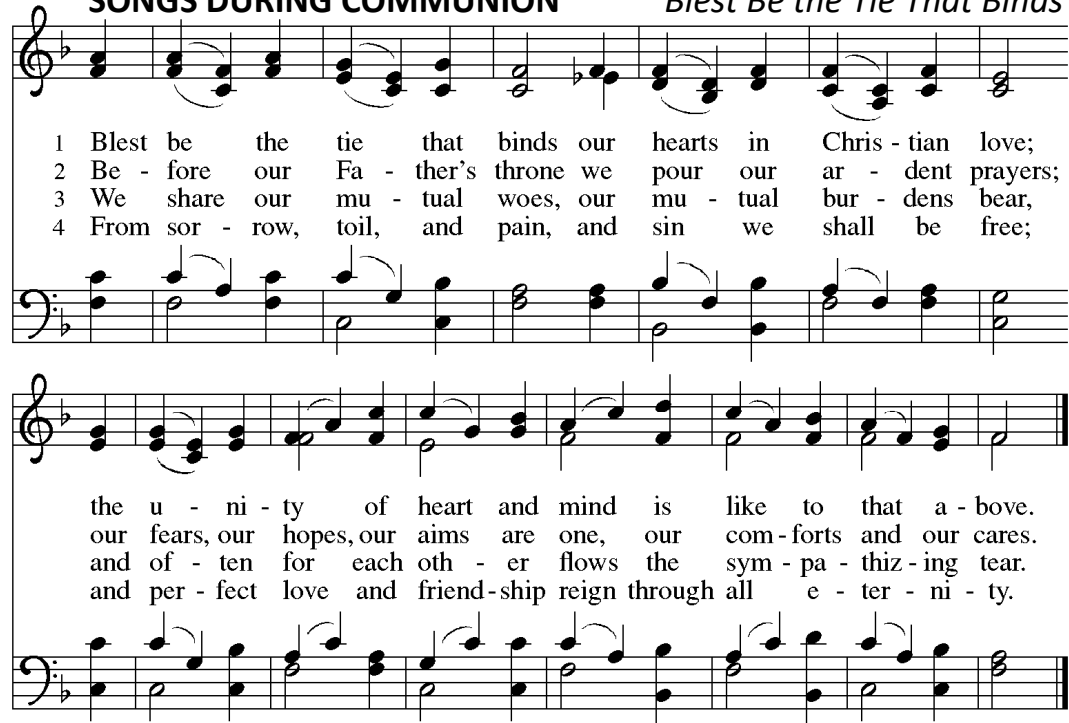
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (ELW 656)



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (ELW 659)

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928

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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

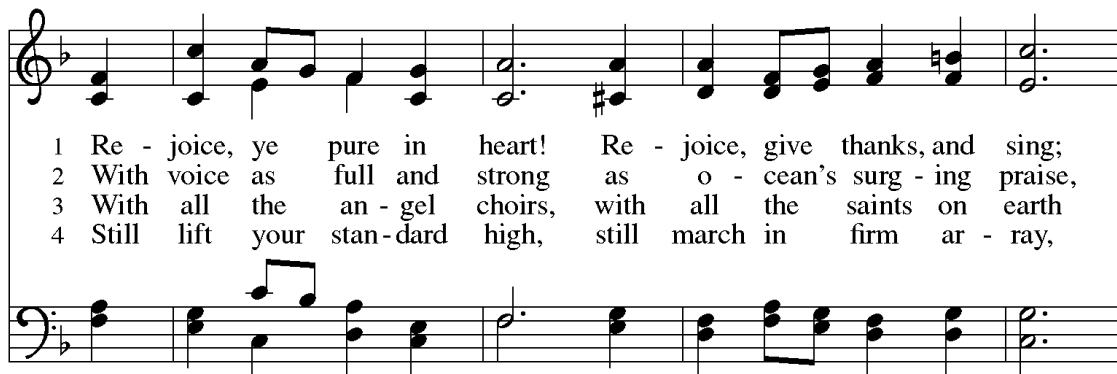
BLESSING

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

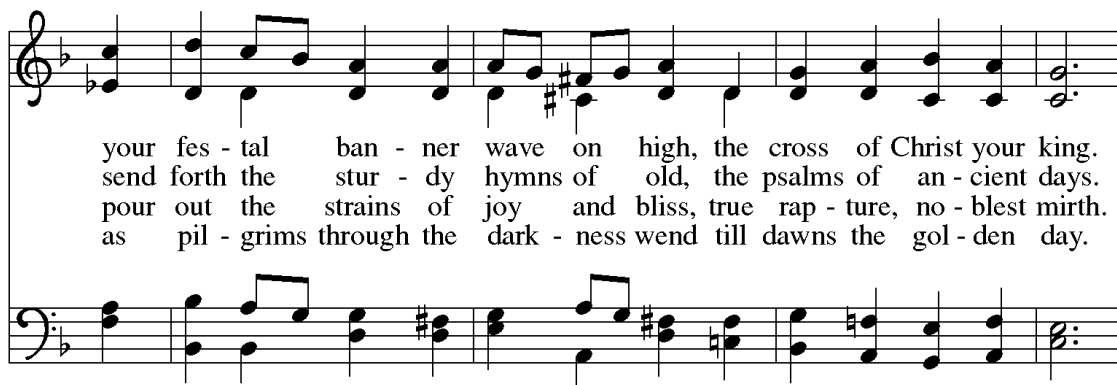
The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believe in, and by the power of the
Holy Spirit may the God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (ELW 873)*



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

L. Dean Bye

The Ministers of Service:

- ❖ Officiant: The Reverend Larry Closter
- ❖ Organist & Music Director: Ricky Gearhart
- ❖ This Service; Greeters: Marianne Watson. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Emily & Jacob Hartman. Communion Assistant: David Reichert. Acolyte: Jacob Carroll.
- ❖ Next Service: Greeters: Martha Cooley. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Sue Teal. Communion Assistant: Susan Scheulen. Acolyte: Joey Patterson.

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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 31**
-  **Tuesday, September 1**
-  **Wednesday, September 2**
-  **Thursday, September 3**
 - Choir Rehearsal @5:45 PM
-  **Friday, September 4**
 - Bible study and discussion of the book of Revelation @10 AM
 - CMSP Music private lesson@ 5PM
-  **Saturday, September 5**
-  **Sunday, September 6**
 - Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost | Worship @ 9:30 AM,  Fellowship, Chime Choir rehearsal, Birthday of the Month celebration, Gods work our hands projects.

Attendance and General Offering

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8/02/2026	45	13	\$ 4,746.27
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8/09/2026	46	11	\$4,889
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8/16/2026	34	SERVICE IN PARISH HALL	\$2,390.30
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8/23/2026	42	14	\$2,129
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Prayer Shawl for Phyllis

A prayer shawl has been prepared for **Phyllis** as a reminder of the love, prayers, and care of her Trinity church family.

The shawl will be available in the **Parish Hall**. If you wish, please take a moment to **sign the accompanying card** with your name or a short message of love and prayer. **Your prayers and presence are a beautiful gift.**

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**.



God's Work. Our Hands.

Sunday, September 6

Following worship, Trinity will put **God's love into action** with two hands-on outreach projects:



Dignity, Hope & Hygiene Packs

Helping provide essential hygiene supplies for women and girls in our community through **Showers for Souls at Laurel Ridge Community College**.



Backpacks of Hope for Foster Children

Filling backpacks with new comfort and care items for children entering foster care through **Froggy's Closet**.

The ELCA will officially recognize **"God's work. Our hands."** **Sunday on September 13**, but we're getting a head start and putting our faith into action together after service on **September 6!**

For more information about what you can donate and bring, please see check list printed on exit table in the Narthex.

Together, we can share dignity, hope, comfort, and compassion—one small act of kindness at a time.



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!



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 Acts

Fridays: September 4, 11, 18 & 25

10:00 AM | Room 205



Sunday Bible Study – Book of Acts

Sundays:

September **6, 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

Congregational 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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SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM