

ELEVENTH SUNDAY

— after Pentecost —

AUGUST 9, 2026



Do not be
AFRAID.

MATTHEW 14:27



*"But immediately Jesus spoke
to them and said,
"Take heart; it is I."
Do not be afraid."*

Matthew 14:27



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 AM

All Are Welcome!

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SUMMER SONG CELEBRATION

Red Hymnal ELW 787, *On Eagle's Wings*

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

He Is Lord (traditional) (TFF 95)

Sing Twice



He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord;



ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and
preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from 1 Kings.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake,

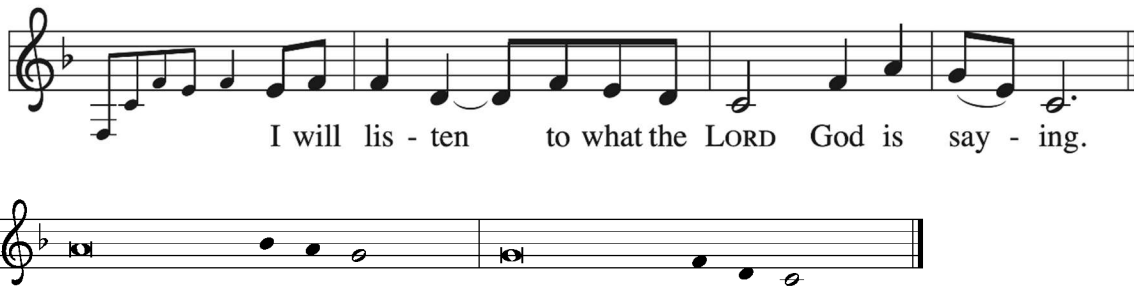
¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13



⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land. R

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway. R

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

A reading from Romans.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear

without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” 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 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

REV. LARRY CLOSTER

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* (ELW 763)



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



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.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard.
Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its
faithful witness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all
its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move
our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions
of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with
Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your
loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer
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 and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. 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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Dear God,
as we get ready to start another year in school,
we ask your blessing on these backpacks,
and especially on these children who will wear them.
As they do the very important work of being students,
bless them with eagerness to learn, that their world may grow large;
respect for teachers and students, that they may form healthy relationships;
love for nature, that they may become caretakers of your creation;
happiness when learning is easy and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard;
faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend.
We ask that you would protect these, your own children.
Watch over them and keep them safe
as they travel to and from school.
As they learn, help them also to discover the different gifts that you have given each
one of them to be used in your work in the world.
As they hear the many voices that will fill their days,
help them to listen most carefully for your voice,
the one that tells them you will love them always,
no matter what.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING

His River, His Peace

Philip Kern

Trinity Choir



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

Please stand

OFFERING PRESENTATION (ELW 182)

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

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

Let us pray.

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.

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.

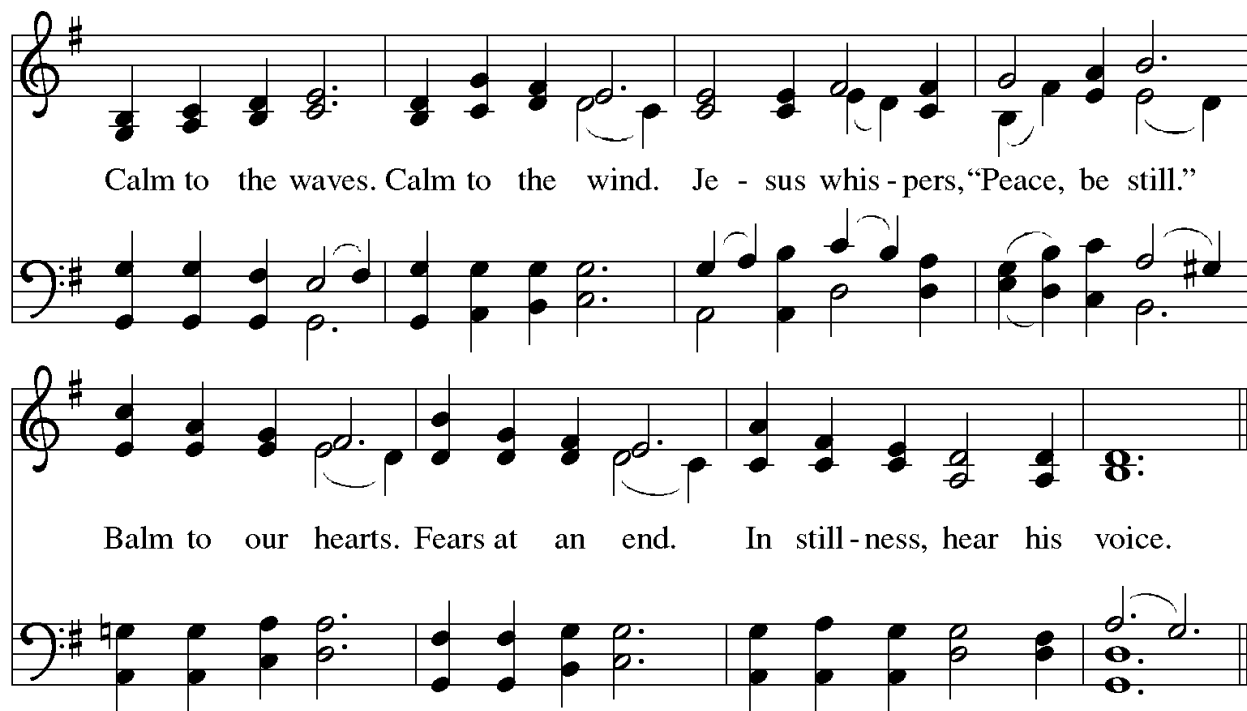
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937
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SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Calm to the Waves (ELW 794)



Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CALM SEAS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW 773)



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . . drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993

Music: George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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PRECIOUS LORD
Irregular

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

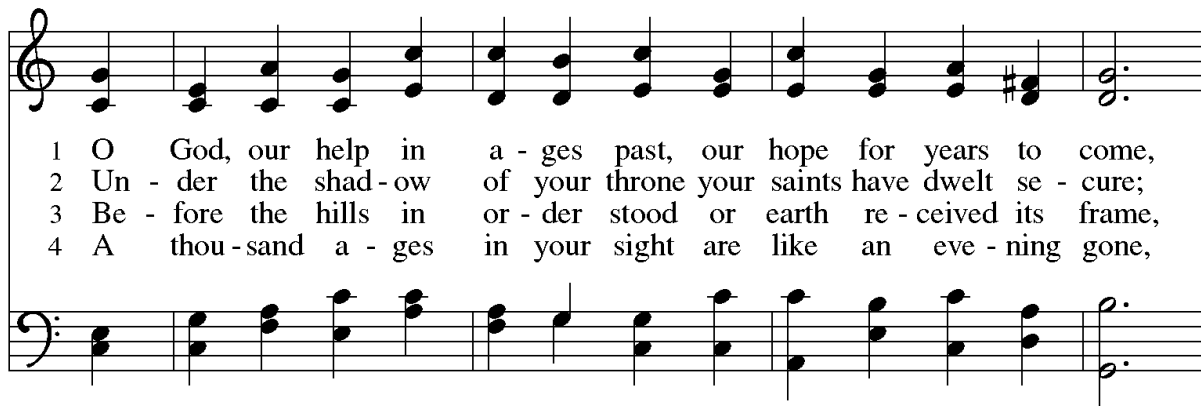
Now may the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another.

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.

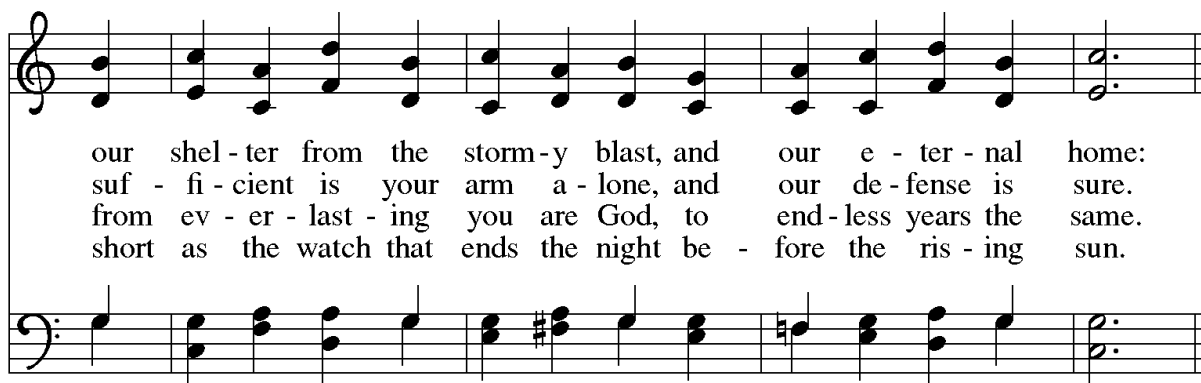
Amen.

SENDING SONG

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ELW 632)



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude héroïque

David Lasky

The Ministers of Service:

- ❖ Officiant: The Reverend Larry Closter
- ❖ Organist & Music Director: Ricky Gearhart
- ❖ This Service: Greeters: . Lessons & Prayers Reader: Kathleen Carroll. Communion Assistant: Mary Anderson. Acolyte: Jacob Carroll.
- ❖ Next Service; Greeters: Jessica & Emily Patterson. Lessons & Prayers Reader: Jessica Patterson. Communion Assistant: Emily Patterson. Acolyte: Joey Patterson.

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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 10**
 - Senior Connections Lunch @10:30 AM-1:00 PM | Parish Hall
-  **Tuesday, August 11**
 - Congregational Council meeting @6:30PM
-  **Wednesday, August 12**
 - First Day of Classes FCPS
-  **Thursday, August 13**
-  **Friday, August 14**
 - Bible study and discussion of the book of Revelation @ 10 AM
 - CMSP Music private lesson @ 5-6 pm
-  **Saturday, August 15**
 - CMSP Music together summer program @9- 10AM
-  **Sunday, August 16**
 - Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost | Worship @ 9:30 AM,  Fellowship, Chime Choir rehearsal, Bible Study after this service.

Congregational Council Corner

Reminder: The Congregational Council will meet on **Tuesday, August 11, at 6:30 PM**. During this meeting, we will continue discussing and developing the action plan that emerged from our **Cross-Ministry Gathering on July 19**.

We encourage everyone to stay informed about the work being done to move Trinity's shared vision forward. **Scan the QR code to add the meeting to your calendar.**



Attendance and General Offering

DATE	IN PERSON	ZOOM	FACEBOOK	OFFERING
7/12/2026	48	1	7	\$3469
7/19/2026	45	-	-	\$1865
7/26/2026	45	New streaming 18		\$2,033
8/02/2026	45	13		\$ 4,746.27
WEEKLY OPERATIONAL COSTS \$ 4,649.00				

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**.

Senior Connections Lunch – Monday, August 10

Our next **Senior Connections Lunch** will be held on **Monday, August 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Join us for food, friendship, and community! To help the I Can2 Team prepare enough food and seating, please let the church office know if you plan to attend. An approximate head count is appreciated but not required. Everyone age 60+ is welcome!



Social Outreach Ministry – Sustainability Program

Our Social Outreach Ministry is excited to launch its new **Sustainability Program**, beginning with its first **Cooking Sustainability Class** on **September 15**. During this hands-on class, three families will learn how to prepare several healthy, affordable meals using one Costco rotisserie chicken and common food pantry staples. Each family will receive a crock pot, all the ingredients needed, and easy-to-follow recipes to take home. Additional sustainability classes will be offered in the future.

As we begin this new ministry, we are seeking sponsors to help purchase the three rotisserie chickens needed for the class. We are also accepting donations of gently used church cookbooks with simple, practical recipes for families learning to cook on a budget. Thank you for supporting this new outreach as we help equip local families with practical skills and lasting resources.

Newtown Heritage Festival – August 29

Join the community on **Saturday, August 29**, for the **Newtown Heritage Festival** in Stephens City! Enjoy a full day of live music, local artisans, delicious food, family activities, the community parade, and fireworks at dusk as we celebrate the rich history of Stephens City and **America's 250th Anniversary**.

Parade Update: Trinity Lutheran Church and I Can 2 are working to confirm participation in this year's parade with the trolley. Final details, including trolley availability and any associated costs, are expected to be finalized this week. If you have ideas for a parade float or would like to help decorate, organize, or participate, please contact the church office. We look forward to sharing more information with the congregation as plans are finalized.



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