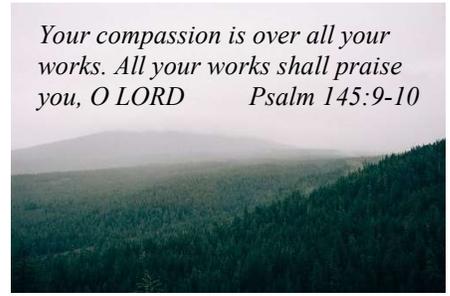


**Sunday, July 5, 2020**  
5th Sunday after Pentecost  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Stephens City VA

*Your compassion is over all your works. All your works shall praise you, O LORD*      *Psalm 145:9-10*



## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

### Come, All You People *Uyaimose*



*U - ya - i - mo - se,      ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple,      come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple,      come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple,      come and praise the Spir - it;



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*u - ya - i - mo - se      Zvi - no.*  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
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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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor JMe

### FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Diann Dailey

A reading from Zechariah.

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

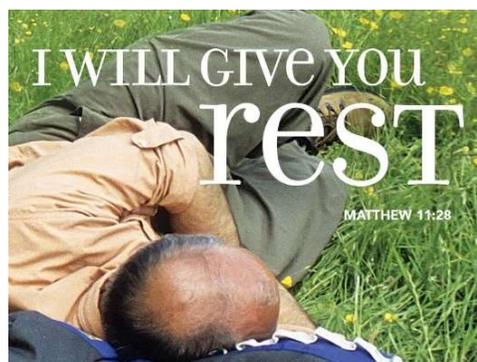
<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Pastor JMe Lowden



## HYMN OF THE DAY

### O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929  
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

## 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**

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed especially Pauline, Charlotte, Louise, Loretta, Rodney, Mike, Nancy. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation as it prepares to reopen its doors. Grant peace to those who follow their hearts and minds and choose to stay home. Protect all who choose to worship in the building as they follow safety guidelines to be together in one place. Give all patience as the church moves slowly, carefully, and safely towards the goal of healthy worship together in one space. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

Each Sunday we will present our offerings to our Lord as before. It is important to share our stories of faith or to be watchful for "God Sightings". This is your chance to share. Take a little time this week to do one of the following:

- Tell/write a story of gratitude or a story of generosity you experienced or saw.
- Share a "God Sighting"- Where did you see God active in your life or in the community?
- Write a poem, sing or play a song or draw a picture to share that will help someone else know God loves them or give inspiration through its beauty or message.

- Share how your faith is sustaining you during COVID-19
- Choose a way to help someone this week- this could be a neighbor or an older person who lives alone.

You may take this time to prepare your regular offering to send to the church. We are very thankful for your generosity during these times of physical distancing. Every week, envelopes arrive in the mail or are dropped off at the office. Some who use virtual banking provide their offering online. We realize some may be struggling financially. We give thanks for any support that is provided to keep Trinity's ministries healthy until we are together again and in the future.

Our offerings are ways to inspire, comfort, serve, and minister to others. So, I ask that you Text, email, or mail your "offering" to me or the church office before next Sunday. With your permission, during the offering time in the next weeks I will share some of your gifts of thanksgiving and praise to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

## I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



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

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE *sing twice*

One in love, One in friendship true;

One in hope One in spirit too.

One in faith That God will care for you...

Till we meet together again.

*Words and Music by Judith A. Helms*



**Next Sunday, worship will be offered at the church** following guidelines set forth by the Office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the office of the Bishop of the Virginia Synod of the ELCA. Only those who feel this is a safe option for them should plan to attend. If you have conditions that make you susceptible to COVID, or are regularly around others who are susceptible you are encouraged to continue to worship from home. The service will be “streamed” – or live broadcast – on Zoom. The 11AM tele-worship *Call to Worship* will still take place as well. To help you determine whether you feel ready to return to worship at the church, we offer the following considerations for returning to in-person worship.

- We ask that everyone wear a mask; masks will be available if you forgot or do not have one
- Please remember and respect the 6-foot distancing between you and all others
- Worshippers will be seated either in the sanctuary or the parish hall
- There will be only one way to enter either worship area and one way to exit
  - enter sanctuary through Narthex doors, exit through the Narthex doors\*\*
  - enter parish hall through the Narthex doors\*\*, exit through parking lot doors
- Worshippers will be led to their seat by a designated usher, you may have to wait your turn to be seated
- Worshippers do not get to choose a seat, seating will be in order of arrival. This is in order that people are not passing by each other to get to a seat.
- Worshippers will be ushered out after service, leaving in an orderly fashion according to where they are seated.
- If you have had any symptoms such as nasal congestion, sore throat, fever, aches, cough, shortness of breath, please do not attend worship
- In order to limit mobility around the building, you are asked to limit your morning fluid intake so as few people as possible use the restroom facilities. Yes, it sounds absurd, but there are no restroom attendants to disinfect between uses.

\*\*change from last week

*If you plan to worship at the church on July 12, please let the church office know. This enables appropriate planning of seating.*

**Bible Study is taking a break** and will return with a new topic sometime in August.

**The church office will be closed** Monday July 13th. This is a delayed July 4 holiday for the staff.

**Zoom to Worship, 9:30AM NEW LOG IN AND PASSCODE INFORMATION**

Due to issues the past couple weeks, Pastor JMe has created a new “meeting” for our 9:30AM worship service. Please discard all previous log in information and use the following:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86180657165?pwd=RHBQNVJSR2daamVDWdV1bm1vNXRqQT09>

**Important note:** *Those accessing by internet* (computer, tablet, mobile phone) need only click on or copy and paste the link, above. This link already contains the Passcode.

*Those accessing by landlines or non-internet phones will need to provide both the Meeting ID and the Passcode when dialing in.* You may use any of the following telephone numbers:

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 861 8065 7165

Password: 964979

**Call to Worship**, (this information remains the same) 11AM Phone # 1-712-832-8330 (Not toll-free) Participant PIN 3504615 **Please note, due to Pastor JMe being on vacation, there will NOT be Call to Worship on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Videos of the service are uploaded each week to Trinity’s YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIYPLbYZ1RE\\_IZGj9GDakIw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIYPLbYZ1RE_IZGj9GDakIw)

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