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***Mask Guidance:** At this time, masks are not required in church unless you are not vaccinated. Members who are unvaccinated are required to wear masks. For members who are vaccinated, it is not required at this time. However, to maximize protection from the cases of the COVID-19 variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is suggesting we wear a mask indoors in public if in an area of substantial or high transmission. Also, you might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission as it aids in the prevention of onward transmission. Masks are available in the Narthex.*

PRELUDE O Bread of Life from Heaven Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

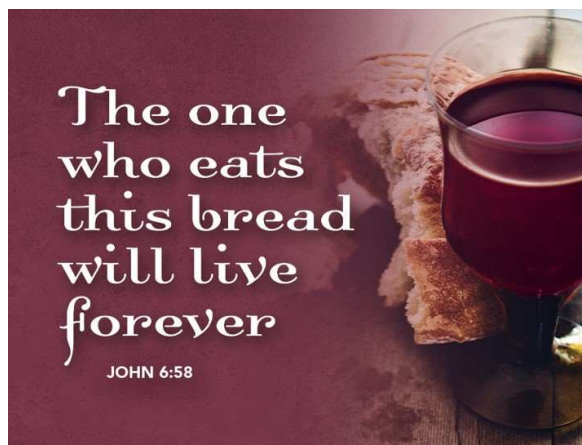
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



GATHERING SONG v. 1,2,4

Praise Ye the Lord

Refrain



Praise ye the Lord, hal-le-lu-jah! Ev-'ry-bod-y, praise the Lord.



1 Praise God with the sound of the trum - pet;
2 Praise God with ho - ly cym - bals;
3 Praise God in the ho - ly tem - ple;
4 Praise God on top of the moun - tains;



praise God with the lute and the harp;
praise God with strings and with pipes;
praise God for al - might - y deeds;
praise God both day and night;



praise God with the tim - brel and danc - ing;
praise God with clash - ing cym - bals;
praise God for those boun - ti - ful mer - cies;
praise God down in the low val - leys;

Refrain



praise God wher - ev - er you are.
praise God with all of your might.
for God ful - fills our needs.
praise God be - cause it's all right.

Text: J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1937-1986, based on Psalm 150
Music: CLEVELAND, J. Jefferson Cleveland
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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

All Glory Be to God on High

3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
on us all have mer - cy. A - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485-1550; tr. composite
Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

Darla Wolf

A reading from Proverbs.

- ¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
- ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
- ⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Thirsty Fields Drink In the Rain

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "We wait for you, O God, our rock, we seek your". The second staff contains: "light, your word, the truth we need to live. So,". The third staff contains: "Lord, send us now your ho - ly Word." The music is written in a simple, melodic style suitable for congregational singing.

Text: Britt G. Hallqvist, 1914–1997; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943
Music: CONVIVIO, Mark Sedio, b. 1954

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GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor JMe Lowden

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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of hurricanes or tropical storms. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer especially Eileen, Pauline, Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Rodney, Yvonne, Ruby. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly. Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; 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.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG v. 1,3

Let the Whole Creation Cry



- 1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
- 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
- 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE 1911)

Postlude

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-

TRENDING @ TRINITY

Bible in a Year Challenge has begun!

But it's not too late to participate in Pastor JMe's challenge to read the entire Bible in a year. You can begin anytime between now and September 1. The goal is to complete reading both the Old and New Testaments by September 1, 2022. We have reading plans for those who wish them and lots of resources are listed on Trinity's web site

<https://trinitychurchvirginia.com/bible-challenge/>. There will be ways we can support one another during this adventure. Join the TLC Bible in a Year Group on Trinity's Facebook Page.

The registration list is in the Narthex, please be sure to let us know your preferred method of contact so the church can reach out to you during the year with check-ins and support. You may also call, email, or respond to our Sign-Up Genius request to register.



Sunday August 22 at 2PM Trinity will host an ice cream social. Ice cream will be provided. A sign-up list has gone out via email for those willing to bring a variety of toppings—if you don't have email and would like to help, simply call Brenda in the church office. Come on out and enjoy summer with some nice cold ice cream!

God's Work Our Hands will be observed Sunday September 12. One of the tasks that day will be assembling hygiene bags for the residents of Green Valley Manor nursing facility. To fill those bags, we are now collecting the following full size items: shampoo, deodorant, denture cleaner, tooth paste, tooth brushes, wash cloth, tissues, combs, brushes, large print word search and puzzle books, Chapstick -- all gender neutral. Place your donations in the bin in the reception area outside the administrative offices.

The LCW will have its Yard Sale in September, so start cleaning out closets, basements, and garages. Do **not** bring the items to church until you are instructed to do so, closer to the date.

Now that Pastor JMe is able to visit the homebound and take them communion, *Call to Worship*, the once-a-month telephone worship is being discontinued.

Zoom to Worship, 9:30AM Meeting ID: 893 0840 5981 Passcode: 321080

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89308405981?pwd=TDY0SkxiUWgvNHpUZDBHdGk0aWRqZz09> Dial +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)

Facebook Live: you must have internet, but you do not need to have a Facebook account

<https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranchurchstephenscityva/live/>

August Birthdays:

20- Juanita Ryan

23-Holly Kowis

25-Ashley Landes, Julian Reyna

29-Kim Barna

30-John Defilippi, Carole Pfisterer, Greg Rogers



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

August at a glance

Chime rehearsal each Sunday after worship

14- Yard Crawl

16- 6:30PM Outreach Ministry Team

7:30PM Digital Ministry Team

22- 2:00PM Ice Cream Social

September Highlights

6- Office closed for Labor Day

12- God's Work Our Hands Sunday

19- Sunday School begins

25- Church Yard Sale