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## PRELUDE *Summer Celebration #48, #67*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* ELW 461



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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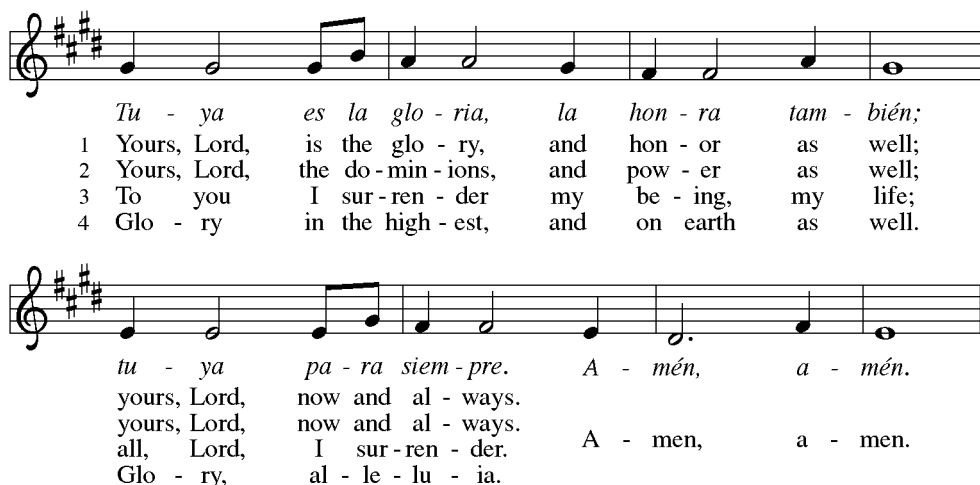
## GREETING

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

*Yours, Lord, Is the Glory: Tuya es la gloria*

ELW 849



*Tu - ya es la glo - ria, la hon - ra tam - bién;*  
1 Yours, Lord, is the glo - ry, and hon - or as well;  
2 Yours, Lord, the do - min - ions, and pow - er as well;  
3 To you I sur - ren - der my be - ing, my life;  
4 Glo - ry in the high - est, and on earth as well.

*tu - ya pa - ra siem - pre. A - mén, a - mén.*  
yours, Lord, now and al - ways.  
yours, Lord, now and al - ways.  
all, Lord, I sur - ren - der. A - men, a - men.  
Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Traditional; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923  
Music: TUYA ES LA GLORIA, traditional  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

Bob Lowden

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

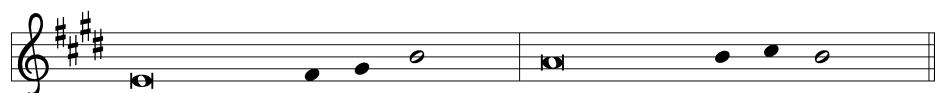
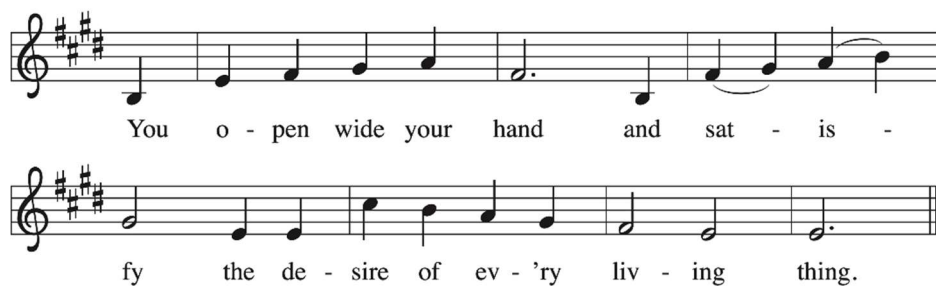
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21**



<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. R**

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

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food | in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open | wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in | all your ways  
and loving in | all your works. R**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who | call upon you,  
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

<sup>19</sup>**You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;  
you hear their | cry and save them.**

<sup>20</sup>You watch over all | those who love you,  
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.

<sup>21</sup>**My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever. R**

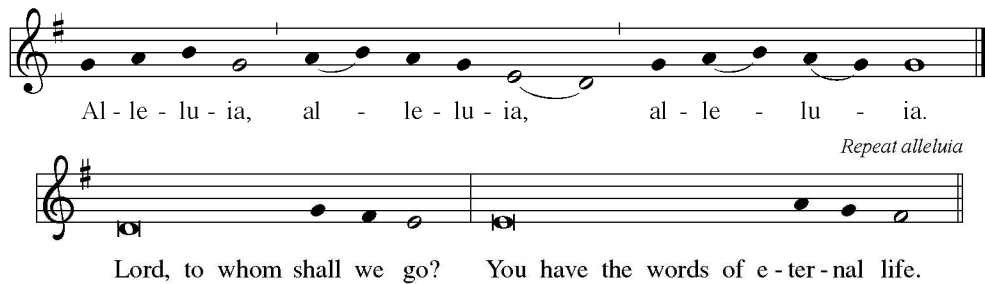
## **SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

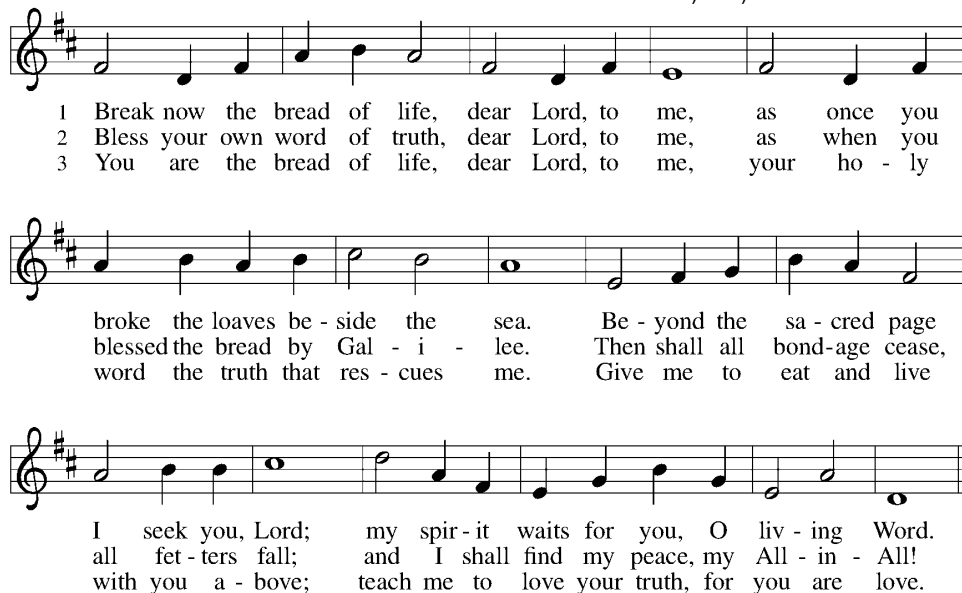
## SERMON

Pastor JMe Lowden

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Break Now the Bread of Life*

ELW 515



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

## 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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas especially Ukraine. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you Pauline, Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Pat, Earl and others we name now *(worshippers may add names silently or aloud)*. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Other prayers may be offered now.

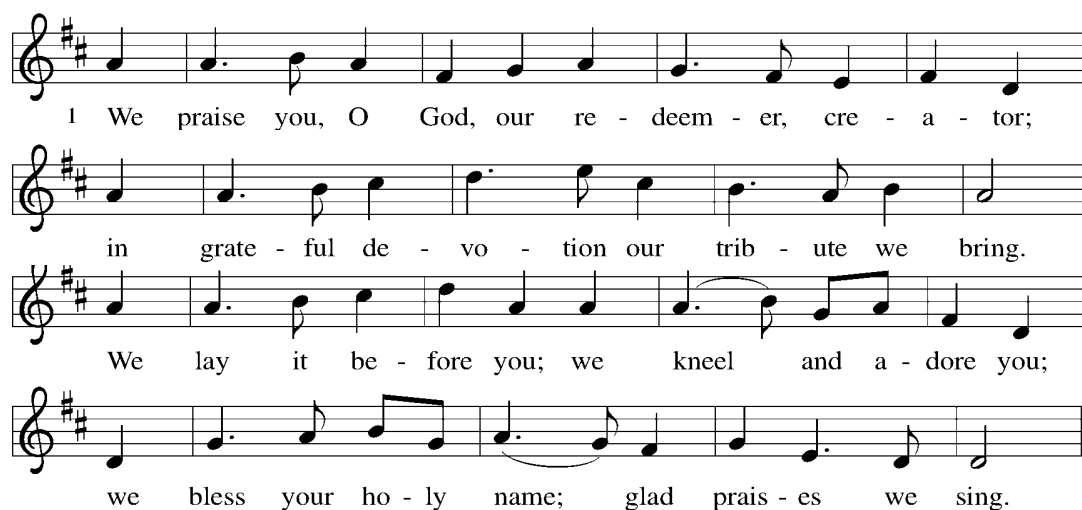
Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## PEACE

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



**OFFERING** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Anonymous, arr. Eugene Thomas      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.*



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.****THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

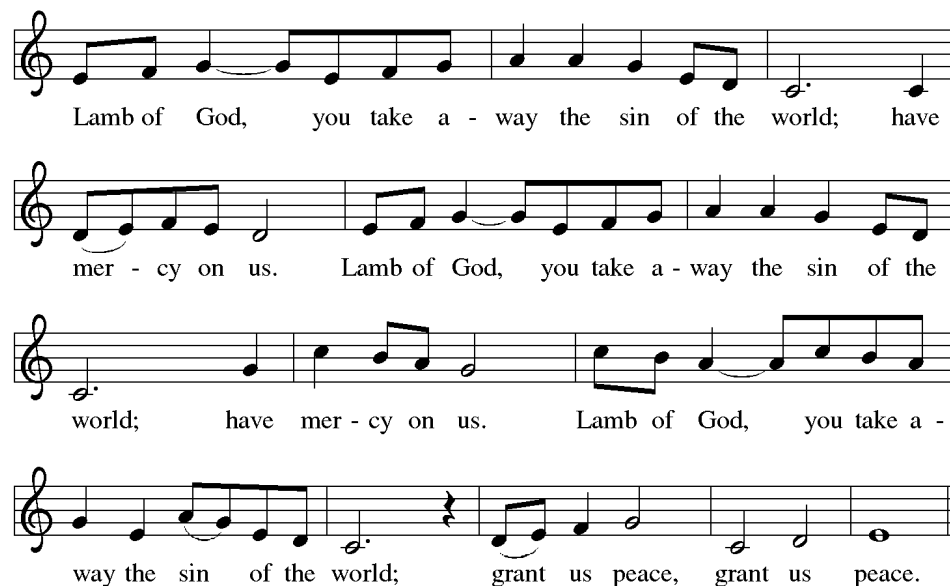
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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** *Those communing from home, have your package ready to open, but do not consume the elements until the pastor acknowledges those at home and says: "Take and eat. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given and shed for you." Then you may partake.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart: Gift of Finest Wheat* ELW 484

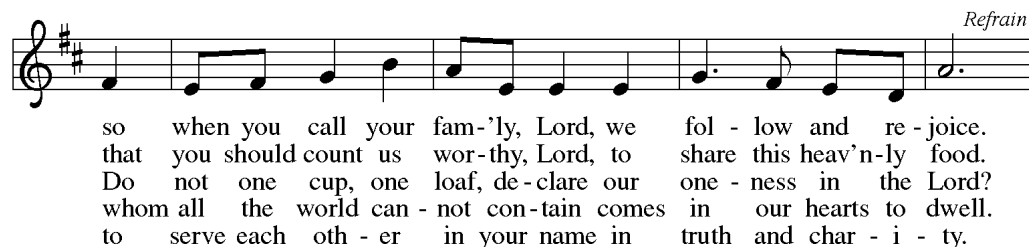
*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.  
Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

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



## SENDING SONG

### Hope of the World



1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion,  
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
4 Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us  
5 Hope of the world, Christ ris'n from death vic - to - rious,



Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:  
show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light:  
from death and deep de - spair, from guilt and sin:  
who by this tri - umph con - quered grief and pain:



Save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
walk close be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;  
we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.  
lure us a - way from you to end - less night.  
work through our lives to bring your pur - pose in.  
you are our Lord and will for - ev - er reign!

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: DONNE SECOURS, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Recessional*

William Stickles

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# TRENDING @ TRINITY

Today we begin our Summer Sing-a-long during the normal time of the Prelude. If you have not already perused the Summer Celebration songbook in the pew, feel free to do so. If you see a song you'd like sung, write it down on the paper provided in the pews and drop it into the pink wooden box on top of the organ console.

This morning, Pastor JMe begins a Bible Study on Psalms following worship. Each week will be an individual lesson, so you are welcome to come to any sessions to which you are able. This morning is a video with a fascinating interview between author Eugene Peterson (*The Message* Bible) and Bono (rock band U2). Study will be available on Zoom too, Meeting ID: 891 9921 7350 Passcode: 011119

Congregational Picnic- September 17: Want to help with the picnic this year? Contact Martha Cooley or Sandra de Azagra ASAP to become part of the planning group.

Your input is welcome! On Sunday, September 10, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service. "God's work. Our hands." Trinity is looking for ideas of service projects in our community the congregation can do on that day. Send your suggestions to Brenda via email ([office@trinitychurchvirginia.org](mailto:office@trinitychurchvirginia.org)) or phone (540-869-4019).

Pastor JMe would like Trinity to host a Kringle Market this year, on Saturday, December 2nd. **People are needed to help, plan, organize and execute this project**, which it is hoped will become an annual tradition. Email or call Pastor JMe or Brenda if you'd like to participate.

The Noisy Offering collected on August 20 will go to the MAMA Program - Middletown Area Mission Action-- a coalition of churches that works together to provide food for children in need (and their families) at Middletown Elementary School. They organize Blessing Bags to be distributed at the end of each school week for kids to have food/snacks over the weekend.

This morning: Greeters: Maxine Rogers, Sue Scheulen; Reader/Comm. Asst. Bob Lowden  
Next week: Greeter: Deb Wickboldt; Comm. Asst. Barry Hockenberry; Reader: Sue Teal