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PRELUDE *see last page*

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 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

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- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;




but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

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.**



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. A - men, a - men.
 all, Lord, I sur - ren - der.
 Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Traditional; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
 Music: TUYA ES LA GLORIA, traditional
 English text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Susan Scheulen

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
 for soon my salvation will come,
 and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
 to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
 and to be his servants,
 all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
 and hold fast my covenant—

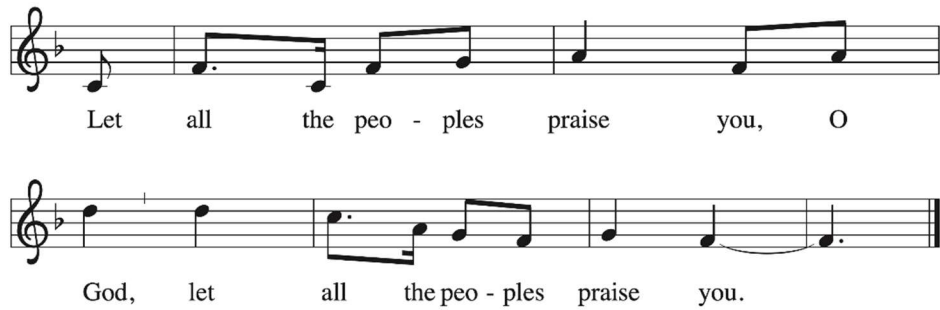
⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
 and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
 their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
 will be accepted on my altar;
 for my house shall be called a house of prayer
 for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
 who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
 I will gather others to them
 besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67



Psalm 67:3

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- ¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- ²**Let your way be known | upon earth,**
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,**
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth. R
- ⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;**
God, our own | God, has blessed us.
- ⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans.

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 15:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

SERMON

Pastor JMe Lowden

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Thou art the
 2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Search me and
 3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Wound - ed and
 4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Hold o'er my

pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter thy
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day. Pur - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
 wea - ry, help me, I pray. Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway. Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall

will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
 now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 thine. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

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 created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. We lift up the people of Maui and the other Hawaiian islands as they struggle and work together to recover from devastating fires. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. We pray for countries throughout the world striving for safe and fair elections. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick especially Pauline, Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Pat, Earl, Jay, Stephen, Amy and others we name now (*worshippers may add names silently or aloud*). 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 & *Noisy Offering* – for MAMA: Middletown Area Mission Action

The Savior is Waiting Ralph Carmichael

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.

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.

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.**

DIALOGUEThe 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.

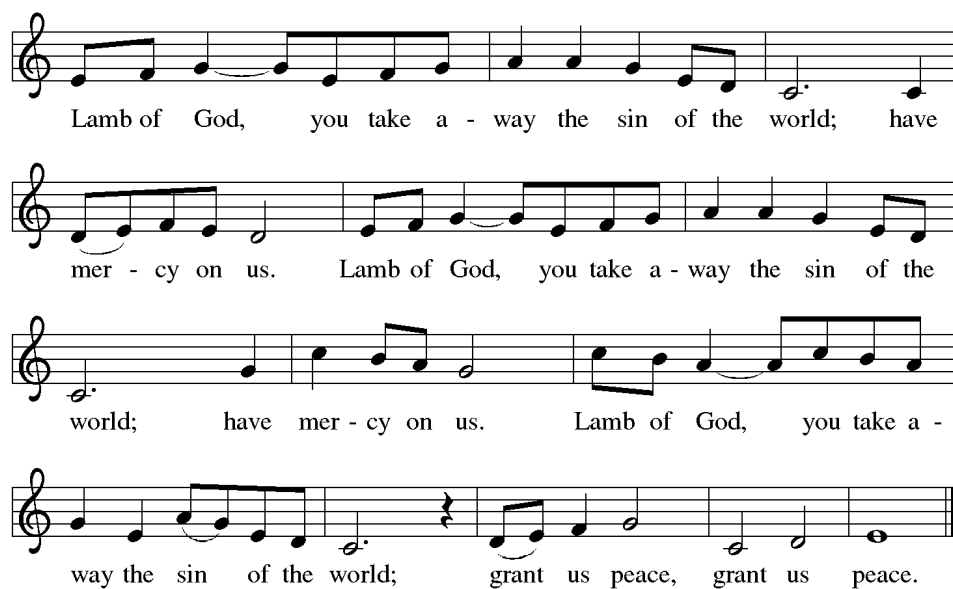
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

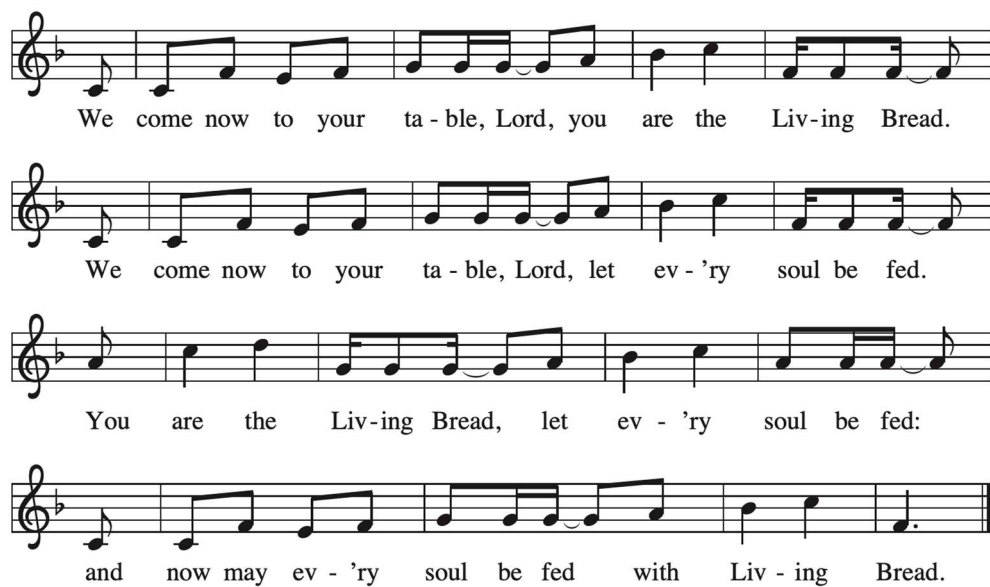
COMMUNION SONG



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

We Come Now to Your Table



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.
We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.
You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:
and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop
Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932-2013
Text and music © Caribbean Conference of Churches



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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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.



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude

William Stickles

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 Offertory ©1958 Sacred Songs, Word Music; Postlude ©1952 Ethel Smith Music Corp.

This morning: Greeter: Diann Dailey, Reader and Comm. Asst.: Susan Scheulen

Next week: Greeter: Mistie McPadalin, Reader: Marcie Stern; Communion Asst. Carole Pfisterer

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TRENDING @ TRINITY

This morning's Noisy Offering 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.

Those interested in being a part of Trinity's Kringle Market this December, please plan to stay for a very brief meeting after this morning's worship service.

Pastor's Bible study on Psalms continues this morning following the quick meeting to organize the Kringle Market. All are welcome.

Sign up list for the August 30th Community Meal is posted in the Parish hall. Menu is cold cut subs with assorted cold salads and desserts.

Those wishing to donate to Lutheran Disaster Response for the island of Maui in Hawaii, there is a link in this week's email and on our Facebook page. To donate by mail, make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response. Write "U.S. Wildfires" on your check's memo line and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Or call at: 800-638-3522, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. central time.

Save the date: Congregational Picnic- September 17. There will be an abbreviated communion service at church at 9:30AM then everyone is invited to the same shelter "Abex" at Sherando Park as we used last year. There will be games, fellowship and a potluck lunch.

Council Highlights

- Beginning in September all in person worship attendees will be asked to wear a name tag. Several visitors and new members have requested this help with getting to know people. Removable paper name tags and markers will be in the Narthex each Sunday.
- If anyone is interested in helping create a new pictorial directory, please speak to Mistie McPadalin.
- Next fund-raising breakfast for the Building Fund will be on Saturday, October 7.
- Christmas Eve falls on the 4th Sunday of Advent this year. Worship times will be 9:30AM 4th Advent, 11PM Christmas Eve worship.

In the Garden



1. I come to the gar-den a - lone, — While the dew is
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice — Is so sweet the
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him — Tho' the night a -



still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fal - ling on my ear,
birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He gave to me
round me be fal - ling; But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,



The Son of God dis - clo - ses.
With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
His voice to me is cal - ling.



talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, — And the joy we



share as we tar - ry there, None o - ther has e - ver — known.

Some Glad Morning When This Life Is O'er

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I'll Fly Away

1 Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er,
2 When the shad - ows of this life have grown,
3 Just a few more wea - ry days and then,

I'll fly a - way, fly a - way; to a home on
like a bird from
to a land where

God's ce - les - tial shore,
pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a - way, fly a - way.
joys shall nev - er end, fly a - way, fly a - way.

Refrain

I'll fly a - way, fly a - way, oh glo - ry, I'll fly a - way, fly a - way;
in the morn - ing;

when I die, hal - le - lu - jah by and by, I'll fly a - way, fly a - way, fly a - way.