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## PRELUDE *Summer Celebration #29, #44*

### 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

*Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone*



- 1 Must Je - sus bear the cross a - lone and all the world go free?
- 2 The con - se - crat - ed cross I'll bear till death shall set me free;
- 3 Up - on the crys - tal pave - ment, down at Je - sus' pierc - ed feet,
- 4 Oh, pre - cious cross! Oh, glo - rious crown! Oh, res - ur - rec - tion day!



No, there's a cross for ev - 'ry - one, and there's a cross for me.  
and then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.  
joy - ful, I'll cast my gold - en crown and his dear name re - peat.  
Ye an - gels, from the stars come down and bear my soul a - way.

Text: Thomas Shepherd, 1665-1739  
Music: MAITLAND, George N. Allen, 1812-1877

### 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.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Hilda Painter

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
 remember me and visit me,  
 and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
 know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
 and your words became to me a joy  
 and the delight of my heart;  
 for I am called by your name,  
 O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,  
 nor did I rejoice;  
 under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
 for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
 my wound incurable,  
 refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
 like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:  
 If you turn back, I will take you back,

and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,

but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,

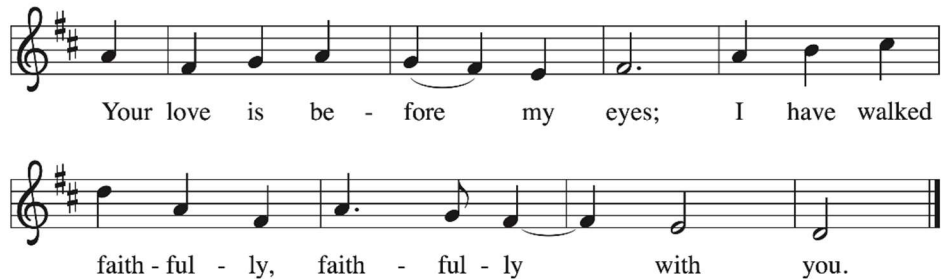
says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,

and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8**



<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;**  
**examine my heart | and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;  
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat | with the worthless,**  
**nor do I consort with | the deceitful. R**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of | evildoers;  
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,**  
**that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell**  
**and the place where your glo- | ry abides. R**

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the

Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

## SERMON

Pastor JMe Lowden



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,  
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;  
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
 O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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## 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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain, especially Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Pat, Earl, Jay, Stephen, Amie, Nancy, and others we name now (*worshippers may add names silently or aloud*). Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Other prayers may be offered now.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## PEACE

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



## OFFERING

*Andantino poco allegretto*

César Franck (1822-1890)

*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.*

## OFFERING PRESENTATION

*Praise Ye the Lord*

ELW 872

*Refrain*

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

4 Praise God on top of the moun-tains;

praise God both day and night;

praise God down in the low val-leys;

*Refrain*

praise God be-cause it's all right.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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

Honor, praise, glory and thanksgiving to you, God, our Creator.

In the beginning you reached your hands into the earth and formed humanity in your own image. You breathed into us your own breath of love and gave us hearts and hands and voices to live your loving purpose in the world.

Seeing the lonely creature of earth you created a partner that we would know the joy of community. Throughout the history of your people, you never abandoned us, but brought us into community with one another and with you, and guided us through your prophets. With endless patience and love, you called to us time and again to return to live with you.

In the fulfillment of all things, you came to us in Jesus, born into a human family, raised in a hometown, who gathered around himself a community formed by your love, and yearned to gather all people under the loving wings of a mother hen.

Sitting at dinner with friends and knowing one among them would break the bounds of love, 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.

In the same way, 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 sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Trusting in his promise to be among us whenever we gather in his name, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



All honor and praise and glory to you, God of creative, dirty hands, God of holy, wounded hands, God who strengthens and guides our hands, now and forever. **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** *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

Cantor

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,

All

have mer - cy on us.

Cantor

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,

All

have mer - cy on us.

Cantor

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,

All

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  
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*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song: Jésus, je voudrais te chanter*

ELW 808



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drai te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

*Jé - sus, je vou - drai t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

*Jé - sus, je vou - drai te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931  
 Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

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

## SENDING SONG

*We Will Glorify*

1 We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb;  
2 Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore his throne;  
3 He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;  
4 Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb;

we will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.  
we will wor - ship him in righ - teous - ness, we will wor - ship him a - lone.  
he is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all praise to him we give.  
hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958  
Music: WE WILL GLORIFY, Twila Paris, b. 1958  
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## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Prelude in C*

Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

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# TRENDING @ TRINITY

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Debbie (Fretz) King and Dennis Fretz in loving memory of their mother, Pauline.

Beginning this Sunday, for the foreseeable future, everyone attending in person worship is requested to make a name tag and wear it during worship and coffee time. This is a good way for everyone to get to know one another more easily. Stick-on name tags and colorful markers will be provided so you can individualize your tag. *So, if you're sitting in the pew reading this without a name tag, please take a moment to go back to the Narthex and make a name tag.*

There will be no Bible study following worship this morning. Pastor will pick up again next week.

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.

For the month of September, we will be singing original liturgies in our Sunday services. They include the Gospel Acclamation, the Memorial Acclamation (Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again) and the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). All three liturgies are based on the Dresden Amen which was first sung in Dresden Germany in the early 19th century. I first got the idea to write the liturgies quoting the Dresden Amen while listening to Felix Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony on the radio. After it was over, the host of the show talked about Mendelssohn quoting the Dresden Amen several times throughout the symphony. I thought that would work well in our liturgies. The Dresden Amen was written by Johann Gottlieb Naumann (1741-1801) used by Felix Mendelssohn and now it is being quoted in liturgy sung at Trinity Lutheran church. Below is the music, a simple seven note melody that became a powerful musical motif. Take time to you tube the Reformation Symphony, it's beautiful and you will have no trouble hearing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and the Dresden Amen. Peace and blessings, *Ricky Gearhart, organist*

## Amen



A - men, a - - - men.

*Hymnary.org*

Please take a moment this morning to sign up for a service project next Sunday, on **God's Work Our Hands** Sunday. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the parish hall. **Each sheet is for a different project.** Eight to ten people are needed at Love Church, on Agape Rd

in Stephens City, to sort clothes for their clothing “boutique”. There’s lots of work to be done here at church as well, washing windows and weeding – bring your rags, buckets, gloves, weeders, trowels.... Two or three people can pack things up to be ready for the following week’s church picnic.

Trinity's pantry needs restocking of all canned and boxed food items. Your donations should be placed in the black bin in the front stairwell.

***Sing to the Lord a New Song*** 🎵 🎵 The choir will begin weekly rehearsals on Thursday, September 14 at 5:45PM. We will practice every Thursday at 5:45PM after that. Practice lasts one hour. Please consider coming to practice if you like to sing, or as the Psalm says “burst into jubilant song with the sound of singing!” 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵

Congregational Picnic. After worship on Sunday, September 17 we gather at the Abex Shelter at Sherando Park for food, fun and fellowship. This is a potluck so everyone is asked to bring a couple dishes to share, keep in mind chicken, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Bring lawn chairs as well. Feel free to run home after worship to pick up your dishes and change clothes, though casual attire is welcome at church. If you have outdoor games you’d like to bring, feel free. We’ll get the games and fun rolling around 11-11:30.

This week: Greeter: Susan Scheulen; Reader and Communion Asst.: Hilda Painter  
Next week: Greeter: Mistie McPadalin, Reader: Sue Teal; Comm. Asst.: Susan Scheulen