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PRELUDE *Summer Celebration #35, #43, #5*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the triune ☩ God, who loves us into being, calls us in to community, and inspires us to love. **Amen**

Confronted by the law and called to life in the gospel, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

God of love and community, **we confess that we have not loved as God has loved us. We look to ourselves to fulfill your law. We seek to satisfy our own desires. We turn away from our neighbors and live for ourselves alone. Teach us again your statutes and help us to love your will, that in and through us your beloved community is made known.**

Beloved of God, love is the fulfillment of the law, and in ☩ Jesus, God's love for you is made known. Through Jesus your sins are forgiven, and you are drawn into God's love and life. Live fully, knowing that God loves you. **Amen**

GATHERING SONG

Bind Us Together

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) with piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The score includes a Refrain at the beginning and end, and two verses of the main body. The lyrics are: 'Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love. 1 There is on - ly one God. There is on - ly one King. 2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine. There is on - ly one Bod - y; that is why we can sing. You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . . you are the glo - rious new wine.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Text: Bob Gillman, b. 1946
Music: BIND US TOGETHER, Bob Gillman, b. 1946
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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
English text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Sue Teal

A reading from Ezekiel.

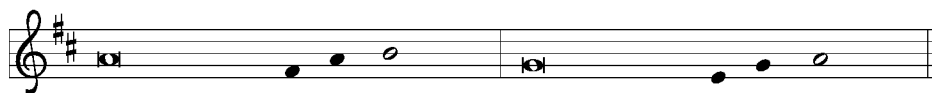
⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40



³³Teach me, O LORD, the way [|] of your statutes,
and I shall keep it [|] to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall [|] keep your teaching;**
I shall keep it with [|] all my heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of [|] your commandments,
for that is [|] my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to [|] your decrees**
and not to [|] unjust gain. R

³⁷Turn my eyes from be- [|] holding falsehood;
give me life [|] in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise [|] to your servant,**
which is for [|] those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the reproach [|] that I dread,
because your judg- [|] ments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for [|] your commandments;**
by your righteousness en- [|] liven me. R

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Romans.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sing twice*



GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

SERMON

Pastor JMe Lowden

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

ELW 716



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.
Music: BEATUS VIR, *Šamotulský Kancionál*, 1561
Text © 1969 Concordia Publishing House.

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

Gathered into God's embrace, let us lift our voices on behalf of a weary and wounded world.

God of love, send us out filled with your love and life. Be known in our daily living, that your love may be known through our proclamation. God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**

God of creation, remind us to be good stewards of your diverse and beautiful world. God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**

God of peace, fill the hearts of those who rule, govern and lead. Give then and us compassion to guide the peoples of this world in the ways of truth, justice, equity and peace. God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**

God of healing, visit those who yearn for your wholeness, especially those whose names and needs we lift up now Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Pat, Earl, Jay, Stephen, Amie, Nancy, Roberta and others we name now (*worshippers may add names silently or aloud*). Encourage all those who bear another's burdens. Give wisdom and perseverance to all who work in health care professions. God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**

God of service, give us strength and humility. In our service to those near and far, whose needs are visible or invisible, may we find you in the faces of our neighbors. God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**

Other prayers may be offered now.

Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place all our prayers, trusting in your mercy through the crucified and risen One. **Amen**

PEACE

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



OFFERING

St. Peter

C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

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.

Refrain

Praise ye the Lord, hal-le-lu-iah! 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.

Text: J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1937–1986, based on Psalm 150
 Music: CLEVELAND, J. Jefferson Cleveland
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. **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.

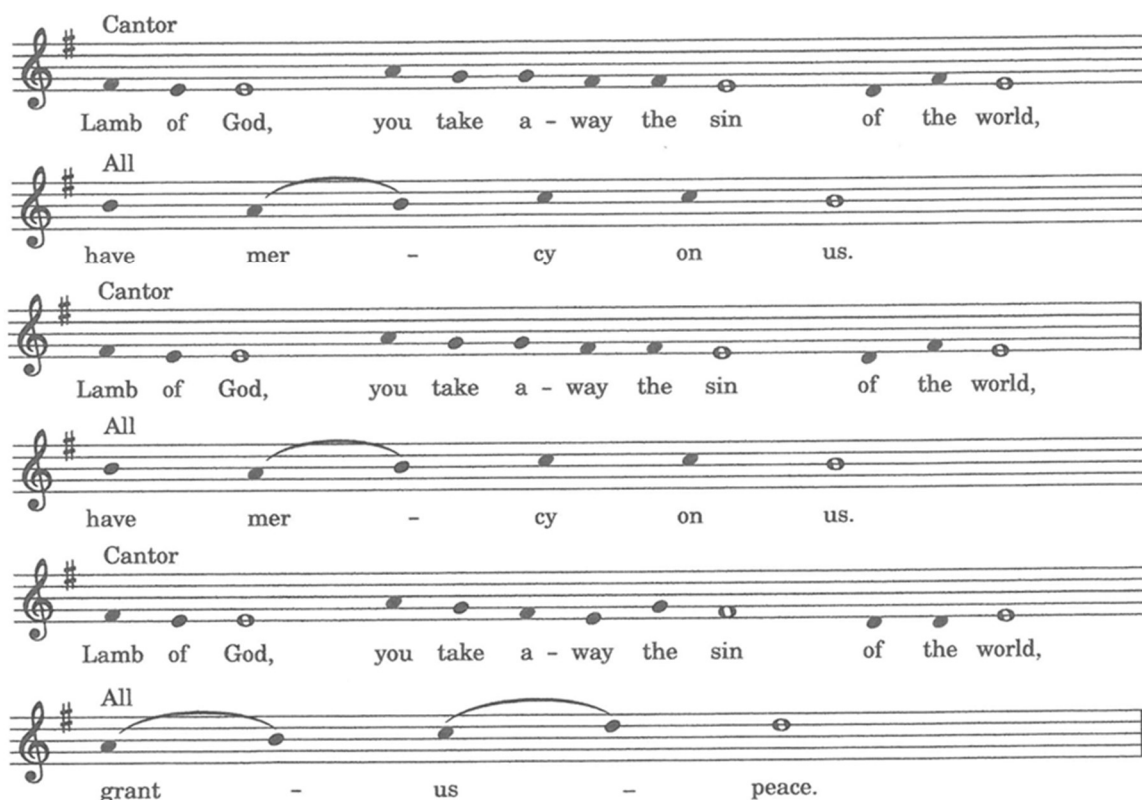
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those

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



1 La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the

paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -
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ñor a ti ya mí, a to - dos al - can - za -
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to

rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti ya
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not

mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

Text: Anders Ruuth; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: LA PAZ DEL SEÑOR, Anders Ruuth

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In the Singing

1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
 2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,

in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
 in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,

Refrain

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God who sets forth the law of love, Jesus who fulfills the law for you, and the Spirit through whom you are called to love, bless you this day, that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:

build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!

rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,

feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987
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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

TRENDING @ TRINITY

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.*

Next Sunday's Noisy offering will benefit The Godfrey Miller Center. The Godfrey Miller Center is dedicated to serving adults of the community by providing benevolent services, fellowship programs and community events. A few of their established goals are: Creating an Inclusive and Joyful Community by welcoming all, including underserved seniors, community partners, and all active adults in the greater Winchester area; focusing on needs of surrounding community; and creating greater accessibility to programming, meals, and services. Telling their story by expanding ministry reach to entire Winchester community of adults, with special emphasis on underserved older adults; becoming a vital community informational resource for adults.

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 next 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: Mistie McPadalin, Reader: Sue Teal; Comm. Asst.: Susan Scheulen
Next week: Greeters: needed; Reader: Dorrie Greene; Comm. Asst. Carol Pfisterer

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