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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 *GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS*

## PRELUDE

*Our Father in Heaven*

Georg Telemann (1681-1767)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the ✝ triune God, who loves us into being, calls us 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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**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 *sing twice*

*Open Our Eyes, Lord*

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see  
Je - sus, to reach out and touch  
him, and say that we love him.  
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to  
lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,  
Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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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

*Glory to God: Gloria a Dios*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The first system: 'Glo - ria a Dios, glo - ria a Dios, Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,'. The second system: 'glo - ria a Dios en los cie - los. glo - ry to God in the high - est.' The third system: 'Paz pa - ra ti, paz pa - ra mí, Peace be to you, peace be to me,'. The fourth system: 'paz pa - ra to - da la tie - rra. peace be to all the earth.'

Text: Marcus Veenstra; tr. composite  
Music: GLORIA A DIOS, Marcus Veenstra; arr. Greg Scheer, b. 1966  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will 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: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Pam Reichert

A reading from Isaiah

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 146** *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**the Lord loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The Lord shall reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

**PSALM RESPONSE**

Unison  
♩ = 78-100

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to the Son, glo-ry  
be to the Ho-ly Ghost, Three in One; as it was in the be-  
gin-ning, is now, and shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 78-100. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to the Son, glo-ry be to the Ho-ly Ghost, Three in One; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and shall be, world with-out end. A - men."

WORDS: Lesser Doxology (Gloria Patri) c. 4th cent.  
MUSIC: John Erickson, 1969

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ERICKSON

## SECOND READING: James 2:1-10, 14-17

A reading from James

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

## GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed,

and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

## SERMON

Pastor JMe Lowden

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *Healer of Our Every Ill*

ELW 612

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



*Refrain*



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen  
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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

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. 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 them 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, Stephen, Barb, Hadley, Juanita, Nikki, Dan, Michael and those 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.**

For what else do we pray? *Here other intercessions may be added.* God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**

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

## PEACE

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



### OFFERING

*I will Call upon the Lord* Michael O'Shields

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.*

## OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

ELW 884



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

## 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

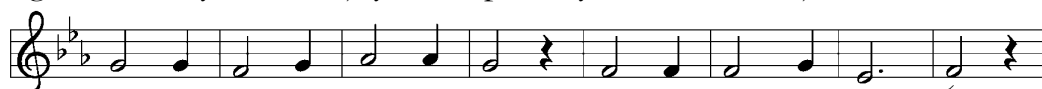
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



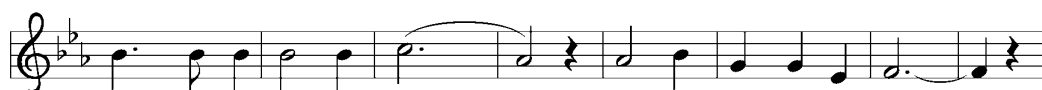
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Honor, praise, glory and thanksgiving to you, God, our loving 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 life 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 bonds 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: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Gathered as your people, meeting in Jesus' name, and preparing ourselves to feast upon Jesus' very body and blood, we plead with all creation: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send your Spirit upon this meal, the body and blood of Jesus, that we overflow with your selfless love. Turn us to face our neighbors, that by us and through us your love may be known in the world.

Again, we beg: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*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.*





COMMUNION SONGS

ELW 199

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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*Strengthen for Service, Lord*

ELW 497

1 Streng - then for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
 2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of  
 3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er

things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your  
 all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your  
 lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished

word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.  
 love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.  
 here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

Text: Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. composite  
 Music: BUCKHURST RUN, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962  
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*Refrain*

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

*Refrain*

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous  
 Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

**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.**

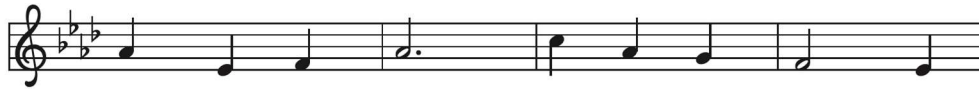
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

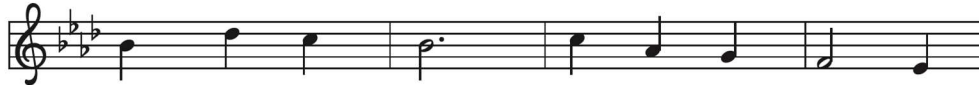
*God's Work, Our Hands*



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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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world! **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Rejoice! Be Glad!*

Todd Kendall

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# TRENDING @ TRINITY

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat Godding in loving memory of her daughter Eileen and son Frank.

Next Sunday's Noisy Offering will benefit the Godfrey Miller Center in Winchester. The Godfrey Miller Center is dedicated to serving adults of the community by providing benevolent services, fellowship programs and community events in the historic home and the Woltz Pavilion.

## **Trinity's Yard Sale Saturday, September 14th from 8 am until 1 pm.**

Mark your calendar to bring your Yard Sale donations to the Parish Hall Monday, September 9 through Friday, September 13 between 9 am and noon. Members of the LCW will be on hand in the Parish Hall to take your donations and will then sort them and put on appropriate tables. *If you happen to have any extra hangers, please bring them during the drop off week.* If you have any questions, please contact Deb Wickboldt, Hilda Painter or any member of LCW. Thanks so much!!

Regarding what can be donated, please keep in mind:

- ~ all clothing MUST be clean and in good condition
- ~ if you want to bring books, that's fine, BUT *you must be willing to come back and take back any that haven't sold*
- ~ NO electronics (such as TV's, stereos, computers)
- ~ NO big furniture items

**Sewing for the Savior and Lutheran Church Women** resume their meetings this month. Sewing is open to all who are interested in hand sewing quilts. They meet in room 204, Tuesday Sept. 10 and 24 at 9:30 AM. LCW meets once a month (2<sup>nd</sup> Tue. of the month), Sept. 10 at 11:30AM in Room 205.

## **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE LUTHERAN IN A CRUCIAL ELECTION YEAR?**

As our faith informs our day-to-day lives, Lutherans recognize that "faith is active in love [and] love calls for justice in relationships and structures of society. We also know the church is called to be a community that prays, deliberates, and acts together when it comes to complex social issues. In this election year, how might our Lutheran faith shape our thinking, acting, and voting on major issues? Join us to learn and ponder some timely social teachings of the ELCA. This will a six-week adult study beginning September 15.

This week: Greeters: Maxine Rogers, Deb Wickboldt; Reader: Pam Reichert;

Comm. Asst.: Deb Wickboldt

Next week: Greeters:

Reader:

Comm. Asst.: Barry Hockenberry