

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP at 10:00AM

All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!

5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

In preparation for worship, as the prelude begins,
please observe a period of silence and contemplation.

The * indicates when the congregation stands, if able.
Congregational responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" *Erfurt Enchiridion*,
1524, setting by David N. Johnson (1922-87)

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

***WELCOME**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. 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.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: 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.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN This Is my Father's World ELW #824**

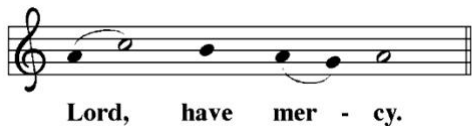
***P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you

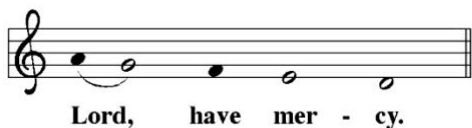
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



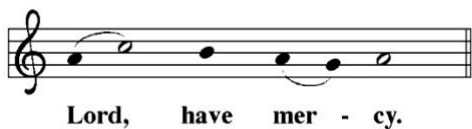
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship
and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



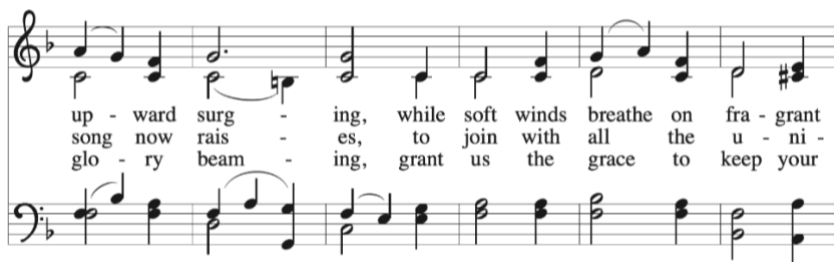
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



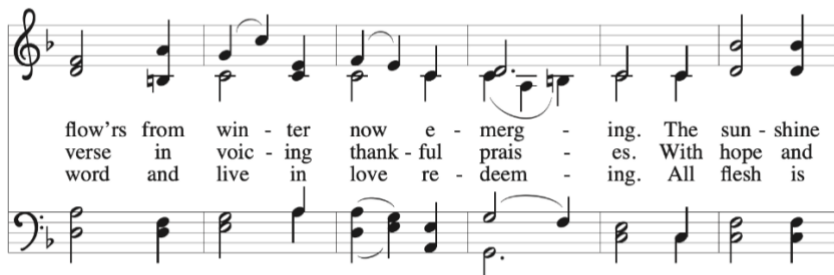
HYMN OF PRAISE The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe – vs. 3



1 The earth a - dorned in ver - dant robe sends prais - es
 2 From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its
 3 O God, a - mid these joys of life, cre - a - tion's



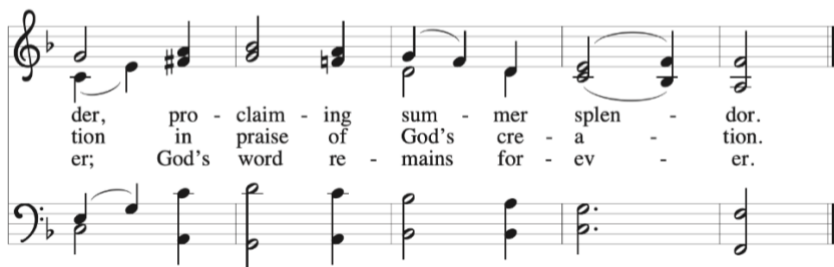
up - ward surg - ing, while soft winds breathe on fra - grant
 song now rais - es, to join with all the u - ni -
 glo - ry beam - ing, grant us the grace to keep your



flow'rs from win - ter now e - merg - ing. The sun - shine
 verse in voic - ing thank - ful prais - es. With hope and
 word and live in love re - deem - ing. All flesh is



bright gives warmth and light to bud - ding blos - soms ten -
 joy their songs em - ploy a rap - turous ex - ul - ta -
 grass, the flow - ers fade, and time is fleet - ing ev -



der, pro - claim - ing sum - mer splen - dor.
 tion in praise of God's cre - a - tion.
 er; God's word re - mains for - ev - er.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹ The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors,
¹⁰ when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

- ¹ To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.
- ² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- ⁴ **Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.**
- ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁶ **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- ⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.
- ¹⁰ **All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

- ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
- ² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth,

the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

***GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #659

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

SERMON

Pastor Jake Lehman

***CREED** *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into Hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing (*especially*). Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

OFFERTORY

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.

There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

- If you give electronically, thank you!
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code to do so.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.



“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Please take a moment to sign the fellowship folders at this time.

Offertory Music: "My Heart Ever Faithful" Aria from Cantata #68, J.S. Bach (1685-1750), Meredith Schmidt, French Horn
Meredith Schmidt is a rising sophomore at Hillsdale College.

*Please stand as we begin singing
and the elements are brought forward.*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. And al-so 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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

(Please be seated)

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.

HOLY COMMUNION by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)

*Please come from both sides up the center aisle and
return to your seat by the side aisles. Those desiring to kneel
or pause for prayer at the rail after communing are invited to do so.*

Communion Music: "This Is My Father's World" Franklin L Sheppard
(1852-1930), setting by Victor Labenske; Jennifer Gatz, Piano

***THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***HYMN** Thine the Amen **ELW #826**

***BLESSING** The Three-fold Amen

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Chorale: "All Glory Be to God on High" J.S. Bach

**Our nursery is available for children 5yrs and younger at each service.
The nursery is located on the south side of the building adjacent to the
elevator and gathering space.*

OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:

Rev. Ken Johnson	Pastor
Rev. Jake Lehman	Outreach Pastor
Nathan Mattson	Organist/Director of Music
Katie Grubaugh	Office Administrator
Heidi Albertson	Dir. of Family Ministry
Terri Schmidt	Bookkeeper
Margaret Stevenson	Hospitality Host
Bob Koenes	Custodian
Dr. William Musselman	Organist/Director Emeritus

ALTAR GUILD: Teri Koretsky and Gary Kent-Bracken

WELCOME TEAM: Jen and Tim Gatz

LECTOR: Tim Eschelbach

ACOLYTES: Kiley and Calico Morris

PRAYER CONCERNS: Sandy Eschelbach, Diane Reau, John Aivars
Linda Ward, David Mason, Ruth Krueger, Bertha Boettcher,
Jeannie Grubaugh, Beth Latshaw, Sandy Wallace, Marge Bateman

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God
by Mary and Steve Bittner in celebration of the wedding of their daughter,
Kelly, to Christopher Short in North Carolina on July 9.