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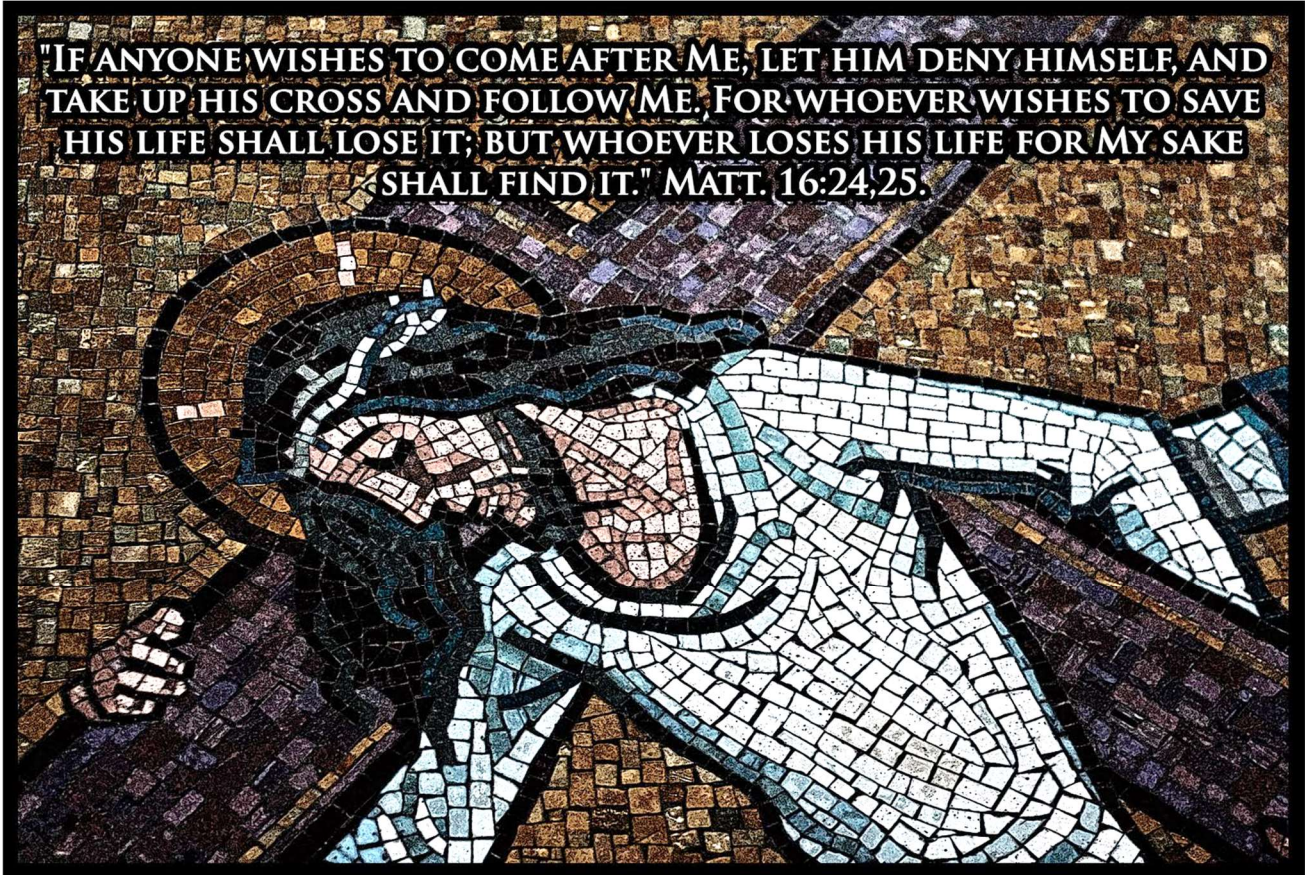
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Rev. James Heckman, Bridge Pastor

**September 3, 2023**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



## **Introduction to Worship**

*The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter does not grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

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Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn - ELW 335

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

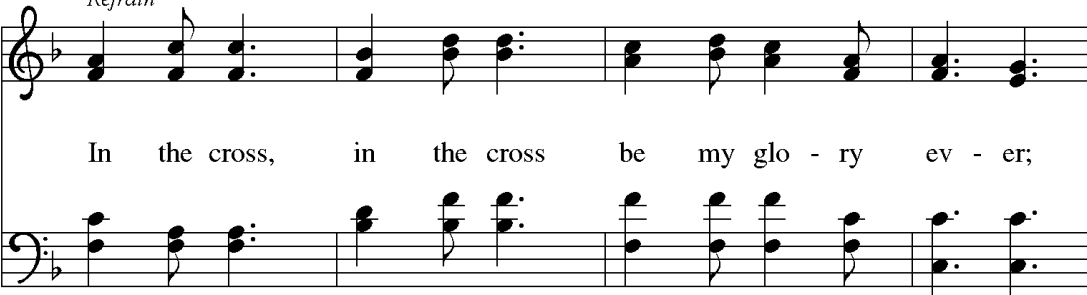


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

## Confession and Forgiveness (Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

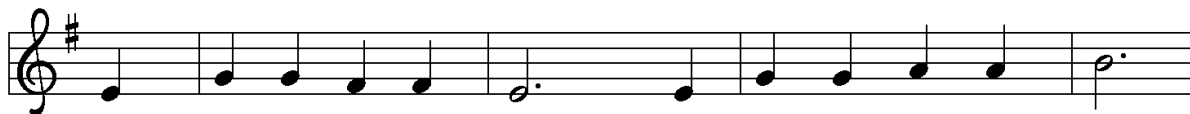
**C: Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. (*Silence for reflection*) Steadfast and faithful God,

**C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

## Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

## First Reading – Jeremiah 15:15-21

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

L: A reading from Jeremiah, the fifteenth chapter.

<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 merrymakers, 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.                    **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

*Let all the peoples praise you, O God.*

L: <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.

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

L: <sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

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

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

**C: <sup>6</sup>I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

L: <sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**<sup>8</sup>LORD, I love the house in which you dwell.**

## Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

*God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.*

A reading from Romans, the eleventh chapter:

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I 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. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

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

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand if you are able)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### **The Gospel – Matthew 16:21-28**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”*

P: The Gospel according to Matthew. **C: 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?

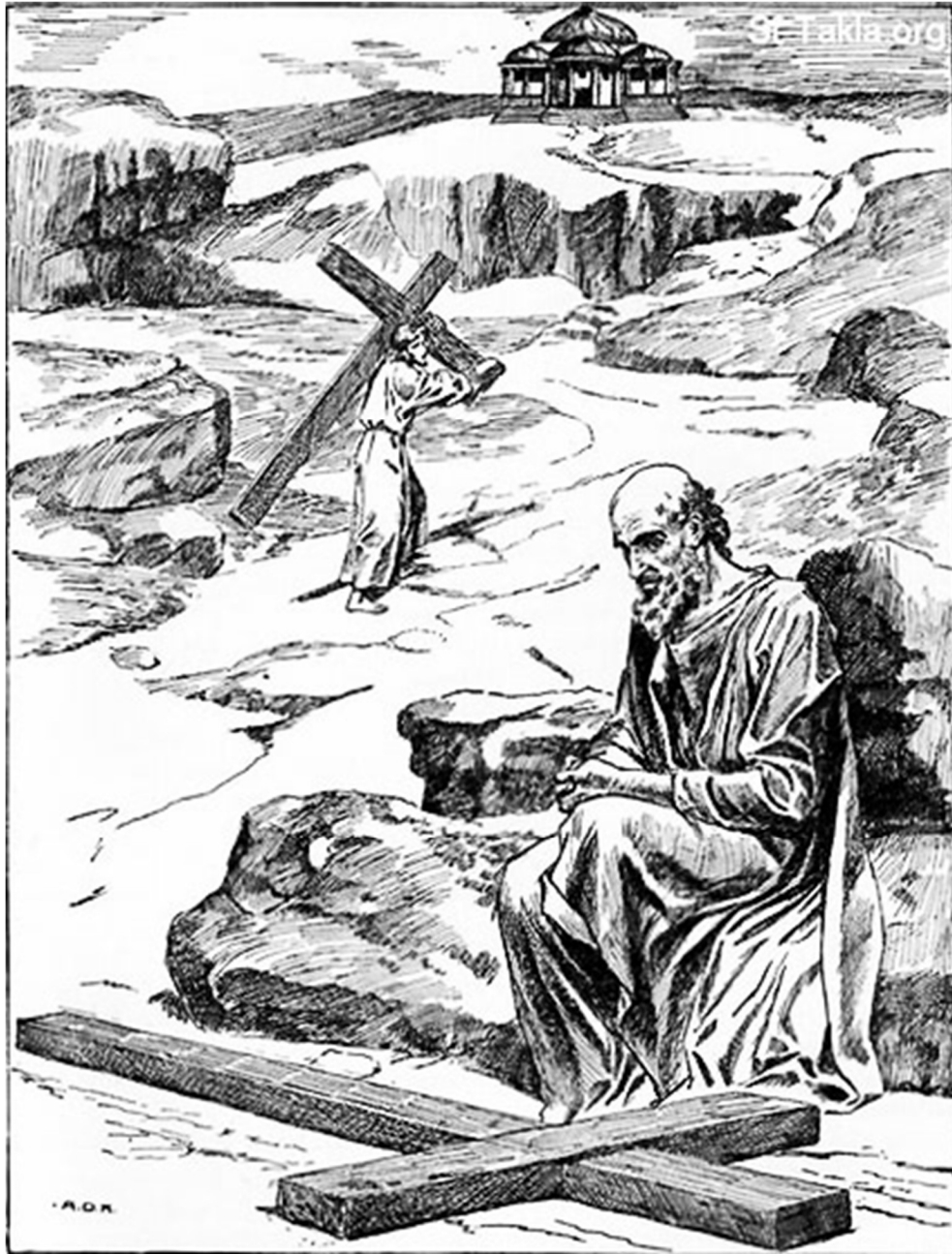
<sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”



P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you. O Christ.

**Children's Sermon / Sermon** (please be seated)



# Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;  
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;  
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;  
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,  
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,  
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross  
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 to save your soul from death and hell.  
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.  
 Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848; arr. hymnal version  
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## **The Apostle's Creed:**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: 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**

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

*A brief silence.*

P: 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,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: 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,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: 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 (especially). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and ensure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: 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,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor (especially). Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**



P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *In the Singing* (ELW 466)

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

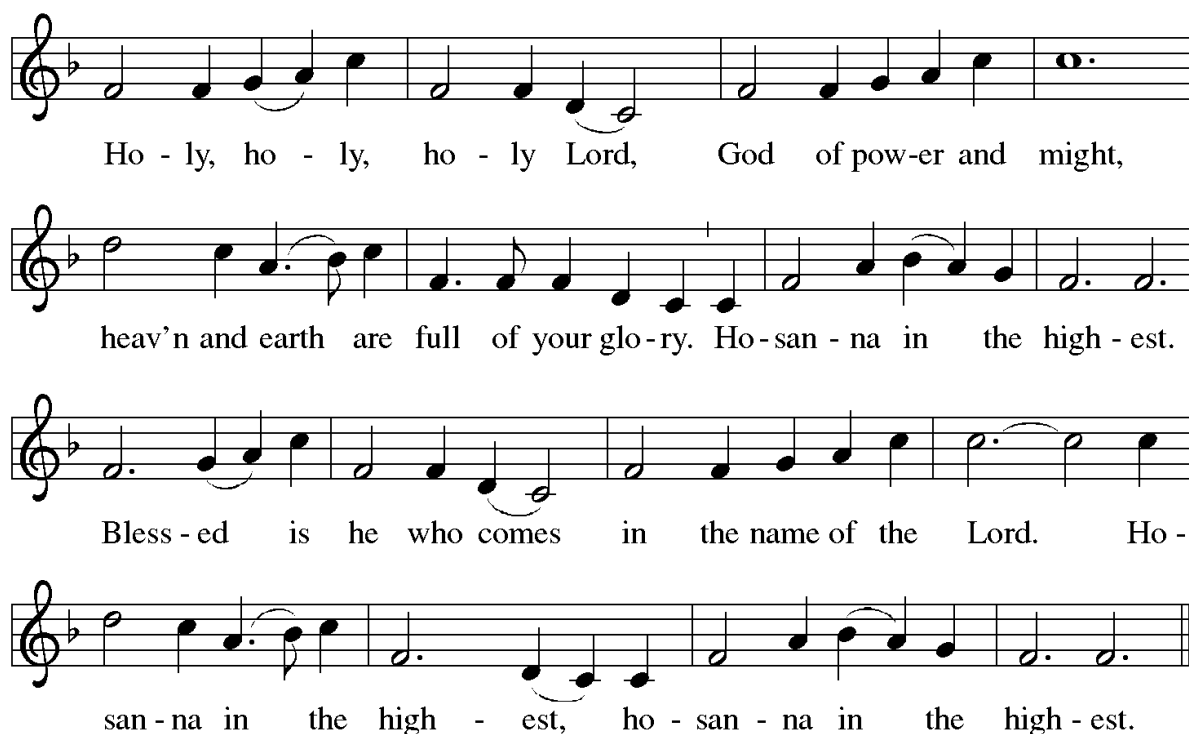
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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

P: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Communion: ELW 808

# Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

*Jésus, je voudrais te chanter*



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais 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 - drais 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 - drais 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  
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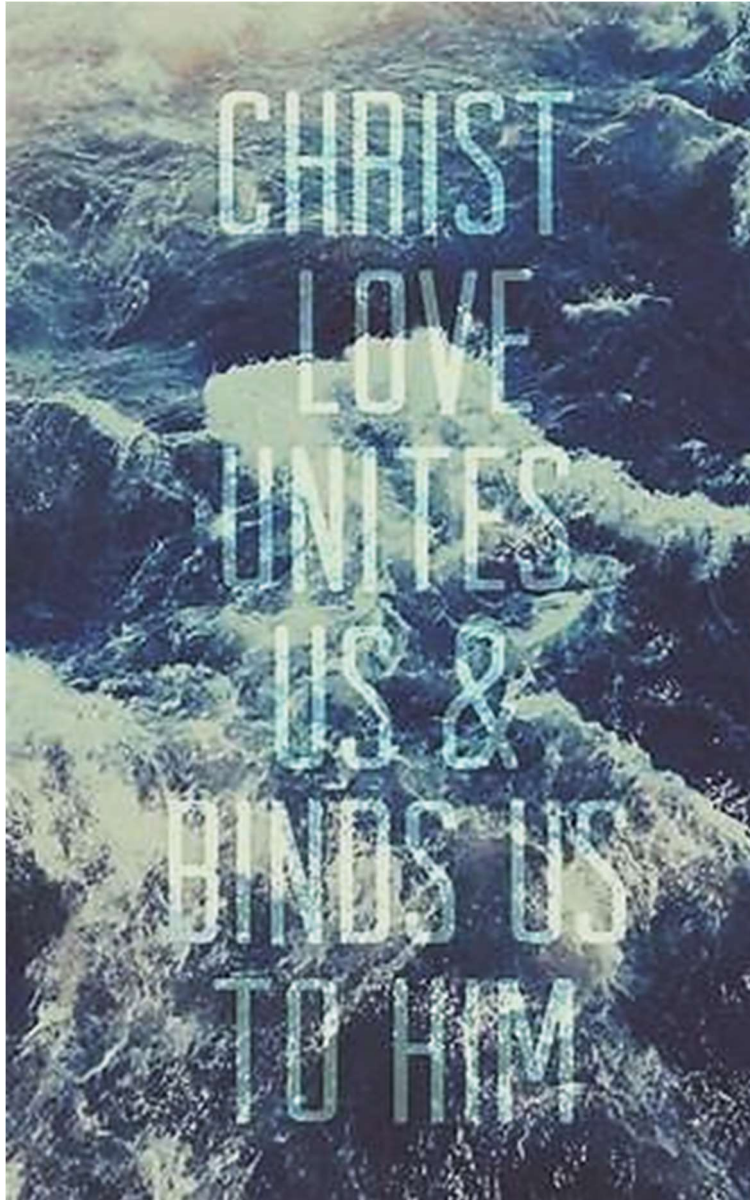
P: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **BLESSING**

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



748 Bind Us Together

*Refrain*  
F Dm Gm

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.

*Refrain*  
F C7 F C7 F B<sup>b</sup>/C

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BIND US TOGETHER  
6 7 7 6 and refrain

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude



		ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
5	Bruce Crouse, Brielle Reiman		
7	Jim Miller		
9	Joanne Ziegenfuss		

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 31	12:00 PM-3:00 PM	Office hours
<b>Sunday, September 3</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b> After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, September 6	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 7	10:00 AM 12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Saturday, September 9	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Betty Krietz memorial Family Visitation Memorial Service

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>  10:45 – 11:45 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> Porter Connor Jose Evram Baptism God's Work Our Hands Project PALM Picnic @ Durham
Monday, September 11	7:30 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM	<i>Care-A-Lot first day of school!</i>
Wednesday, September 13	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 14	10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal No Office hours
Friday, September 15	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> (communion)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman</b> <i>Welcome Back Care-a-lot!</i> Lemonade on the Lawn
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, September 21	10:00 AM 12:00 PM-3:00 PM 12:30 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim

**Winter Coat Project** We collected *29 coats and \$180.* for Christian Aid Ministries (CAM). Thank you for your generosity!

**September Outreach** - Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for Lutheran Disaster Response for Maui wildfire relief.

**WELCA** will meet in the sanctuary on *Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.* We will review what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There is a lot going on. We will also look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA's gather magazine. For those who wish, we will go out for lunch following the meeting.

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**



Barbara Altemus; Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Frank Mammana; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Ben Naska Sr.; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

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**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Organist /Choir Director	Carolyn Williams
Greeter(s)	David Sauter
Altar	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Acolyte	TBD
Lector	Linda Sauter
Head / Communion Usher	Mark Harwick
Council Counting Team	Mark Harwick & Cathy Muller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz