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# August 25, 2024 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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#### Prelude:

#### **GATHERING**

## (Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

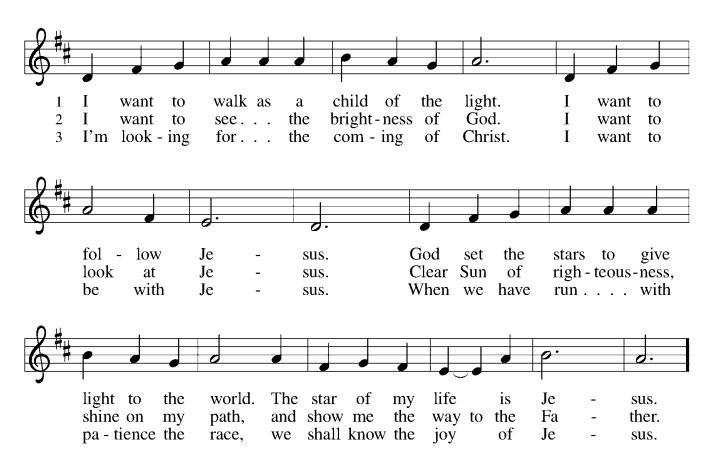
C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

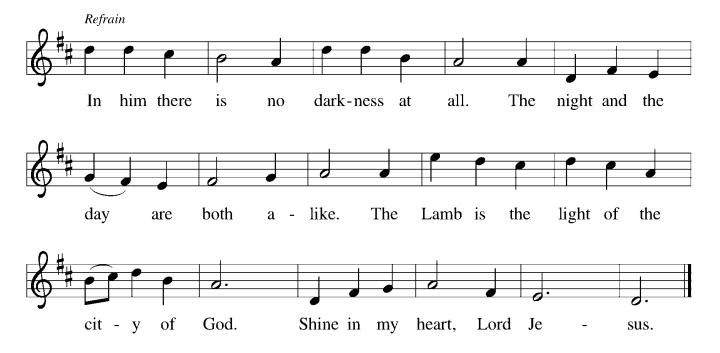
P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

**Gathering Hymn: ELW 815** 

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



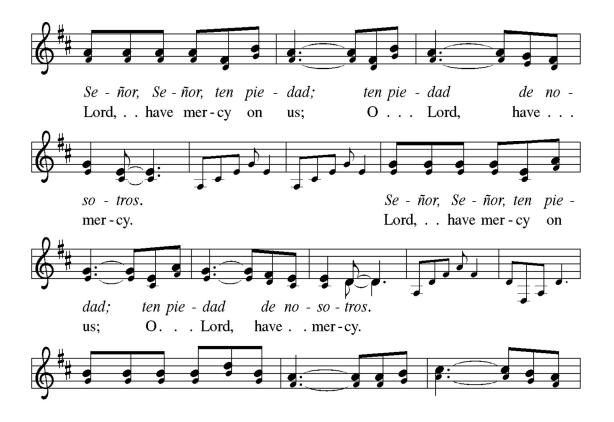


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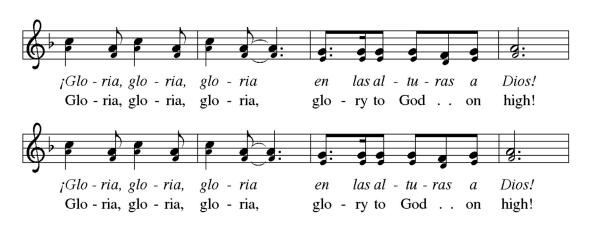
- P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you

## Kyrie





#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





## Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

#### First Lesson - Isaiah 49:1-4

L: A reading from the fourth-ninth chapter of Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Second Lesson - Romans 8:28-30

L: A reading from the eighth chapter of Romans.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Third Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

L: A reading from the fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians.

<sup>51</sup>Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation:**



## The Gospel: Luke 23:39-43

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have

<sup>&</sup>quot;Death has been swallowed up in victory."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup>"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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

Hymn of the Day: ELW 638

## **Blessed Assurance**



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## **Apostle's 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

P: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Merciful God,

## C: receive our prayer.

Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God,

## C: receive our prayer.

God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations. Merciful God,

## C: receive our prayer.

God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts (especially). Merciful God,

## C: receive our prayer.

God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. Merciful God,

## C: receive our prayer.

God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys (especially). Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. Merciful God,

## C: receive our prayer.

## Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

#### C: Amen.

## **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

#### **OFFERING**

**Choir Anthem:** WOV 770 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

#### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

# Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



- 1 Ac cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up on your ta ble.
- The vines were plant ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. What once was com - mon, dail - y food be-comes a ho - ly trea-sure. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957 Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune Text © 1990 Augsburg Fortress

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## **Offering Prayer**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

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.

## Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

Again, 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 sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C: Amen.

- 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.

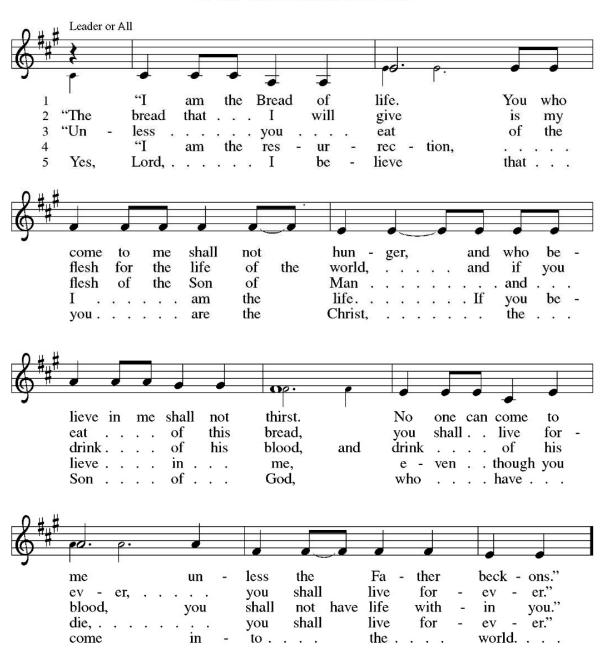
#### **Invitation to Communion**

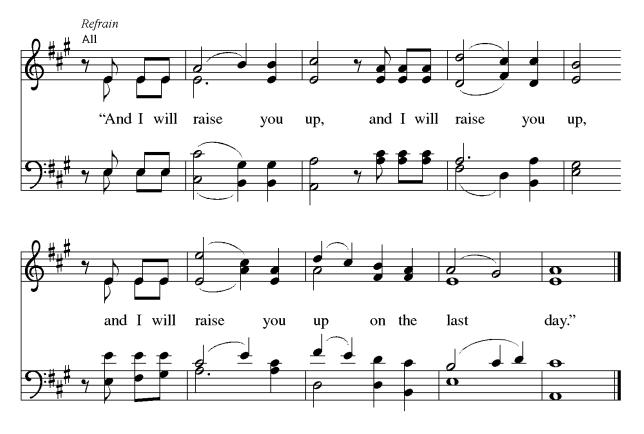
P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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

**Hymn during Communion: ELW 485** 

## I Am the Bread of Life





Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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## **Prayer after Communion**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

#### C: Amen.

#### **Announcements**

#### **BLESSING**

P: 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, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

#### C: Amen.

## Sending Song: ELW 810

## O Jesus, I Have Promised



Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in Peace, you are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude:

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>				
August	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS	
19	Karen Beerer			
23			Peter Streletz	
24	Kendall Beerer			
28			Adam Phillipps	
29	David Sauter		Mary Erceg	
30	Helen Dungan, Lynn Leichliter			
31		Kathy and Ed Haney		

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES					
Sunday, August 25	10:00 AM	Communion Worship			
14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after		Worship Committee meeting after the			
Pentecost		service.			
		Backpack Blessings			
Tuesday, August 27	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Care-A-Lot Orientation			
	7:00 PM	PALM group meeting @ Upper Tinicum			
Wednesday, August 28	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office Hours			
	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Wednesday Sundaes: Final Day!			
		Faith, Fellowship and Fun for the whole			
		family!			
Thursday, August 29	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours			
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim			
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES					
Sunday, September 1	10:00 AM	Communion Worship			
15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after					
Pentecost					
Tuesday, September 3	7:00 PM	PALM Meeting with PR. Bill Coleman.			
Wednesday, September 4	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office Hours			
	4:00 PM	PALM Crop Walk Planning @ Durham			
Thursday, September 5	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours			
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim			
Friday, September 6	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God			



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

David Antoni; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

## For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Sherri Breithoff; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Leon Errico; Kandyce Fischer; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie

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#### For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Norma Fox; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

## For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Ronald Fox; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Charles Reiman; Josephine Yeisley 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: <a href="mailto:joanmammana@icloud.com">joanmammana@icloud.com</a>

The August Outreach envelope collection will go to help fund the Rise Against Hunger meal packing event at Little Zion church in Telford on September 8, 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

#### **Worship Assistants**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman	
Organist / Choir Director	Carolyn Williams	
Altar Guild	Mark Harwick & Linda Sauter	
Greeter(s)	Miriam Anderson	
Acolyte	Colton Wagner	
Lector	Ken Anderson	
Head / Communion Usher	Miriam Anderson	
Council Communion / Counting Team	Cathy Mueller & Jack Pyne	
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson	
Custodian	Dianna Streletz	