

the way of Jesus Christ

## June 29, 2025 / 10 am Third Sunday after Pentecost

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

#### **GATHERING**

#### Bells

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Welcome to worship at Trinity! As we prepare our hearts, please take a moment to silence your electronic devices. Portions for the assembly are in **bold**. \*Stand as you are able.

**Prelude** The Grace of the Lord (by Gregg Sewell) Amanda Gentzel, Organist

#### \*Confession and Forgiveness

ELW p. 116

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

  Amen.

- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

\*Hymn #801



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# \*Apostolic Greeting

- 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.



# \*Prayer of the Day

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

AM: Let us pray.

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

#### **WORD**

### First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Wendy Hall

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah as prophet in your place."

<sup>19</sup> So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup> He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup> He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm: Psalm 16 (prayed responsively)

Wendy Hall

I have set the LORD always before me. (Ps. 16:8)

- Protect me, O God, for I take ref- uge in you;
  - I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- I bove all other."
- <sup>2</sup> All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land, upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.
- <sup>3</sup> But those who run after I other gods shall have their troubles I multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup> I will not pour out drink offerings 1 to such gods, never take their names up-1 on my lips.
- <sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup; it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a 1 pleasant land;

#### indeed, I have a 1 rich inheritance.

- <sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night | after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD al-1 ways before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall 1 not be shaken.
- <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- <sup>1</sup> it rejoices; my body also shall <sup>1</sup> rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me <sup>1</sup> to the grave, nor let your holy one <sup>1</sup> see the pit.
- 11 You will show me the I path of life;

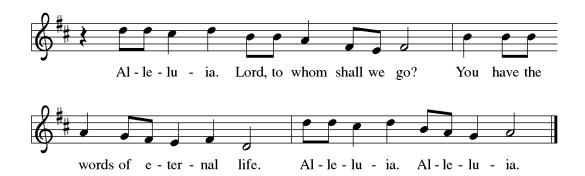
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- evermore.

### Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Wendy Hall

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

- For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
- <sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.
- <sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- <sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.
- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.



P: The holy gospel according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

#### \*Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Pastor Larry Kemp

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

<sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

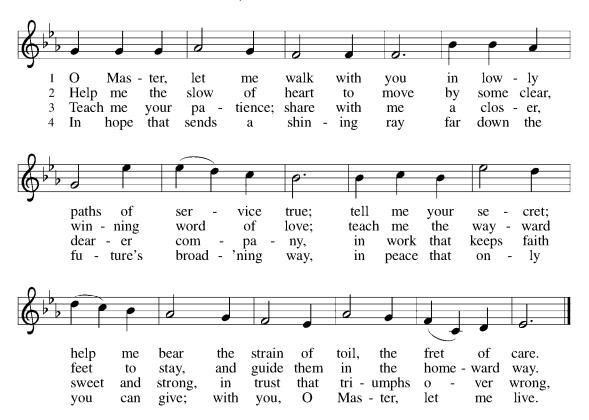
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Sermon

Pastor Larry Kemp

\*Hymn #818

# O Master, Let Me Walk with You



Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt. Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

### \*The Apostle's Creed

ELW p. 105

AM: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

C: 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 the People of God

Each petition concludes with:

AM: Let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

After the final petition, the prayers conclude with:

AM: Into your hands, Gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your

mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

### \*The Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(As God has brought us peace through Jesus Christ, we now turn to one another and share the same gift of peace, saying to one another: "Peace be with you.")

Please be seated.

# We Give our Gifts, Tithes and Offering

Voluntary at the Offering

The Lord is My Shepherd

(By Peter Tchaikovsky, Amanda Gentzel, arr. by Maxwell and Feibel)

Karin Hill, Soloist

Accompanist

Today's Noisy offering will be donated to Camp Lutherlyn. In order to not hinder today's special music, baskets will be used to collect the offering instead of pots, pans and colanders. Young children are invited to join our ushers in the collection of loose change during this time.

# Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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\*Offering Prayer ELW p. 129

AM: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

#### **MEAL**

# \*The Great Thanksgiving

ELW p. 144

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

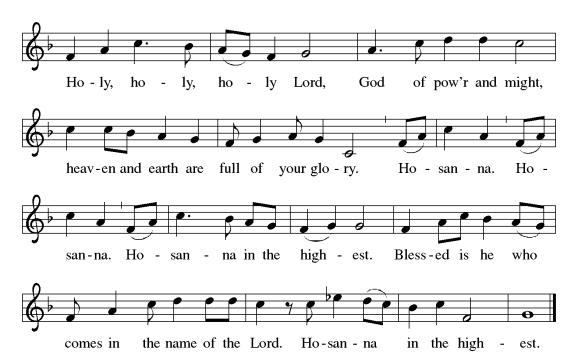
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

# \*The Proper Preface

P: 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

\*Holy, Holy, Holy ELW p. 144



# \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

\*The Lord's Prayer ELW p. 145

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.

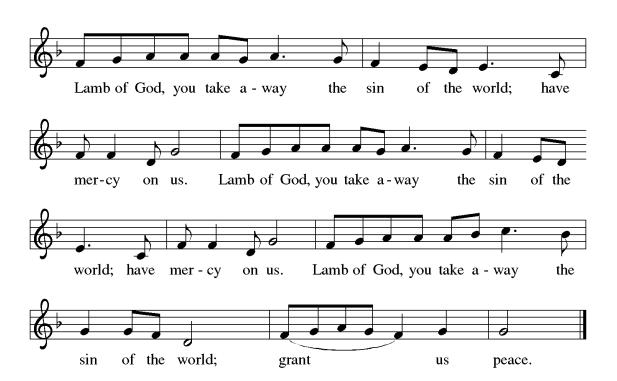
Amen.

#### \*Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

# \*Lamb of God (Unison)

ELW p. 146



Please be seated.

### The Holy Supper

### The Distribution of Holy Communion

Please come forward when invited by the Pastor. Empty cups (for wine) will be in the trays located by the front pew. The Communion Assistant will fill your cup with wine. Gluten-free wafers and cups filled with juice are in the center of the tray. The Pastor will offer the bread. Children who haven't received their first Communion, may come forward with hands folded to receive a blessing by the Pastor. Return to your pew by the side aisle. Place your empty cups in the container at the end of the front pew.

## **Communion Song**

#793





Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

# \*The Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

### \*Prayer After Communion

ELW p. 136

AM: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

#### **SENDING**

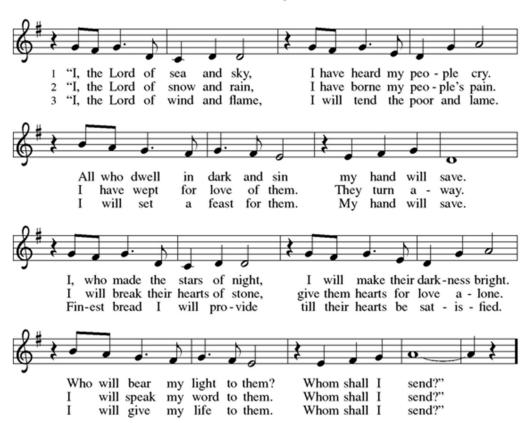
\*Blessing ELW p. 136

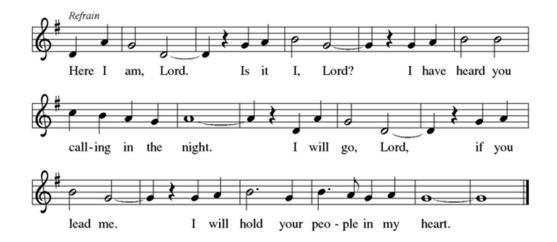
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

\***HYMN** # 574

# Here I Am, Lord





# \*Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Preludium in C (by Johann Ludwig Krebs) Amanda Gentzel

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