

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH @ SOUTH PARK

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**A PLACE OF GRACE WITH A CALL FOR ALL
TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF JESUS**



9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26th, 2026

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P: Pastor

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

*“(ELW p. 123)” is liturgy (front of the hymnal); “**ELW 123**” is hymn (back of hymnal)*

PRELUDE

** Please note your presence in the attendance pad, then pass to your neighbor.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ GATHERING ✝

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P: Jesus says, “Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God,

Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's
 4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work
 guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-
 fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
 with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.
 joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.
 hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(ACS p. 31)



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.** *(Please be seated)*

✝ THE WORD ✝

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

L: A reading from 1 Kings.

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶ And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

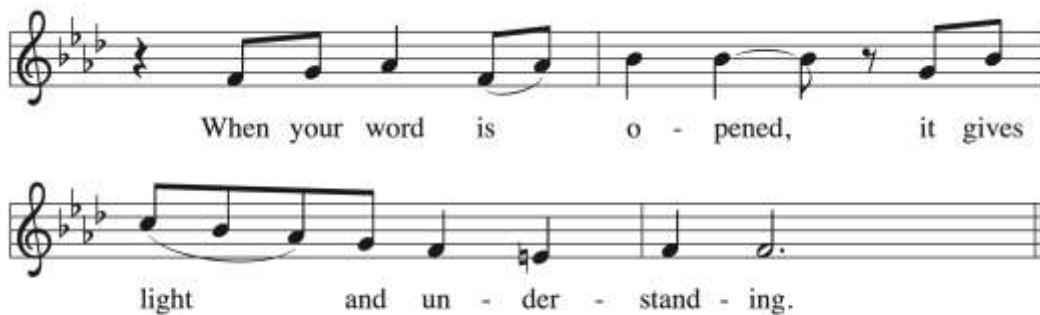
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“God loves me, Jesus is my friend, and church is a great place to be. Amen.”

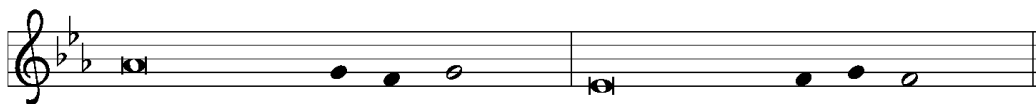
****The Nursery is available (ages 0-4 only, please) after the Children’s Message.***

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

Refrain: (1st time played by organ only, 2nd time: cantor, 3rd time: congregation)



Tone:



- 129 Your de- | crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.
- 130 **When your word is opened | it gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.**
- 131 I open my | mouth and pant
because I long for | your commandments.
- 132 **Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name. R**
- 133 Order my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
- 134 **Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.**
- 135 Let your face shine up- | on your servant
and teach | me your statutes.
- 136 **My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your teaching. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

L: A reading from Romans.

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise)* (ACS p. 33)



GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;
⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ. *(Please be seated)*

SERMON

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Reign of God, like Farmer's Field

ACS 952

1 The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears
2 The reign of God is like a pearl on
3 Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,
4 Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from
5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the

weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are
bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that
yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it
ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry
reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,

in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.
pre - cious pearl, go out and buy that field.
ris - es up, like yeast in swell - ing dough.
feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.
kin - dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816; arr. *With One Voice*, 1995

APOSTLES' CREED

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 INTERCESSION

A: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world...

A: ... God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: ...through Jesus Christ our Savior. **C:** Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you. *(Please be seated after passing of the peace)*

Important Note on the Passing of Peace: In the spirit of love and care we ask everyone to be mindful of one another's comfort as we pass the peace.

If you prefer not to shake hands or hug, please simply hold up a peace sign or wear a red bracelet or sticker. We will honor these signals when used, by sharing verbal and visual greetings without touch. Otherwise, you can safely assume that a handshake is welcome.

Green = contact is okay

Yellow = cautious, please ask

Red = no contact today

✠ THE MEAL ✠

OFFERING SONG: Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of the musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The lyrics 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right' are aligned under the notes.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your' are aligned under the notes.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics 'pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -' are aligned under the notes.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics 'store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,' are aligned under the notes.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics 'and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' are aligned under the notes.

OFFERING PRAYER (Please rise)

No checkbook? Scan the QR box to give online!

Or use the Vanco app on your phone. Cash or check offerings may be placed in the offering plates at the back when entering, or during the passing of the peace.



DIALOGUE (ELW p. 206)

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.

P: It is indeed right...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

...saying: take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

C: Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: ...saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

C: Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 208)

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

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: Come...

- *At this time, you may come forward via the center aisle to receive communion.*
- *ALL here are welcome to commune.*
- *Hold your hands open to receive a wafer from the pastor or assisting minister, or hands down to receive a blessing only.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available at the usher's table or from pastor at the altar.*
- *Dip the wafer into one of the following:*
 - *Silver chalice (wine)*
 - *Ceramic chalice (grape juice)*
- *Take and eat, then return to your seat after communing.*
- *You may also go up to the altar from the side doors if you wish to kneel for prayer.*

LAMB OF GOD (ELW p. 208)



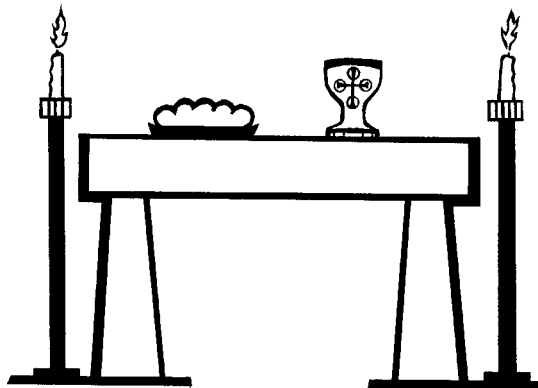
1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



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.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(Please rise)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

In Thee Is Gladness

ELW 867



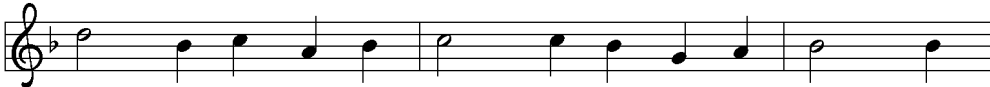
1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my
2 Je-sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



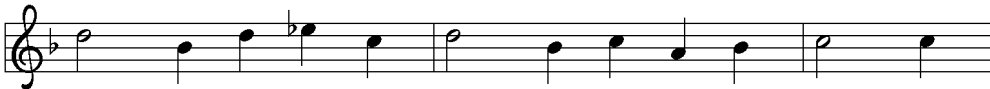
true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

DISMISSAL

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Livestreaming: Dave Elson

Acolyte/Crucifer:

Lector: Susan Hadl

Altar Care: Deb Boatright, Brenda Kappelman, Kirsten Elson

ASL: Sunnie Planthold

Ushers: Bob Sarna, Ruth Sarna, Mark Stayton

Cantor: Susan Hires

Assisting Minister: Susan Hadl

Children's Message: Sandy Cooper

Nursery: Morgan Sponholtz, Kevin Boatright

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS AND PSALM: Sunday, August 2, 2026

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21