

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH @ SOUTH PARK

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



Creation in Christ Sunday

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6th, 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

Simple Gifts

arr. Richard Elliott

** 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, our hope, our heart, our home.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, we confess that we participate in systems that perpetuate oppression and injustice.

We are often numb to the pain of the world around us, resistant to change that costs us something, and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves. We sin against your good creation, failing to be faithful stewards of the land, the sea, and all their creatures. Make your home among us once more, O God, naming us beloved and opening our hearts to do your will.

C: Amen.

P: All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you:

God knows you, forgives you by the self-giving of Jesus Christ,
and frees you to love the world as you have been loved.

Creation's story will not end until mourning, crying, and pain are no more.

When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and sure.

Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class - rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl - edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail, wind, and rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!
Ath - lete and band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!



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Refrain

God	has	done	mar -	vel - ous	things.
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I	too	sing	prais - es	with a	new	song!
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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. O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

✠ THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

L: A reading from Ezekiel.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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.”

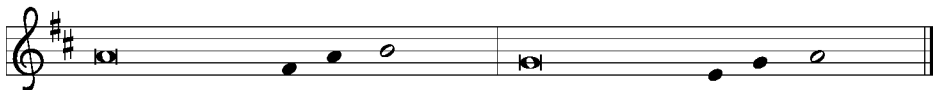
****The Nursery is available (ages 0-4 only, please) after the Children's Message.***

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

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



Tone:



- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way [|] of your statutes,
and I shall keep it [|] to the end.
- 34 **Give me understanding, and I shall [|] keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with [|] all my heart.**
- 35 Lead me in the path of [|] your commandments,
for that is [|] my desire.
- 36 **Incline my heart to [|] your decrees
and not to [|] unjust gain. R**
- 37 Turn my eyes from be- [|] holding falsehood;
give me life [|] in your way.
- 38 **Fulfill your promise [|] to your servant,
which is for [|] those who fear you.**
- 39 Turn away the reproach [|] that I dread,
because your judg- [|] ments are good.
- 40 **Behold, I long for [|] your commandments;
by your righteousness en- [|] liven me. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

L: A reading from Romans.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

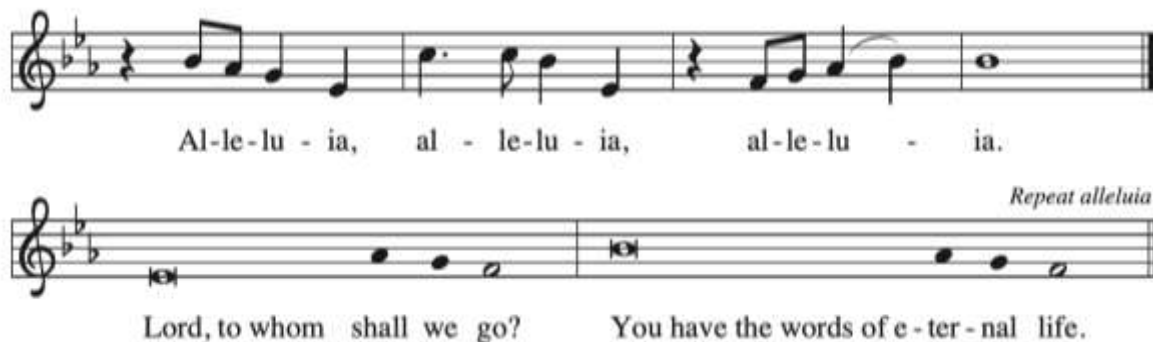
C: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Please rise)

(ACS p. 33)



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

(Please rise)



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
 4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



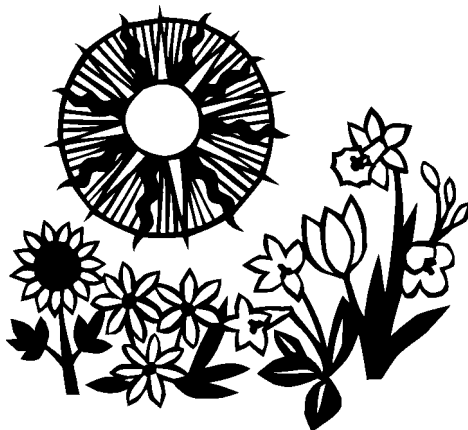
peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
 strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
 sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
 do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
 be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
 be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.

Music: BEATUS VIR, *Šanotulský Kancionál*, 1561



**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: We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator...

A: O God of mystery, mercy, and might, for the church we pray...

Hear us, O God, source of life and ground of our being,

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the earth we pray.... Hear us, O God, our creator and fruitful garden,

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the nations we pray... Hear us, O God, our stronghold and sun of justice,

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For our country we pray...

Hear us, O God, our guardian and rainbow of promise,

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For those in need we pray...

Hear us, O God, our healer and heart of the universe,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: ... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 ✝

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Poor Orphan

by Robert Schumann

Sandy Cooper and Sunnie Planthold, clarinet duet

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 (ACS p. 26)



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.

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 (ACS p. 40)

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.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(Please rise)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

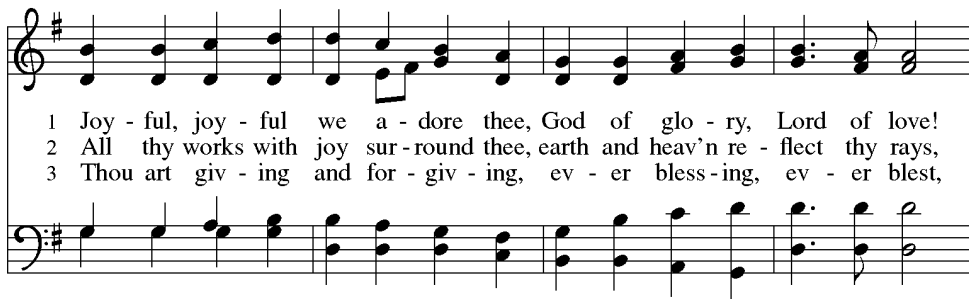
P: Creator God bless you and keep you.

Creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy.

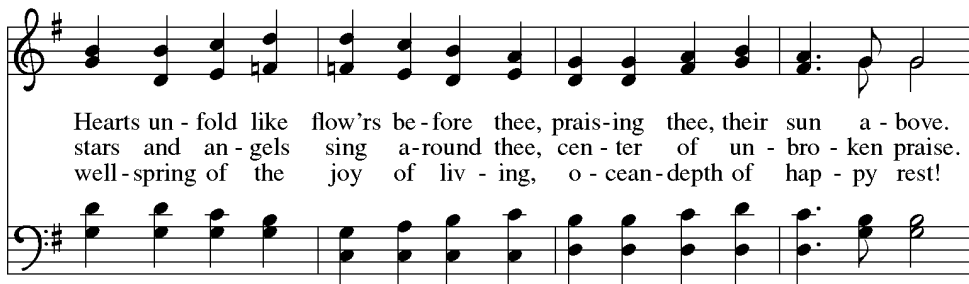
Creative Spirit nourish you ✠ and give you peace.

C: Amen.

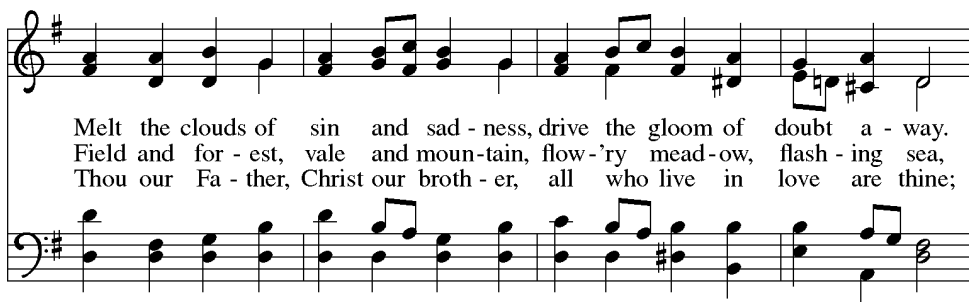




1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Flourish with creation.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Livestreaming: Ted Smith

Acolyte/Crucifer:

Lector: Wally Brockhoff

Altar Care: Cathy Schwabauer, Sandi Heline, Lynn Krusemark

ASL: Sunnie Planthold

Ushers: Wally Brockhoff, Bill Mitchell, Ruth Shadel

Cantor: Ryan Devlin

Assisting Minister: Susan Hadl

Children's Message: Pastor Jon Brudvig

Nursery: Dave Elson

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS AND PSALM: Sunday, September 13, 2026

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103: 8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35