

# **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH @ SOUTH PARK**

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



**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 10, 2025**

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P: Pastor

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

**C: Congregation**

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

## PRELUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Charles Callahan

*Tyler McTavish, trumpet*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# ✠ GATHERING ✠

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

## The God of Sarah Praise



1. The God of Sa - rah praise, the  
2. The God of A - br'ham praise, the  
3. The God of Ha - gar praise, the



God of dreams long dead, who brings forth un - ex -  
God of all who roam, who guides us in - to  
God of those op - pressed, who sees the lost and



pect - ed life, dis - arm - ing dread. Though  
for - eign lands and makes our home. When  
o - ver - looked and calls them blessed. Though



grief lasts through the night, joy ris - es with the  
dark - ness shrouds our path, the stars, as pledg - es,  
wan - der - ing a - lone through des - erts of de -



sun; God leaves us laugh - ing in sur - prise at  
shine; God's cov - e - nant will be ful - filled by  
spair, God leads us to a well of hope and



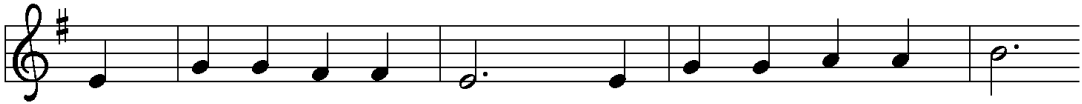
death un - done.  
love's de - sign.  
meets us there.

## 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.

## KYRIE (ELW p. 203)



- 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!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"  
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## ✠ THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

L: A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: 33:12-22

**Refrain:** (*1<sup>st</sup> time: organ, 2<sup>nd</sup> time: cantor, 3<sup>rd</sup> time: congregation*)



**Tone:**



- 12 Happy is the nation whose God <sup>|</sup> is the LORD!  
Happy the people chosen to <sup>|</sup> be God's heritage!
- 13 **The LORD looks <sup>|</sup> down from heaven,  
and sees all <sup>|</sup> humankind.**
- 14 God sits firmly en- <sup>|</sup> throned and watches  
all who dwell <sup>|</sup> on the earth.
- 15 **God fashions <sup>|</sup> all their hearts  
and observes <sup>|</sup> all their deeds. R**
- 16 A king is not saved by the size <sup>|</sup> of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by <sup>|</sup> their great strength.
- 17 **The horse gives vain <sup>|</sup> hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it <sup>|</sup> cannot save.**
- 18 Truly, your eye is upon those who fear <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your <sup>|</sup> steadfast love,
- 19 **to deliver their <sup>|</sup> lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in <sup>|</sup> time of famine. R**
- 20 Our innermost being waits for <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD,  
our helper <sup>|</sup> and our shield.
- 21 **Surely, our heart rejoic- <sup>|</sup> es in you,  
for in your holy name we <sup>|</sup> put our trust.**
- 22 Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, <sup>|</sup> be upon us,  
even as we place our <sup>|</sup> hope in you. **R**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

L: A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)



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.

## GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

<sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.



<sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**Have No Fear, Little Flock**

**ELW 764**



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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: ... God of grace,**

**C: receive our prayer.**

**P: ... in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**C: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P: The peace of Christ be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

# ✠ THE MEAL ✠

## MUSICAL OFFERING

"Goin' Home" (Largo from "New World Symphony")

Antonín Dvořák

*Emily Foltz, English Horn & Oboe*

*Tyler McTavish, trumpet*

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (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, our duty and our joy...

...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.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom 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

P: Come to the table...

- *At this time, you may come forward via the center aisle to receive communion.*
- *Hold your hands open to receive a wafer from the pastor or assisting minister, or hands down to receive a blessing only. ALL here are welcome to commune.*
- *Dip the wafer into:*
  - *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 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.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Lyric Interlude

Alexander Schriener

## DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C: Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## **✠ SENDING ✠**

## **BLESSING**

P: The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**



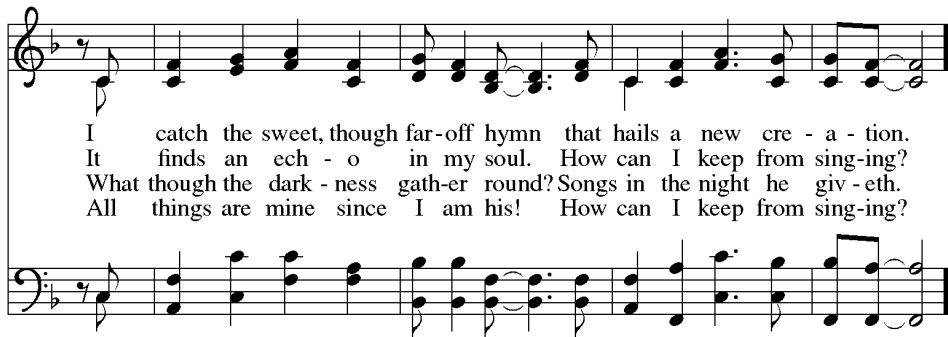
# SENDING HYMN

## My Life Goes on in Endless Song

ELW 763

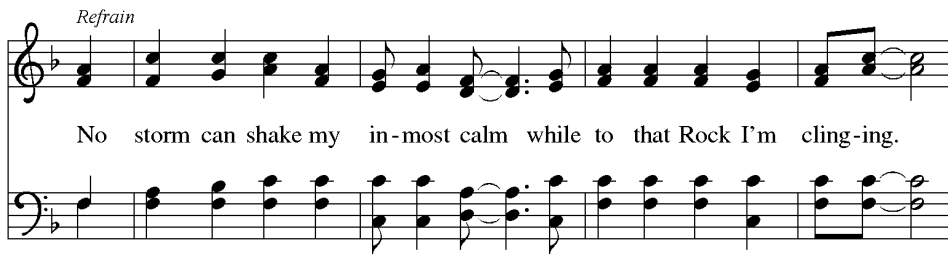


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*\*We invite you to be seated for an extended postlude  
by our outgoing organist, Edward Poston\**

- The God of Sarah (& Abraham) Praise arr. Richard Elliott
  - Nimrod (from the Enigma Variations) Sir Edward Elgar
  - Hornpipe Humoresque Noel Rawsthorne
- (with apologies to J.S. Bach, Antonio Vivaldi, Thomas Arne & Charles-Marie Widor)*

**Livestreaming:** Ted Smith

**Acolyte/Crucifer:**

**Lector:** Barbara Bishop

**Altar Care:** Deb Boatright, Kirsten Elson, Brenda Kappelman

**ASL:** Sunnie Planthold

**Usher:** Louis Box, Alita Cooper, Virgil & Jan Dean

**Cantor:** Jim Cooper

**Assisting Minister:** Julie Holmberg

**Children's Message:** Sandy Cooper

**Nursery:** Morgan Sponholtz

**Readings and Psalm: Sunday, August 17**

**Jeremiah 23:23-29**

**Psalms 82**

**Hebrews 11:29—12:2**

**Luke 12:49-56**

