

**Come To Me, All You Who Are  
Weary And Burdened, And I Will  
Give You Rest.**

**Matthew 11:28**

## ***Sixth Sunday after Pentecost***

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Setting Four

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

# Jays & Concerns

**Prelude**      *Sonata for Piano and Violin in G, Op, 30, No. 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> movement*      L. van Beethoven

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P.** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C. Amen**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**P.** Merciful God,

**C.** we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen

**P.** Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**C. Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

*We've Come This Far By Faith*

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## The Greeting

**P.** From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

**C.** And also with you.

## This is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



## Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## First Reading

## Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

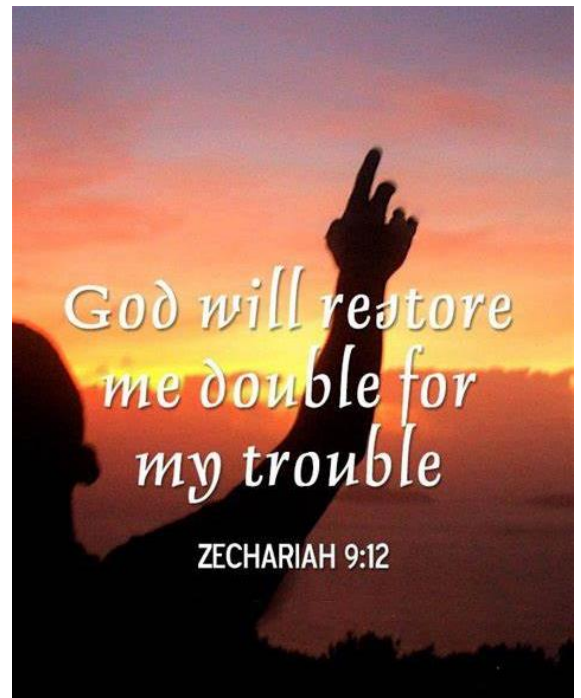
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

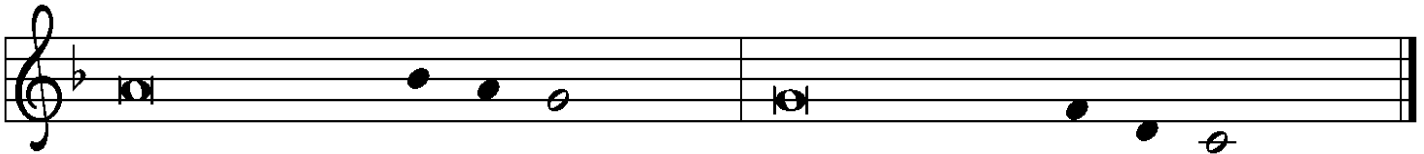


## Psalmody

## Psalm 145:8-14

(ELW tone 4)

sung responsively



The LORD is gracious and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in <sup>1</sup> steadfast love.

**LORD, you are <sup>1</sup> good to all,**

**and your compassion is over <sup>1</sup> all your works.**

All your works shall praise <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,

and your faithful <sup>1</sup> ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory <sup>1</sup> of your kingdom**

**and speak <sup>1</sup> of your power,**

that all people may know <sup>1</sup> of your power

and the glorious splendor <sup>1</sup> of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- <sup>1</sup> out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in <sup>1</sup> all your works.**

The Lord upholds all <sup>1</sup> those who fall

and lifts up those who <sup>1</sup> are bowed down.





## Second Reading

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

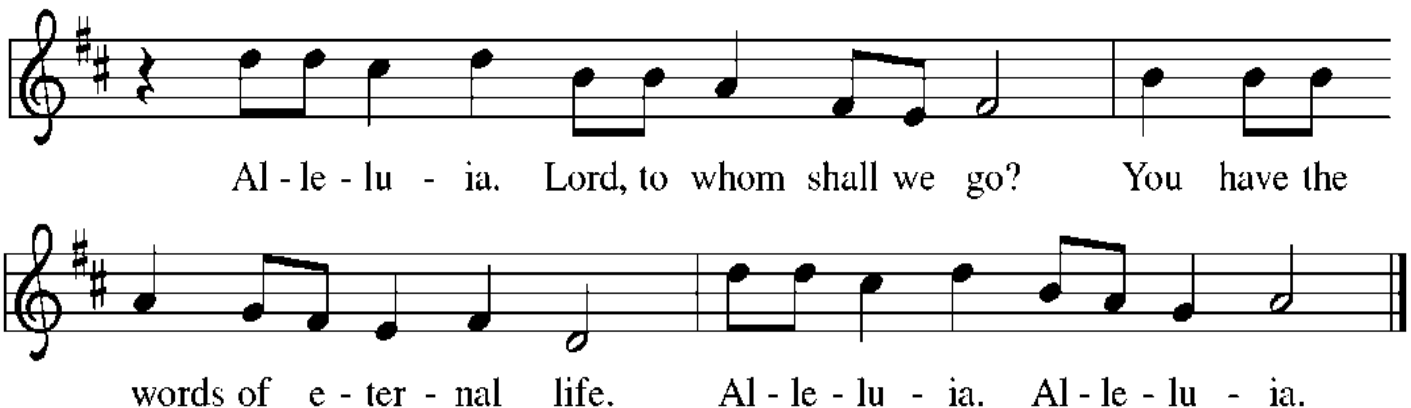
For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation



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

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter eleven.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.



## Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**P.** The gospel of the Lord.

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

TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU,  
AND LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM  
MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART:  
AND YE SHALL FIND REST  
UNTO YOUR SOULS.  
MATTHEW 11:29



**Sermon**

John Petry, Interim Pastor

**Hymn of the Day**

*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

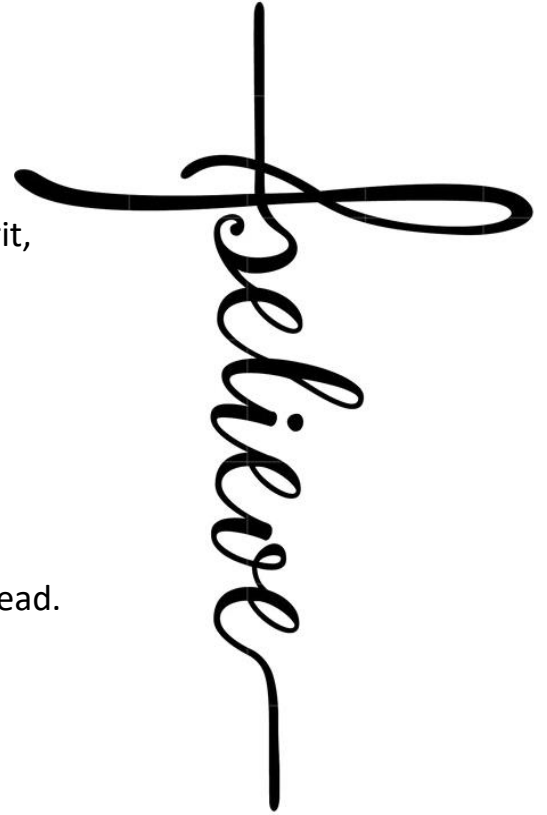
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# The Apostles' Creed

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

**A.** Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire pastors, deacons, church musicians, and all ministers of your word as they carry out your work. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

**P.** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C. Amen.**

## The Peace

- P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
May His peace be with you always.
- C. And also with you.



## The Offering

### Anthem

*Adagio* from Violin Sonata No. 3 ~ J. Brahms

Ian Livingston, violin

### Let the vineyards...

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## Offertory Prayer

- A. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C. Amen.



## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This musical score is for a four-part setting of the Great Thanksgiving. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes with some eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score is divided into four systems, each with a double bar line at the end.

P. It is indeed.....

## The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

This musical score is for a four-part setting of the Sanctus. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is more varied than the Thanksgiving, including some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score is divided into four systems, each with a double bar line at the end.

## Eucharistic Prayer

# The Lord's Prayer

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. All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

C. Amen.

## Lamb of God



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.

## Communion Hymns

*Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*  
*Day by Day*

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

C. Amen



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Post Communion Prayer

A. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

### Blessing

P. The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C. Amen.

### Sending Hymn

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*  
(Refrain, vs. 1, vs. 2, vs. 3, Refrain)

ELW 697

### Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C. Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

*We've Come this Far by Faith*

**Servers for Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Assisting Minister ..... Shannon Thomsen
- Reader ..... Shannon Thomsen
- Altar Guild ..... Sylvia Lambert
- Greeters/Counters ..... Terry Barnes / Neil Brennecke
- Special Musician ..... Ian Livingston, violin



Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway.  
Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

*Fellowship today is provided by Tim & Rita Clark.*



Candles for the month of July  
are given to the Glory of God  
by Matt & Larissa Himmeger.



**Flowers** this week are provided by Harry & Sheryll Albert in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheet is on the board in the hallway.