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Ninth Sunday After Trinity August 17, 2025

Before Worship ~ Speak to God (Silent Prayer) After Worship ~ Speak to Friends (Socialize)

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS TODAY. May you find grace and blessing in the time we spend together. If you are looking for a church home, please speak to one of the pastors. We would be happy to share with you ways in which you might become a regular part of our Christian fellowship. Please fill out a visitor's card and put in the offering plate when it is passed.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

If you have trouble hearing during the worship service we have hearing assistance devices for your use. Please ask an usher for assistance in getting one.

NOTE ABOUT COMMUNION:

At today's service, we will receive the very body and blood of the Lord Jesus under the forms of bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar (Matt 25:26-29). If you do not belong to a congregation of our fellowship or if you have not been able to speak with our pastor before the service, out of concern for your spiritual wellbeing, we ask that you remain in your pew while the sacrament is being distributed. If you are a communicant member in good standing of a congregation that belongs to the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) and intend to receive this sacrament at Trinity, please be sure to speak with our pastor about receiving the sacrament before the service begins.

While this sacrament is a great blessing to Christians who receive it in faith, the Apostle Paul tells us that those who receive it unworthily will experience negative spiritual and physical consequences (1 Cor 11:27-30). Moreover, he writes that anyone who eats sacrifices at an altar joins himself to that altar and confesses that the teaching in that place is true (1 Cor 10:16-21). Our communion practice stems from our desire to spare visitors to our congregation from experiencing the grave spiritual and physical consequences that come with receiving the Lord's body and blood unworthily and to help them not to confess things inadvertently that they do not believe to be true. If you are interested in communing here in the future or would like to learn more about what this congregation teaches, please let our pastor know. And he would be happy to find a time to talk with you further.

Organist: Lydia Schaefer

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

714 WHO TRUSTS IN GOD A STRONG ABODE



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- c and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for selfexamination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Psalm 54

Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
He will return the evil to my | enemies;*

in your faithfulness put an end to them.

O God, save me, | by your name,* and vindicate me | by your might.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold, God is my | helper;*

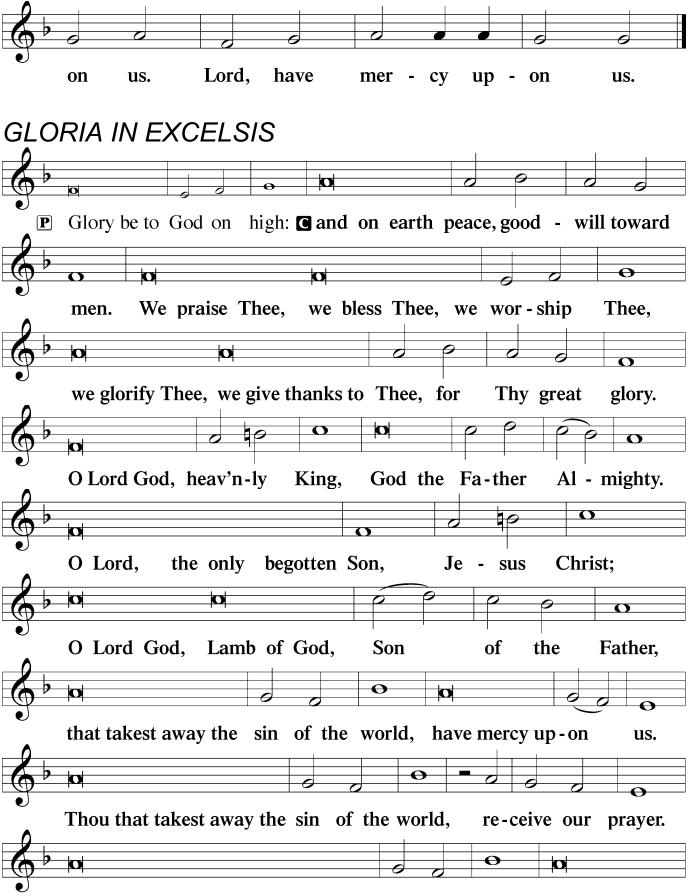
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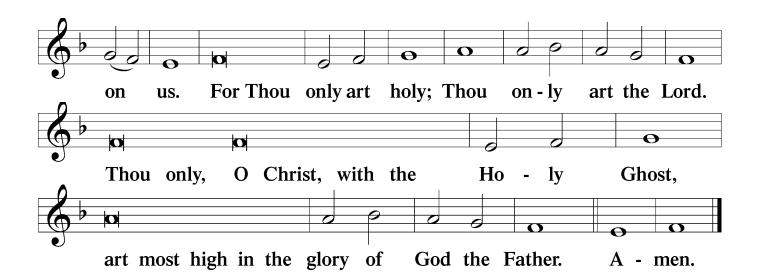
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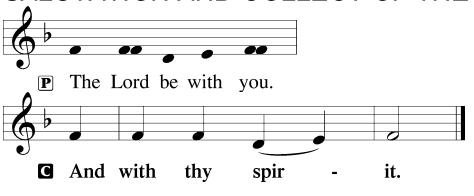
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

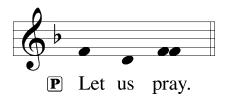


Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY





P Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 22:26-34

- ²⁶"With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
- ²⁷with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
- ²⁸You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.
- ²⁹For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness.
- ³⁰For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.
- 31This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
- ³²"For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?
- ³³This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless.
- ³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights."
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Psalm 8:1

O | LORD, our Lord,*
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!
You have set your | glory*
above the | heavens.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 7Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." 8We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' 3And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' 5So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give

you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

Mary

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

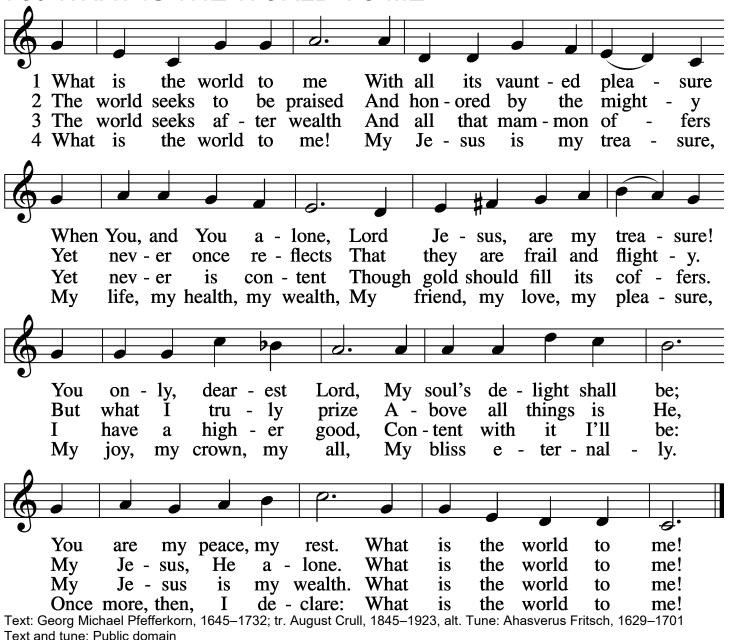
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

730 WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME



SERMON

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.



OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

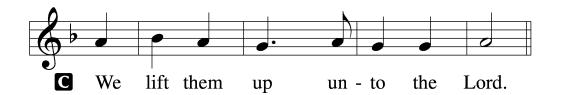
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



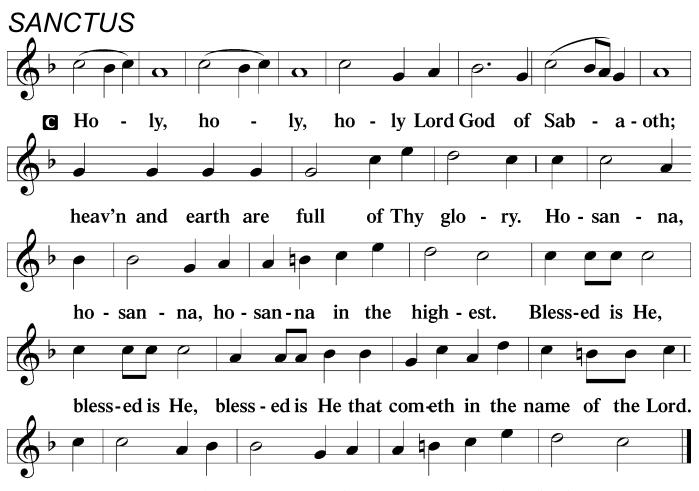
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



P It is truly good, right, and salutary..... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

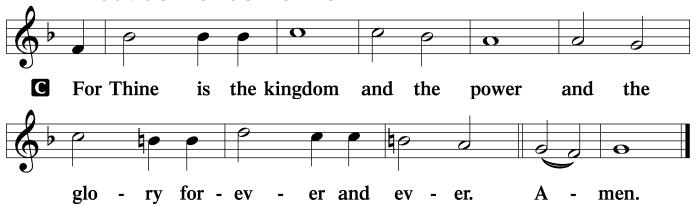
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

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,

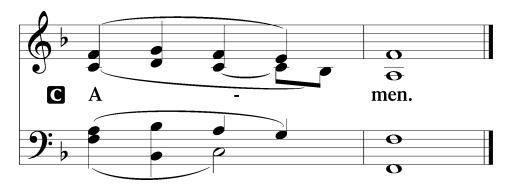
but deliver us from evil.

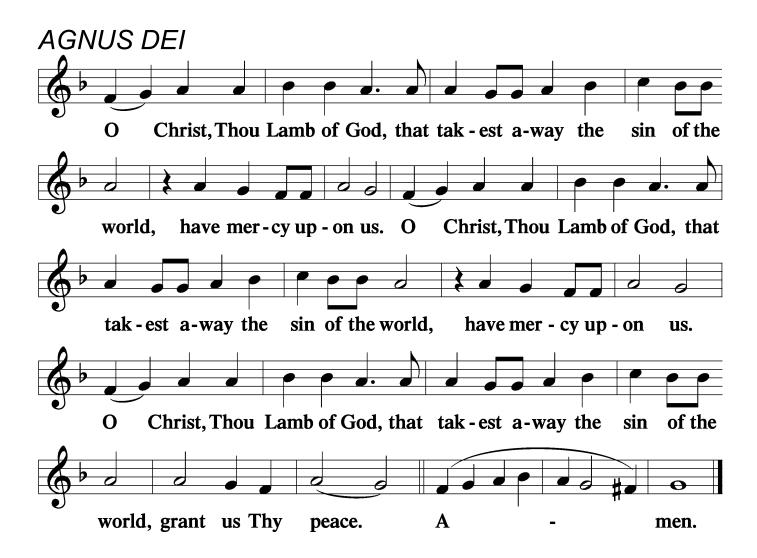


THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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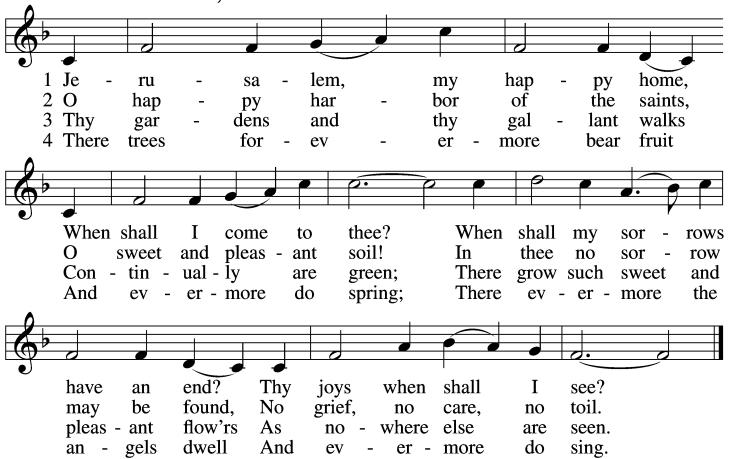
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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673 JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME



- 5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand; And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.

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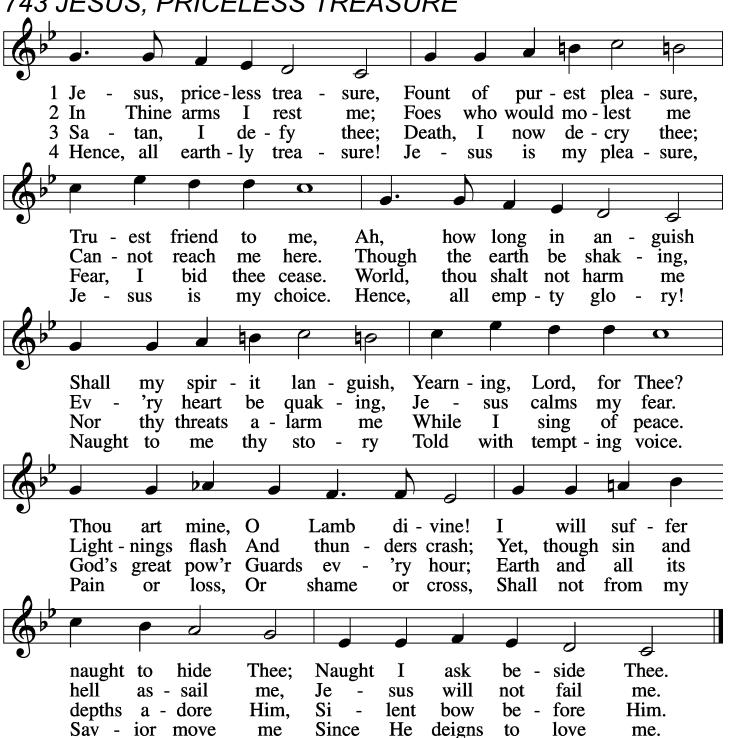
636 SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS



- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure, Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding: Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You; Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.
 - 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring: At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessèd food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.
 - 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
 - 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You. By Your love I am invited,

Be Your love with love requited; By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

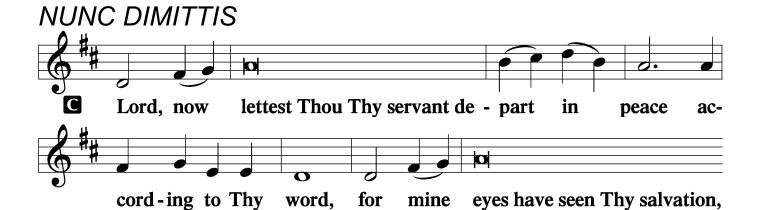
743 JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE



5 Evil world, I leave thee;
 Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
 Sin that once did blind me,
 Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
 Leave thee now forever.

For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

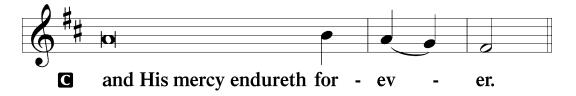
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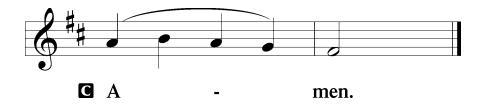
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



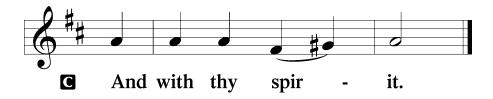
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

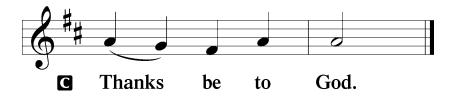


P The Lord be with you.



BENEDICAMUS

A Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



536 ONE THING'S NEEDFUL



- 1 One thing's need ful; Lord, this trea sure Teach me high ly
- 2 How were Mar y's thoughts de vot ed Her e ter nal
- 3 Wis dom's high est, no blest trea sure, Je sus, is re -
- 4 Noth ing have I, Christ, to of fer, You a lone, my



else, though All it first re - gard. give plea - sure, to in - tent word not - ed, find joy to As each she vealed in You. Let find You plea - sure, me in my Noth - ing prof - fer high - est good. have Lord. to I.



Is a yoke that press - es hard!
At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined!
And my way - ward will sub - due,
But Your crim - son - col - ored blood.

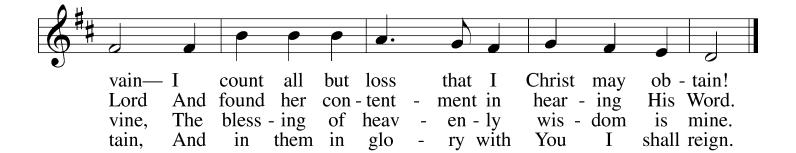
Be - neath it the How kin - dled her Hu - mil - i - ty Your death on the



heart is still fret-ting and striv-ing, No true, last-ing hap - pi - ness heart, how de - vout was its feel-ing, While hear-ing the les - sons that there and sim - plic - i - ty reign-ing, In paths of true wis - dom my cross has death whol-ly de - feat - ed And there-by my righ - teous-ness



ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need-ful; all oth - ers are Christ was re - veal-ing! All earth - ly con-cerns she for - got for her steps ev - er train-ing. If I learn from Je - sus this knowl-edge di - ful - ly com-plet - ed; Sal - va-tion's white rai-ments I there did ob -



5 Therefore You alone, my Savior, Shall be all in all to me; Search my heart and my behavior, Root out all hypocrisy.

Through all my life's pilgrimage, guard and uphold me, In loving forgiveness, O Jesus, enfold me.

This one thing is needful; all others are vain—
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain!

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This Week At Trinity

Sunday	Aug 17, 2025	9:00AM – Divine Service
-	_	10:30AM – Sons of Levi
Tuesday	Aug 19, 2025	1:00PM - Quilting
•		2:00PM - Pastor at TCC
Thursday	Aug 20, 2025	3:30PM – Lifelight Bible Study
		7:00PM – Classical Conv
		Open House
Sunday	Aug 24, 2025	9:00AM – Divine Service
		10:30AM - Sons of Levi

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

It's not too late to join us for Lifelight Bible Studies on Thursday afternoons. We meet in the church basement from 3:30 – 5:00.

HOUSEKEEPING ITEM

Names will stay on the prayer list for three weeks. If you would like your name or your loved one to stay on there longer, please let the office know (secretary@trinityfarmington.org).

SONS OF LEVI

The boys and young men of Trinity, age 7 through high school, are invited to join the Sons of Levi, a group where they will learn to take on positions of leadership within the congregation. Our first training sessions will be Today, August 17 and August 24 (pick either one) after Divine Service. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we know how many will be attending.

VBS

Thank you for your generous offerings during VBS. We raised \$273.54, of which \$197.54 was in coins! This will be donated to Lutheran Mission Australia. You can learn more about them at https://www.lutheranmissionaustralia.org.au/.

Get ready for Bible Study and Sunday School to start again!!!! First day for both is Sunday, September 7, 2025.