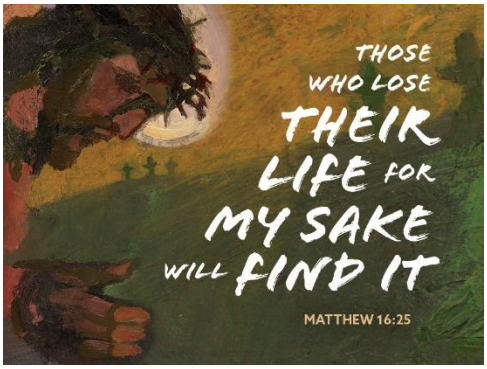

Trinity Lutheran Church
292 Orange St., New Haven, CT
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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship,* Setting II
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 30, 2026
In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

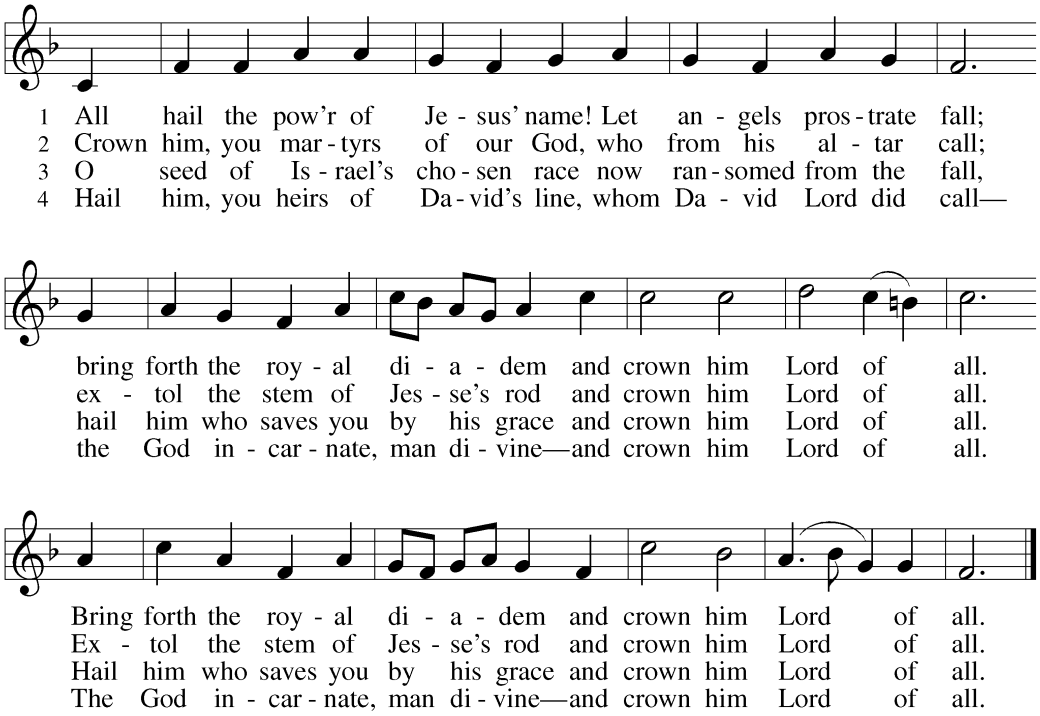
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* **LBW No. 328**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–5; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 6–7
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

APOSTOLIC GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray…

O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

15 O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

19 Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
20 And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

<u>Psalm 26:1-8</u>

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.
2 **Test me, O | LORD, and try me;**

examine my heart | and my mind.
3For your love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faith- | fully with you.
4**I have not sat | with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.
5I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.
6**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession | round your altar,
7singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.
8**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell**
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

Gloria Patri (*spoken after the psalm*)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:9-21
Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

9Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
14Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

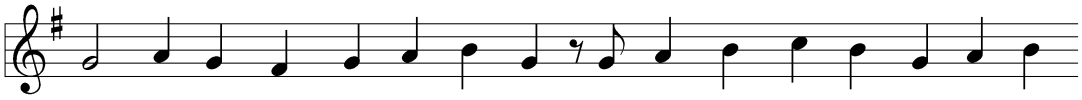
GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

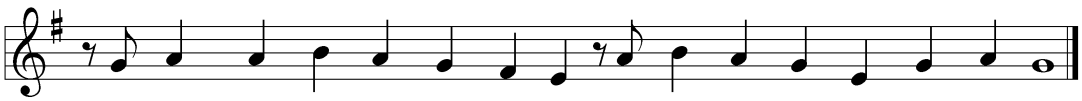
21From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to
show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the
hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be
raised. 22And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it,
Lord! This must never happen to you." 23But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind
me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on
divine things but on human things."
24Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny
themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25For those who want to save their
life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26For what will it
profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in
return for their life?
27"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then
he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28Truly I tell you, there are some
standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his
kingdom."
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said* **LBW No. 398**

"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight per-vade your soul with vain a - larm;
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
his strength shall bear your spir - it up, sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
for you the Lord en - dured the cross to save your soul from death and hell.
for on - ly those who bear the cross may hope to wear a gold - en crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.
Music: NUN LASST UNS DEN LEIB BEGRABEN, G. Rhau, *Newe deudsche geistliche Gesenge,* 1544

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

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

THE PRAYERS

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we thank for your Son who gladly bore the Cross for our sake, and calls your Church to take up our Cross and follow him. Grant that your Church may never be a hindrance to your Son nor a stumbling-block to those whom he came to save. We pray for all who suffer loss for their faith in Christ, that in losing their life for you they may find it. And by your holy Word and Sacraments, draw many hearts to a faith that seeks to overcome the world's evil with good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give wisdom and humility to those entrusted with the authority to make decisions for our communities and for our nation. Help them to do what is honorable and just, according to your will. Shield and strengthen those in our military and all who serve and protect others in our communities. And help all of us to find ways to serve and live in peace with our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all students and teachers at the beginning of this new school year. May our schools and universities be places of sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom. And grant that those who learn and those who teach may find in you the source of all truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deal mercifully with all whose lives are shadowed by suffering, sorrow, or any kind of adversity. Especially we plead on behalf of those we have named aloud or remember before you now. Have mercy on them and turn their sorrow into gladness and their pain into thanksgiving. Help all who care for them to be gentle and compassionate, that together we may all rejoice in your gracious help. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for receiving our beloved dead into your never-failing care. Help us to love each other with true affection; to live peaceably and honorably; and above all, to cling to Jesus and his Cross. And, at the last, lead us into the fullness of your Kingdom, that together we may be with you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord…

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by clicking here.*

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER
D: Let us pray…
Merciful Father,
We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*

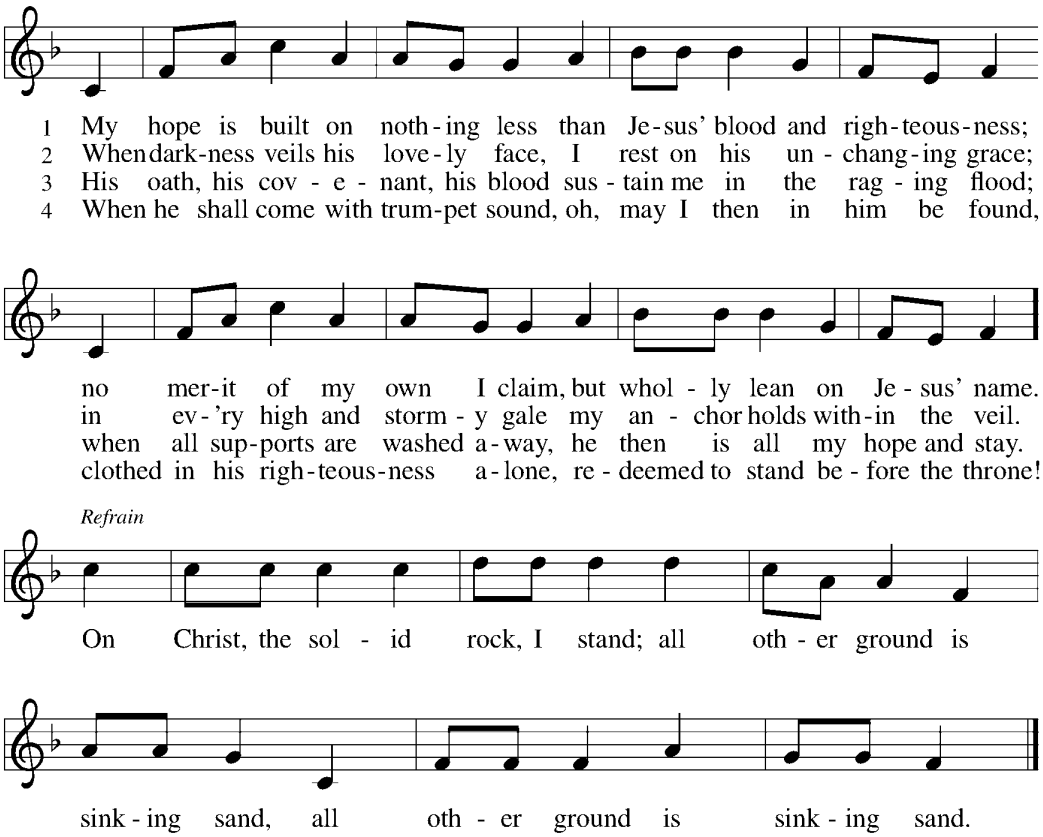
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
D: Let us pray…
We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

BLESSING
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"* **LBW No. 293**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

DISMISSAL
D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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