



LA CASA DE CRISTO
LUTHERAN CHURCH

14TH WEEKEND OF PENTECOST

AUGUST 22 & 23, 2026

5:00PM – 8:00AM – 9:15AM

*O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!*
Psalm 95:1



PRELUDE

"Trio Sonata in F Major" *Georg Philipp Telemann*

#STAY CONNECTED

GATHERING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!
 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,
 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest;

Oh, what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!
 vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight.
 I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
 Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

This is my sto - ry, this is my song,

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth notes and quarter notes, with lyrics 'This is my sto - ry, this is my song,'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with a sharp sign on the final note of the phrase. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

This is my sto - ry, this is my song,

The third system repeats the first system of the musical score, with the same melody and accompaniment for the phrase 'This is my story, this is my song,'.

prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

The fourth system repeats the second system of the musical score, concluding the phrase 'prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.' with a double bar line.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Amen.

Let us pray.

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.

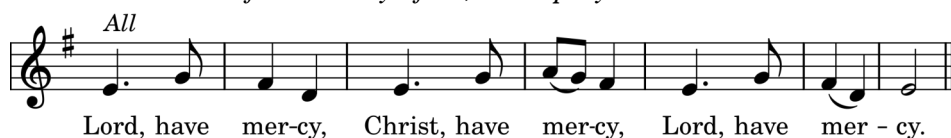
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

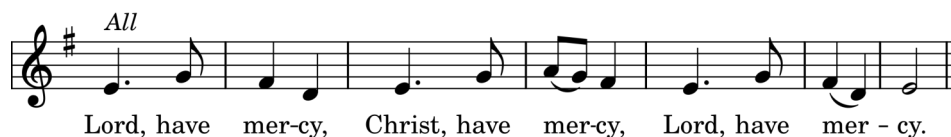
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



*For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all, let us pray to the...*



*For your people here, who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the...*



Help, save, and defend us, O God:



GLORY TO GOD (REFRAIN)



Verse 1

You are God, we praise you. You are

Lord, we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal,

all cre - a - tion wor-ships you. *to refrain*

Verse 2

All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your

praise in end - less song: Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly, God of pow - er and might. *to refrain*

Verse 3

God, Cre - a - tor, we praise you. Lord Je - sus

Christ, we a - dore you. Spir - it of the

Liv - ing God, we wor-ship you. *to refrain*

SALUTATION

Leader *All*

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

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.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Cantus Invenilis”

Valerie W. Stephenson

“Youthful Song”

KIDS' TIME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 7:14-25

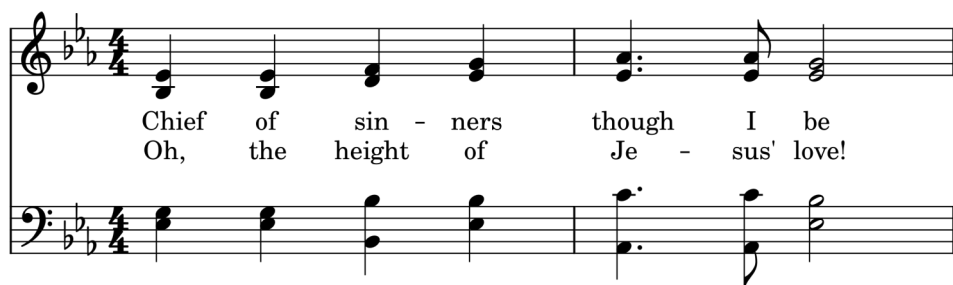
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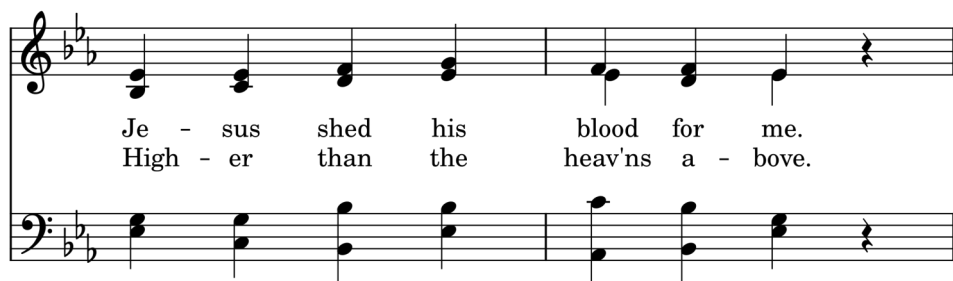
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

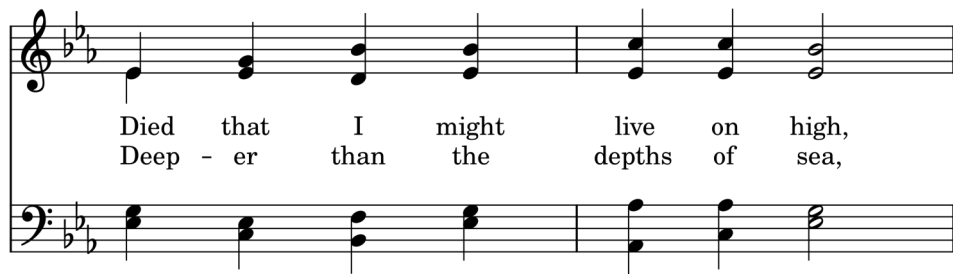
HYMN OF THE DAY “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”



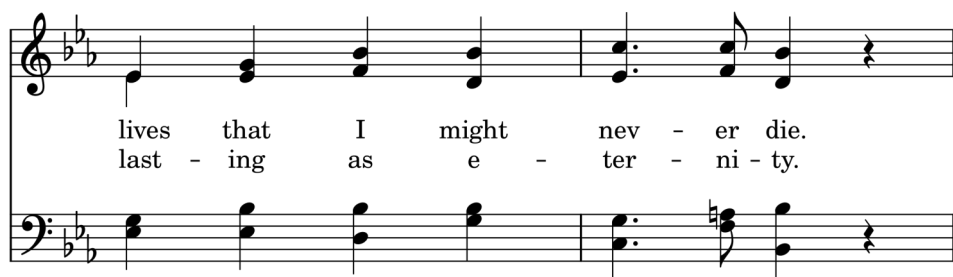
Chief of sin - ners though I be
Oh, the height of Je - sus' love!



Je - sus shed his blood for me.
High - er than the heav'ns a - bove.



Died that I might live on high,
Deep - er than the depths of sea,



lives that I might nev - er die.
last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: William McComb, 1793-1870
Music: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

As the branch is to the vine,
Love that found me, won - drous thought,

I am his and he is mine.
found me when I sought him not.

SERMON

“The Stranger Inside”

Pastor Jeff Ruby

OFFERING

“Two Songs of Joy”

A Joyful Ring—Barbara B. Kinyon

Joyful Rhythm—Kevin McChesney

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,
As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,

source of life and truth and grace,
so may we for oth - ers live.

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed;

hal - lows all our hu - man race,
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Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

POSTLUDE

“Music for a Festival”

Calvin Hampton

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Altar Flowers Given By:

The Westra Family in honor of 60 years of marriage

The Gilbert Family in honor of Jerry and Sue Gilbert's 70th wedding anniversary

Worship Musicians

Carillon de Cristo Handbell Ensemble

Kim Roe, bassoon; Pat Snyder, violin; Jeremy Peterman, harpsichord & organ

Cantors: Jennifer Sheldon, David McGahan, & Reese Clark

Sermon

Pastor Jeff Ruby

Lay Readers

5:00pm Tony Coletta

8:00am John Gilchrist

9:15am Gayle Armstrong

10:30am Harlan Loffman

Give an Offering



Organ recital
Jeremy Peterman
Friday Sept.
25th - 7pm
pizza reception
to follow

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