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Sunday, August 23, 2026

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**indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.*

Bold type indicates the community's spoken response.

Ringling of the Church Bell

Prelude *How Lovely is His Peace* Christopher Neal
You are encouraged to use these moments before the service begins for meditation and quiet reflection.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship
Leader: Here in this place may we be challenged.
People: Here in this place may we find clarity.
L: Here in this place may we find justice and peace.
P: Here in this place may we find inspiration.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #370 *This Is My Father's World* Terra Beata

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Merciful God, **we confess that 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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be.**

(Time of silent personal confession)

In your mercy forgive us, **that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Assurance of God’s Grace

*Gloria Patri #581 *Glory Be to the Father* *Gloria Patri*

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 6:8-10 (New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition)
L: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
P: And I said, “Here am I; send me!”
L: And he said, “Go and say to this people: ‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’
P: Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes and listen with their ears and comprehend with their minds and turn and be healed.”

Special Music *This is My Song* arr. James Caldwell
Jim Caldwell, trombone

Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of Intercession & Thanksgiving & Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:10-17, 34-35

Sermon *The Purpose of Parables*

*Hymn #369 *Blessing and Honor* *O Quanta Qualia*

Moment for Mission: John Curtis of Giving Gardens

*Recognition of Offering
 Offerings can be placed in the plate at the entrance of the sanctuary.

*Doxology #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* *Old Hundredth*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #821 *My Life Flows On* *How Can I Keep from Singing*

*Benediction

Postlude *Jubilate* Noel Rawsthorne
 You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude before leaving the sanctuary.

Thank you to this morning’s worship leaders:

Minister: Rev. Dr. Cheyanna Losey
Director of Music/Organist: Barb Gossett
Lector: Chuck Nicholson
Tech Director: Booker DeWitt
Ushers: Deb McDaniel, Charlotte Lowderman, Donna Quesal

A Special Thank you to Jim Caldwell for sharing his gift of music with us today!

Worship leaders for September 6, 2026

Minister: Rev. Dr. Cheyanna Losey
Director of Music/Organist: Barb Gossett
Lector: Donna Quesal
Tech Director: Grayson DeWitt
Ushers: Chuck Nicholson, Jan Kinman, Robin Bauerly

Our Congregation’s Vision & Mission:

Vision:

A vibrant church growing in our faith and our relationship with the community.

Mission:

We are a church growing together in God's abundant grace.
We are a giving church, gathering to encourage all to shine out our gifts.

This Week’s Schedule

Today, August 23	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday, August 24	7:00 p.m.	Prairieland Barbershop Practice
Tuesday, August 25	11:00 a.m.	Rotary meeting
Wednesday, August 26	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin announcements due
	11:30 a.m.	PW Evening Circle Sack Lunch
Thursday, August 27	11:00 a.m.	Newsletter submission deadline
	12:00 p.m.	Giving Gardens Lunch
Sunday, August 30th	10:00 a.m.	Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church Lunch to follow.

Happy Birthday to Missy Furr on Monday!

Announcements

PW Sunday Morning Circle Team is accepting **donations for the Little Red Wagon**. With your donations we are able to purchase or order the supplies and deliver them directly to Lincoln School. We will be collecting your monetary donations through August. Please make your check out to: Presbyterian Women, with LRW on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support.

August 30, 2026 we will participate in the first of our joint services with Trinity Lutheran Church. As you have read in the newsletters the Session accepted the invitation from Trinity to host worship services together each time there is a 5th Sunday in the month. Trinity is hosting us this first time, and making us lunch. We will host the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th. We encourage you to come and join with our neighbors for worship, good food, and conversation.

We are in need of **lectors for the fall**. If you can serve September - December please sign-up on the sheet on the table outside the office. Thank you.

It is that season again when **we are in need of those who are feeling called to serve** as a Deacon or a Ruling Elder (on Session) for a three year term. If you are curious about serving in either of these roles please talk to a member of Session, a Deacon, or Cheyanna. We ask for everyone to be praying for our next officers.

It is **time to begin planning for our 200th anniversary** in 2032! If you are interested in serving on the planning committee please talk to Cheyanna or Jim Caldwell. We are inviting everyone to write down some memories to be shared that year. If you have memories you want to share feel free to write them down and give them to Cheyanna or Missy. If you'd rather tell your memories to Cheyanna and have her transcribe them, let her know. Thank you to everyone for helping us get ready for our big celebration!

We are still working on the Directory. If you have not updated your information please talk to Missy. If you are able to help us contact a few more people we have not heard from please let Missy know. Thank you so much for all your help.

Cheyanna is scheduling visits for September. If you want to visit, send her a text or email. Or you can check with Missy. Thank you for your help.

Each Monday we send out the **Monday Morning Email** with announcements, joys, and concerns. If you are not receiving this by email check with Missy to make sure your email address is correct. If you do not have email access, we can mail it to you.

Joint Worship Service with Trinity Lutheran Church

August 30, 2026 at 10 a.m.
at

Trinity Lutheran Church
123 South Campbell Street



Lunch to follow

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

TEXT: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
 MUSIC: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; harm. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926, alt.

TERRA BEATA
 SMD

Glory Be to the Father 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

369 Blessing and Honor

1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and power,
2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name;
3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,
4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;

wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,
let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.
ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;

be to the Lamb who our bat - tle has won,
O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flower
bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise:
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,

whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.
ech - o these prais - es and tell of God's power.
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
dy - ing in weak - ness but ris - ing to reign.

Fittingly titled "The Song of the Lamb" by its author, this hymn is a paraphrase and expansion of Revelation 5:12. It is set here to a resonant French tune of a kind that flourished in the transition from the older chant style to the harmonies and rhythms of modern hymns.

606 Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

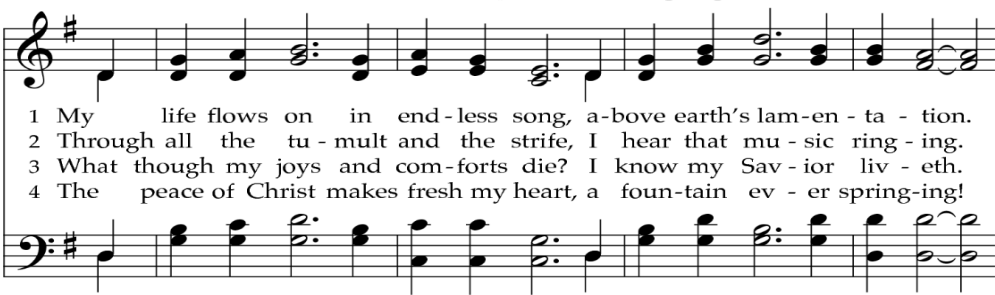
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

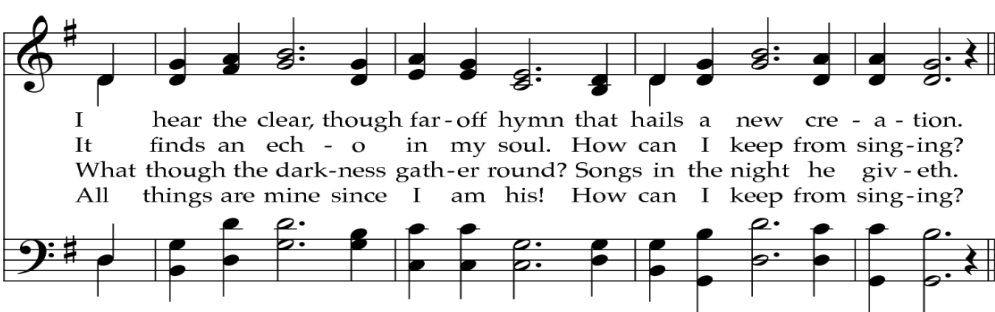
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*Or "God"
TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 OLD HUNDREDTH
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551 LM

821 My Life Flows On
How Can I Keep from Singing?

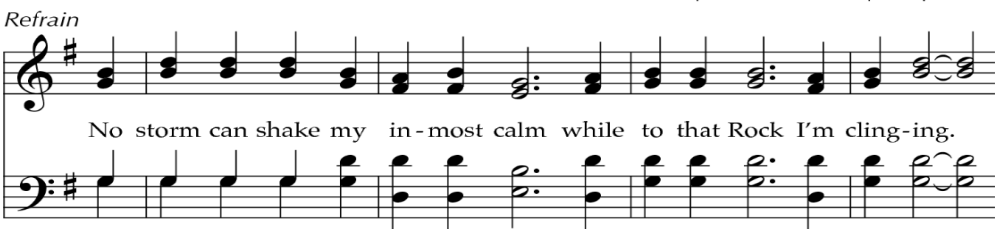


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, 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 heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled “Always Rejoicing,” and was attributed to “Pauline T.” This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

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How Lovely is His Peace
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This is My Song (Finlandia)
MUSIC: Edvard Grieg, arr. James Caldwell © 2026 *James Caldwell*
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Blessing and Honor
TEXT: Horatius Bonar, 1866, alt.
MUSIC: Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. La Feillée *Methode du plan-chant*, 1808

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing?)
TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1869

Jubilate
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