



**“Wisdom from Jigsaw Puzzles 3
Piece by Piece, Guided by Grace”**

August 24, 2025
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

*(†) The congregation is invited to stand as your able
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

Creator God,
we are the vine you have planted.
You created us to bear good fruit.

We thank you,
and pray that your beauty may ripen in us.
Christ, you are the vine and we are your branches.
We praise you, and pray that we may be faithful to you,
deeply rooted in your love.

Holy Spirit,
you are the miracle of growth and fruitfulness within us.

Alleluia! We worship you
and pray that you will fill us
and transform us by your grace.

Alleluia!

† HYMN OF PRAISE

**1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for his own abode.**

**On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.**

**2. See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.**

**Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.**

**3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from our banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe we feed upon the manna
which God gives us when we pray.**

**4. Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in our Redeemer's blood;
Jesus, whom our souls rely on,
make us monarchs, priests to God.
Us, by his great love, he raises,
rulers over self to reign,
And as priests his solemn praises
we for thankful offering bring.**

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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
that our hearts are bent over
and we are quite unable to straighten ourselves.
Forgive our sin, heal our hearts.
Touch us, make us whole,
and set us free from what prevents us
from living in your perfect love,
in the Spirit of Christ.
Perfect your love in us,
that we may be wounded healers
in this broken world. Amen.**

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Though we have failed
time and time again to be God's people,
yet God heals and forgives us.
God is with us always,
ready to lift and guide our lives.
Thanks be to God!**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

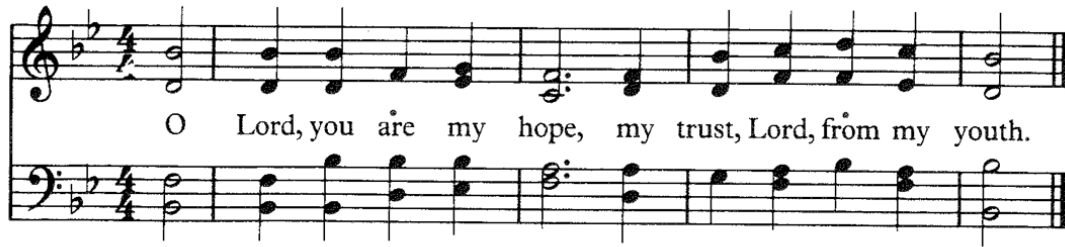
THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Psalm 71:1-12](#)

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RESPONSE (Holy Week & General)

Ps. 71:5
Lewis Edson



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- ¹ In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame!
- ² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me, and save me!
- ³ Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
- ⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
- ⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
- ⁶ Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you. R
- ⁷ I have been an example to many,
for you are my strong refuge.
- ⁸ My mouth is filled with your praise
and with your glory all the day.
- ⁹ Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
forsake me not when my strength is spent.
- ¹⁰ For my enemies speak concerning me,
those who watch for my life consult together, saying,
- ¹¹ "God has forsaken him;
pursue and seize him,
for there is no deliverer."
- ¹² O God, be not far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me! R

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SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 420

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878 (Jn. 20:22)
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

TRENTHAM
SM

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† GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13: 10-17 (Pg. 848) **

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

† GLORIA PATRI

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

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Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: '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.' The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The final measure of the third system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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SERMON: Ho-Soon Han

Wisdom from Jigsaw Puzzles 3-
“PIECE BY PIECE, GUIDED BY GRACE”

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

326 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the wil - der-ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,

stir me from plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

WORDS and MUSIC: James K. Manley (1940-)

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then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

to Refrain

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

In the Lord / El Senyor

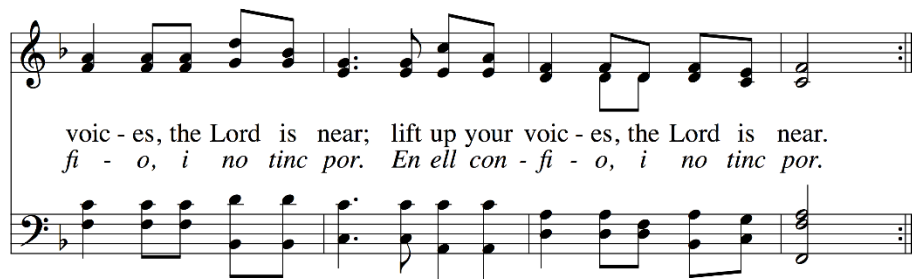
Ostinato Refrain



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
El Se - nyor és la me - va for - ça, el Se - nyor el me - u



joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your
cant. Ell m'ha e - stat la sal - va - ci - ó. En ell con -



voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.
fi - o, i no tinc por. En ell con - fi - o, i no tinc por.

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Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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SILENT PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG

(See Above)

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

† DOXOLOGY

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

Harmony



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Praise God, the source of all our gifts!



Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)



Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

† HYMN OF DEDICATION

O Young and Fearless Prophet 444

1. O young and fear-less Proph-et of an-cient Gal-i - lee,
2. We mar-vel at the pur-pose that held thee to thy course
3. O help us stand un - swerv-ing a - gainst war's blood-y way,
4. Stir up in us a pro - test a - gainst our greed for wealth,
5. O young and fear-less Proph-et, we need thy pres-ence here,

thy life is still a sum-mons to serve hu-man-i - ty;
while ev - er on the hill - top be - fore thee loomed the cross;
where hate and lust and false-hood hold back Christ's ho - ly sway;
while oth - ers starve and hun - ger and plead for work and health;
a - mid our pride and glo - ry to see thy face ap - pear;

to make our thoughts and ac - tions less prone to please the crowd,
thy stead-fast face set for - ward where love and du - ty shone,
for - bid false love of coun - try that blinds us to his call,
where homes with lit - tle chil - dren cry out for lack of bread,
once more to hear thy chal-lenge a - bove our nois - y day,

to stand with hum - ble cour - age for truth with hearts un-cowed.
while we be - tray so quick - ly and leave thee there a - lone.
who lifts a - bove the na - tions the u - ni - ty of all.
who live their years sore bur - dened be - neath a gloom - y dread.
a - gain to lead us for - ward a - long God's ho - ly way.

WORDS: S. Ralph Harlow, 1931
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Voluntary

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Looking Ahead

Readings for August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

[Proverbs 25:6-7 / Psalm 112](#)

[Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 / Luke 14:7-14](#)



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