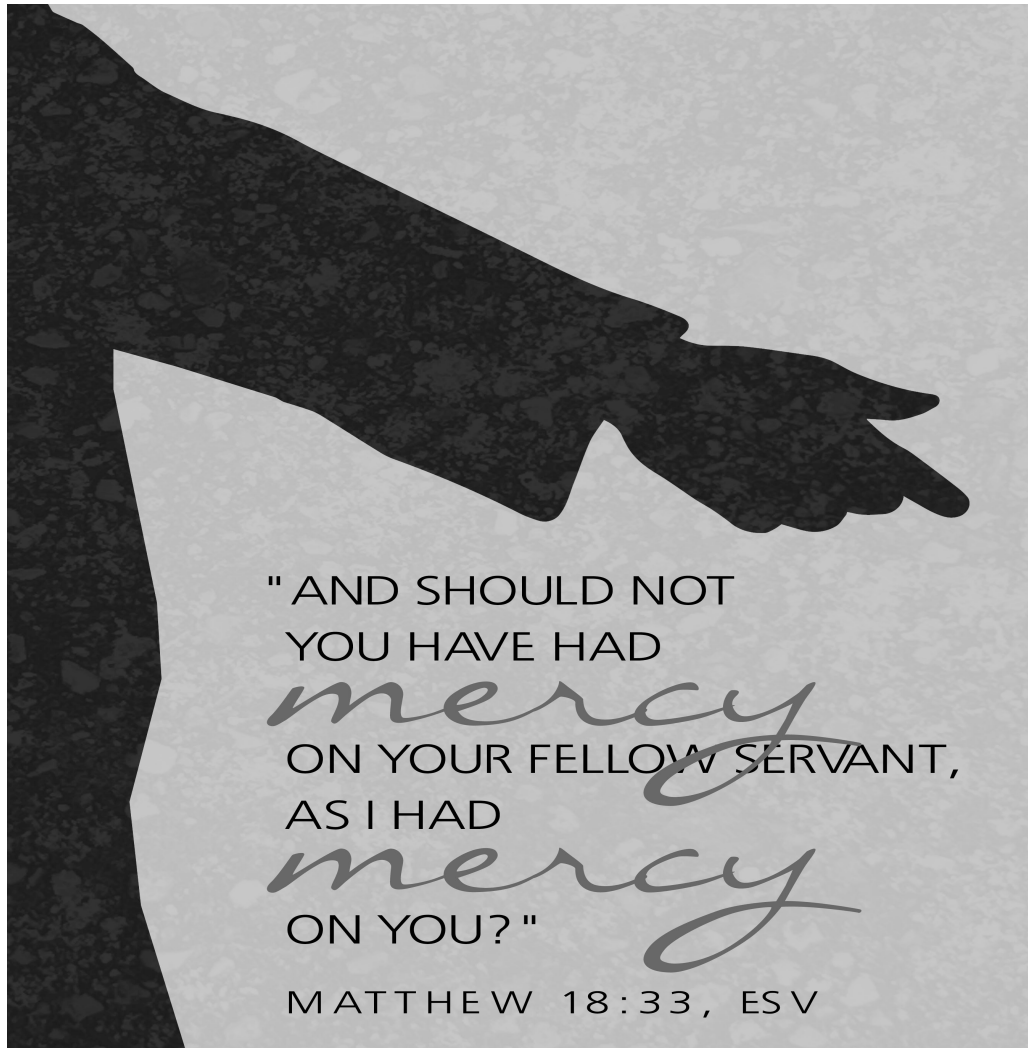


# *July 13, 2025*

## *Fourth Sunday after Trinity*



### **Trinity Orthodox Lutheran Church**

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# WELCOME TO church

† **“ORTHODOX”** describes our doctrine and practice best and takes the least amount of explanation to others. “Orthodox” means “correct, straight, true, pure, containing no false doctrine.”

† **TO RESPECT** our Lord and those gathered here to worship Him, please have cell phones/electronic devices off or on silent in church.

† **SEATING** - The last two pews on the pulpit side of the church are for families with small children. Ushers are available to assist.

† **AVAILABLE** – voice prompted AED with trained and certified CPR/AED personnel; wheelchair, walker, and cane in the ladies room; hearing assist devices from Jesse Haakenson at the computer center; gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for Holy Communion.

† **FELLOWSHIP HALL** – Baby changing station in Ladies Room! Water in the entrance hall. Hymnal, bulletin, and monitor are available.

† **OFFICE INFORMATION** - To contact Pastor Spencer after office hours, please call his cell...858-214-9879. When out of the office, messages left on office phone are checked often.

† **WORSHIP** service is video streamed in real time on the church website [www.tolcaz.com](http://www.tolcaz.com). Sunday worship folders are on the same page.

# ***July Servers***

***Deacons:** Jesse Haakenson*

*Steve Quast*

*Tony Waalkens*

***Altar:** Eva Snell*

***Counter:** Rebecca Hillebrand*

***Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class - 9:00 – Rev. Fr. Steven D. Spencer***

***Sunday Morning Children's Bible Class - 9:00 – Mrs. Rebecca Hillebrand***

***Worship - 10:25***

***Tuesday - Bible Break - 12:00***

***2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays - Catechism – 10:00***

***Bible Basics – 1:00***

## ***Church Officers:***

***President:** Steve Quast;*

***Board of Elders:** (vacant);*

***Deacons:** Jesse Haakenson, Steve Quast, Tony Waalkens;*

***Board of Finance:** Jesse Haakenson (Chairman, Treasurer), Tony Waalkens; Rebecca Hillebrand, (Financial Secretary);*

***Board of Trustees:** Tony Waalkens (Chairman).*

## ***Ladies Guild Officers:***

***President:** Lora Hartwig*

***Vice President:** Susan Jamka*

***Secretary – Christi Kitcheyan***

***Treasurer – Cheryl Nickels***

***Meetings:** Church Council - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each month*

*Ladies Guild – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, September - May*

***Voters Meeting in November – Date TBA***



*I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.” (Psalm 122:1)*

The Call to Worship will begin with the ringing of the church bells at 10:25 AM for one minute.

During this time all worshipers should be seated and refrain from all conversation.

At the end of the bells Pastor Spencer will address the congregation briefly, after which there should be SILENCE until the opening hymn.

Please use this time to direct your thoughts toward God: pray for His blessing on your worship.

### **Meditation choices in the Hymnal**

Prayers for Worship – inside front page;

Prayers, Intercessions, and Thanksgiving – Pages 305-318;

Psalms – pages 1-150;

Read through the bulletin and meditate on this morning's Lessons.

*May God accept and bless our worship together.*

## ***Fourth Sunday after Trinity***

This Sunday centers on God's mercy to all who suffer. The Historic Epistle Reading (Romans 8:18-23) speaks of the host encamped against us, the misery in man and in the world, the sufferings of this present time, the futility to which creation is subjected and under which it is groaning, and the inward groaning even of those who have the fruits of the Spirit through faith.

But these afflictions are transient, part of God's purpose of mercy working all things for good. All this is not only consistent with, but also an instance of and part of God's plan. He is mercifully preparing us for the adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies; the inheritance of heaven.

In like manner the Historic Gospel calls on us to imitate our Father in showing mercy to others. In this regard there is especially the matter of avoiding loveless judgment. Our Father's loving mercy to us is to be the motive and measure of our mercy in our relationships with others.

## ***TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE***

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### **OPENING HYMN #728 (1-5) "How Firm a Foundation"**

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: (*Spoken*) 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: (*Spoken*) Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

**C: (*Spoken*) And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by**

**Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins to those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

**C: (*Spoken*) Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### **INTROIT**

P: O LORD, You are the One True Light, and our eternal salvation, therefore we need not fear. You are the Strength of our lives, we shall fear no one. When the unbelievers, our enemies and adversaries, come upon us to destroy our faith, they will fail.

**C: Even though a mighty army should assail us, our souls will not fear.**

P: Praise the Lord!

**C: (*Sing*) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **KYRIE**

P: LORD God, You are our Father. You know all our needs. Continue to provide for our lives and grant us eternal salvation.

LORD Christ, You are the ever-living Savior. You are with us as You promised. Keep us close to You in true faith now and always.

LORD Holy Spirit, You are always with the Father and the Son. Intercede for us and strengthen our faith through the Means of Grace.

O LORD, have mercy.

**C: (*Sing*) Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us!**

P: Let us give glory to our God!

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**C: *(Sing)*** Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Grant, O LORD, we implore You, that the course of this world may be so controlled by Your governing power, that Your Church may be allowed to serve You joyfully in godly peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C: *(Sing)*** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT

**ISAIAH 58:6-12.** “Is this not the fast which I choose, To loosen the bonds of wickedness, To undo the bands of the yoke, And to let the oppressed go free And break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> “Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry And bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him; And not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup> “Then your light will break out like the dawn, And your recovery will speedily spring forth; And your righteousness will go before you; The glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> “Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; You will cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you remove the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness, <sup>10</sup> And if you give yourself to the hungry And satisfy the desire of the afflicted, Then your light will rise in darkness And your gloom will become like midday. <sup>11</sup> “And



the Lord will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places, And give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail. <sup>12</sup> “Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up the age-old foundations; And you will be called the repairer of the breach, The restorer of the streets in which to dwell.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: (*Spoken*) Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 92:5-8**

P: How great are Your works, O Lord!

**C: Your thoughts are very deep.**

P: A senseless man has no knowledge, Nor does a stupid man understand this: That when the wicked sprouted up like grass And all who did iniquity flourished,

**C: It was only that they might be destroyed forevermore. But You, O Lord, are on high forever.**

## **EPISTLE**

**ROMANS 14:7-17.** <sup>7</sup> For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; <sup>8</sup> for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup> But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me,  
And every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup> So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God. <sup>13</sup> Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put

an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way. <sup>14</sup> I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. <sup>15</sup> For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died. <sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; <sup>17</sup> for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

P: This too is the Word of the LORD.

C: *(Spoken)* Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

P: Forgive our sins, O LORD, so that the unbelievers cannot say, "What good does their God do them?"

C: **Help us, O God of our salvation; and for the glory of Your name deliver us. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: O God, Who sits on the throne, judging perfectly, be a Refuge for Your children in times of trouble. Hallelujah!

C: *(Sing)* **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

## HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Fifth Chapter, vs 38-48.

C: *(Sing)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

**MATTHEW 5:38-48.** <sup>38</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' <sup>39</sup> But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. <sup>40</sup> If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. <sup>41</sup> Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. <sup>42</sup> Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you. <sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who

persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. *(Bible readings are courtesy of Bible Gateway, NASB 95)*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: *(Sing)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## **HYMN #857 (1-5) “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”**

1. Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

2.You came to earth, O Christ as Lord,  
But pow'r You laid aside.  
You lived Your years in servanthood;  
In lowliness You died.

3.No golden scepter but a towel  
You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You  
And live by Your commands.

4.You bid us bend our human pride  
Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task  
That waits the gift of love.

5.Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

## **SERMON**

**“The Wrong Way to Judge!”** *Romans 14:10-13*

**P:** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in true faith through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**C:** *(Spoken)* Amen.

## **OFFERTORY**

**C:** *(Sing)* Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## **SERMON PRAYER**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Most gracious LORD, we praise You for all Your tender mercies, and especially for the revelation of Your most holy will. We ask You to implant Your saving Word in us so that we may believe it and bring forth the fruits of faith.

Rule over Your Church and all its ministers and congregations, so that all the pure doctrines of Scripture are preserved, faith strengthened, love increased, and Your kingdom extended.

Grant health and courage to all who govern and especially all those entrusted to protect our nation. Maintain tranquility and righteousness in our land, and hinder and punish all wickedness, so that we may lead a calm and quiet life.

Forgive our many sins, and comfort all who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish, peril, or any other adversity, especially any who are suffering for the Gospel. Through Your Holy Spirit teach each of us to acknowledge all our afflictions as the loving manifestation of Your good and fatherly will.

Grant these and whatever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, only for the sake of our redemption, won for us by Jesus Christ, Your one and only Son, our Lord and Savior. Accept our humble requests in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: 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.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Visitors please read this! Trinity practices the Biblical teaching of “Closed Communion,” meaning that only members of our congregation or those in doctrinal fellowship with us have the privilege of joining us in the celebration of our Lord’s Supper. If you desire to commune with us today, please obtain a questionnaire from the Pastor or an Elder and follow the instructions printed there. Thank you! **Communion Distribution Notes.***

*After the Pastor announces, “The congregation may now come forward for the Lord’s Supper”: Communicants on BOTH sides of pews will come to the center aisle at the same time and line up next to their respective pews; Come forward 4 or 5 at the same time, each to the side of the communion rail in front of them; Communicants may receive the Host (wafer) in their hand or mouth as they desire and receive either individual or common cup (Chalice). When the rail in front of each side is empty another group will come forward.*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P: *Our Lord Jesus Christ***, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

***Then He took the cup***, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## LUTHER’S EXHORTATIONS TO HOLY COMMUNION

**P:** Not the word or work of any man produces the true presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Supper, whether it be the merit or recitation of the minister,

**C: Or the eating and drinking or faith of the communicants;**

**P:** But all this should be ascribed alone to the power of Almighty God and the word, institution, and ordination of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Formula of Concord, Article VII, paragraph 74*)

# DISTRIBUTION

## *Distribution Hymn #636, "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"*

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendor,  
There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav'nly high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev'rence greet Him.  
for with words of life immortal  
He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him,  
Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
That I nevermore will leave You.

3. He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.

4. Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless  
Though the souls it feeds are countless;

With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

**C: *(Sing)* Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,**

**C: *(Sing)* And His mercy endureth forever.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

**P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: *(Sing)* Amen.**

## **SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: *(Sing)* And with thy spirit.**

**P: Bless we the Lord.**

**C: *(Sing)* Thanks be to God.**



## 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.

C: *(Sing)* Amen, Amen, Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN #558 (1-4) “Not Unto Us”

1. Not unto us, not unto us be glory, Lord;  
Not unto us but to Your name be praise;  
Not unto us but to Your name all honor be giv’n  
For matchless mercy, forgiveness, and grace.

2. Amazing grace – that chose us ere the worlds were made;  
Amazing grace – that sent Your Son to save;  
Amazing grace – that robed us in Your righteousness  
And taught our lips to sing glory and praise.

3. O faithful love – that shepherded through faithless years;  
Forgiving love – that led us to Your truth;  
Unyielding love – that would not let us turn – from You  
But sent us forth to speak pardon and peace.

4. Not unto us but to Your name be glory, Lord,  
For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.  
Abide with us till trav’ling days are over and done,  
And pilgrim feet lead us home, Lord, to You.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** *Fifth Sunday after Trinity*

*“Believers are The Real Chosen People!” First Peter 2:9-10*

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS** Friday to Jesse Haakenson.