

# **New Jerusalem Lutheran Church**



**4th Sunday After Pentecost  
June 25, 2023  
Worship Service**

## *Announcements for June 25, 2023*

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR NJLC COMMUNITY**

*\*\*new names added this week (NJLC connection)*

#### **Prayer Requests:**

Sarah Stillman (NJLC member); Mack and Greg Keister (NJLC members); Dean Fox and Peggy Glascock (Judy Fox); \*\*Ann Shomaker (NJLC member); \*\* family of Charlotte King Clatterbuck; family of Terry McLearn (Sherry Whipple)

*(Reminder: Prayer Requests list resets on the first Sunday of each month.)*

### **DEATH OF CHARLOTTE KING CLATTERBUCK**

Our hearts are mixed with the hope of resurrection faith and sadness at the death of Charlotte King Clatterbuck on June 16. Charlotte's Celebration of Life Ceremony will be at New Jerusalem on Monday, June 26, at 11:00 am with a reception in the fellowship hall following the burial in Lovettsville Union Cemetery.

### **OUTDOOR SERVICE AND POT LUCK MEAL**

Join us next **Sunday, July 2**, for an outdoor church service behind the education building followed by a pot luck meal. Sign-up sheets for food are located in the fellowship hall as well as online (see details in this week's newsletter).

**POP-UP TENT:** If you are in possession of a pop-up tent and willing to let us borrow the tent for the July 2 outside activities (as referenced above), please contact Pastor Phil.

**SUMMER DUTCH BRUNCH WITH PASTOR:** Pastor Phil is launching a summer program to get to know the congregation better. He would be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 (or earlier) to 12 to meet at a local eating establishment for breakfast, brunch, or lunch. Sundays after church could work well for those who are not available weekdays. If you are interested in setting up a time, respond by e-mail to Pastor Phil and he will contact you.

### **NEW ADDRESS FOR ANN SHOMAKER**

Effective June 27, Ann will move to a Lutheran home in Staunton, VA. The address is: The Legacy at North Augusta, 1410A North Augusta Street #2011, Staunton, VA 24401. It will be very comforting to Ann to receive cards during the transition to her new home to let her know the NJLC family is thinking about her.

### **REMEMBER FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS CONTINUE TO BE NEEDED**

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORS:** Volunteers are needed to sponsor a fellowship hour after a Sunday service. Please consider signing up on the schedule located by the kitchen. Volunteers need to set up/clean up as well as donating drinks and light goodies.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** **August 20, 27 and September 17** Sundays are available for altar flower sign-up. Sign-up on the flower chart in the church hallway or contact the church office.



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**OUR MISSION:** *Responding to God's grace, we are a welcoming congregation growing in Christian faith through worship, learning, serving, and fellowship.*

**OUR VISION:** *NJLC is a compassionate community of disciples that values everyone & expresses faith by connecting with God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, & all creation.*

### WELCOME TO NEW JERUSALEM

*A few items of note to help you in your time here today:*

**MASKS** — Masks are optional for worship and events at New Jerusalem, though we encourage mask wearing for anyone who chooses to do so.

**NEWCOMERS** — Visitors are always welcome and we invite you to sign our guestbook located in the entryway or fill out a pew card from the pew rack in front of you.

**COMMUNION** — Welcome to the table of Christ where we believe Christ is fully present to us in, with, and under these elements of bread and wine. You are invited to participate whether a member here or come to us from any other denominational tradition. Those not ready to receive Christ in body and blood, may still come forward to receive Christ in blessing. Follow the directions of the ushers who will dismiss each pew. As you come to the top of the center aisle, the pastor will place a wafer in your hands and invite you to step to the side to take an individual cup of wine (first tray) or grape juice (second). Please receive and then discard cups in the receptacle along the altar rail. If you cannot come forward, communion can be brought to you after all have communed at the front.

**CHILDREN** — We seek to be a family-friendly congregation who enjoys having children among us, including the littler ones. We have a Cherub's Corner in the fellowship hall downstairs with age appropriate toys, books, etc. and the worship service can be heard over the speakers. Should you have the need/desire to utilize our staffed Sunday Morning Nursery, it is located in the end room of the education building.

**HANDICAP ACCESSABILITY** — Handicap accessible restrooms are located downstairs at the back of our Fellowship Hall or across in our Education Building. Someone is available to run the lift should you need to get up and down between levels.

We hope that in your time among us, you will encounter the love of God in Spirit!



The altar flowers are given by Marilyn Edmondson and Dick Hickman to the glory of God and in loving memory of our father, Richard Hickman, Sr.

*To provide altar flowers for an upcoming Sunday, sign-up on the 2023 Flower Chart located in the church hallway or contact the church office.*

## Introduction

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

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## GATHERING

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### READER FOR TODAY

Mike Zapf

### PRELUDE

"Intermezzo from 'Cavalleria Rusticana'"  
By Pietro Mascagni

Mark A. Fletcher

*We prepare our hearts and minds for worship during the prelude.*

### WELCOME

*Please stand as you are able.*

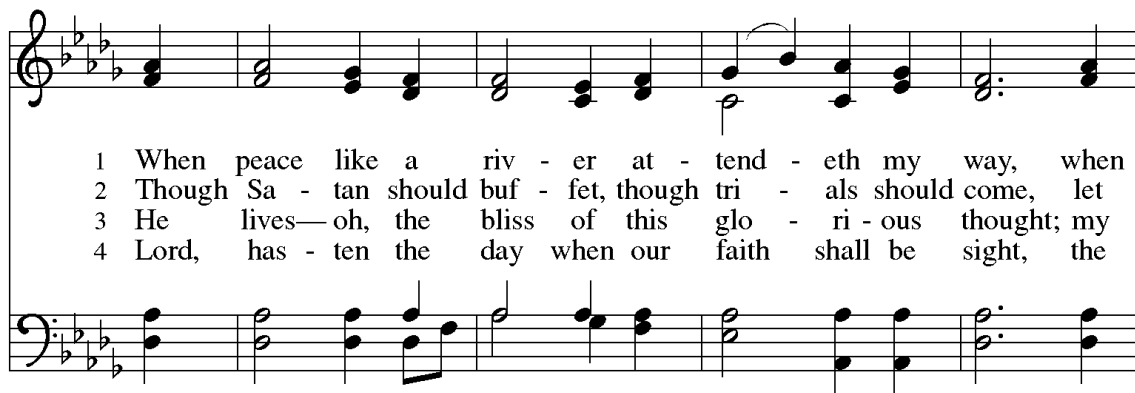
### GATHERING HYMN

"When Peace like a River  
*It Is Well with My Soul*"  
(see music on next page)

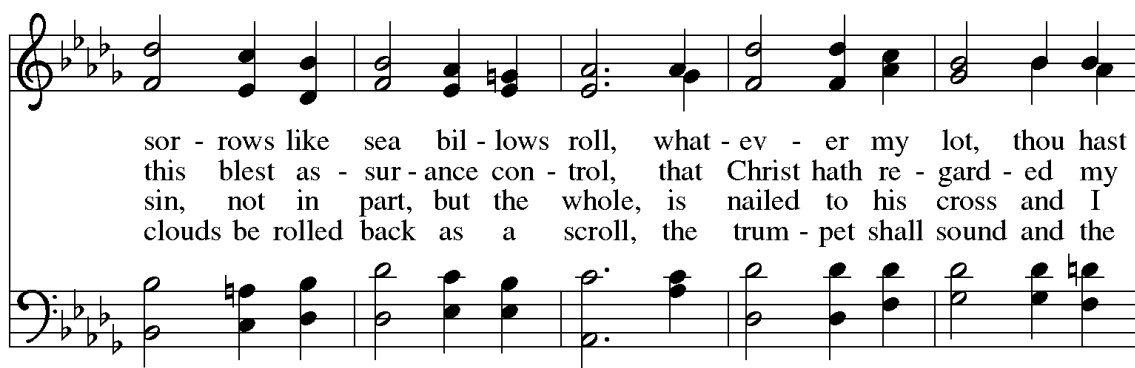
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# When Peace, like a River

## *It Is Well with My Soul*



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888  
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

## **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.**

## **Kyrie**

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# Canticle of Praise



**©** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray...

**People: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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## THE WORD

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### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Reader: The first reading for today is recorded in the book of Jeremiah...

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Reader: Word of God. Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b-11

Reader: The second reading for today is recorded in the book of Romans...

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John 6:68, adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10: 24-39

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own

household.<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;<sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.<sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

**Children’s Message**

Pastor Phil Carl

**Sermon**

Pastor Phil Carl

Please stand as you are able.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“When Our Song Says Peace”  
(see music on next page)

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# When Our Song Says Peace



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will  
2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will  
3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.  
who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.  
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: JENKINS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reader: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need. You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Reader: Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Reader: Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Reader; You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle , *especially Ann Shomaker, Mack and Greg Keister, Dean Fox, Peggy Glascock, the family of Terry McLearn..* Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Reader: Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Reader: As we strive to call a new pastor for this congregation, send your Spirit to guide our decisions and those of all others in that process, so the outcome reflects your will for our future. God in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Reader: Your love never fails, O God, and you turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Give courage and faith to the family of Charlotte King Clatterbuck and all who mourn her that they may have strength to meet the days ahead comforted in the hope of certain resurrection in our Lord, Jesus Christ. God, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Reader: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

## **GREETING & PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

*We invite you to turn and share a sign of peace with your neighbors.*

Please be seated.

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## **MEAL**

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### **OFFERTORY**

Mark A. Fletcher

Please stand as you are able.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor: Generous God,

People: **God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on the earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray as the Lord has taught us:

People: **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Come to the banquet, for now all is ready.

Please be seated.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Mark A. Fletcher

## HOLY COMMUNION



☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please stand as you are able.

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen you unto life eternal.

People: Amen.



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.



## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Pastor:** We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People:** Amen.

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## **SENDING**

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### **BLESSING**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

### **SENDING SONG**

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”  
*(see music on next page)*

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### **DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**

“Grand Triumphal Chorus”  
By Alexander Guilmant

Mark A. Fletcher

*Renewed and strengthened by our worship together, go forth in peace to serve to the world.*

*Following today's Service, we invite you to find fellowship downstairs in the fellowship hall.*

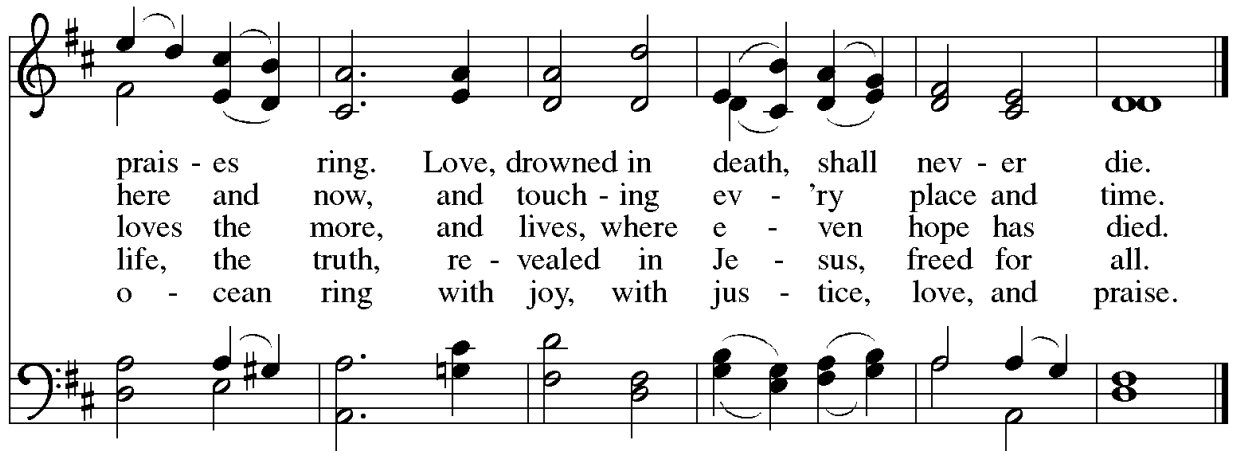
# Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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**PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18**

*(not read during today's service)*

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.<sup>8</sup>I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.<sup>10</sup>I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.<sup>11</sup>I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.<sup>12</sup>Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.<sup>13</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD: "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.<sup>14</sup>Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.<sup>15</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.

