

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church



**15th Sunday After Pentecost
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Worship Service**



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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!



GATHERING

Reader: Amanda Zlato

Kids crafts and activities

Table activities for adults:

Bible Quiz

New Jerusalem history quiz

Name that hymn

Opening hymn

“Let Us Rally”

WORD

Lesson:

I Corinthians 12

Children’s sermon and blessing of the backpacks

Sermon

Hymn of the day

“God, When Human Bonds Are Broken”

ELW 603

Offering

Prayers

Passing of the Peace

MEAL

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer

SENDING

Answers to quizzes

Sending Hymn

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ELW 547

Benediction

Please join us for food and fellowship

Let Us Rally

Tune: *Hymn to Joy*

Words: Mark A. Fletcher & Sarah Stillman



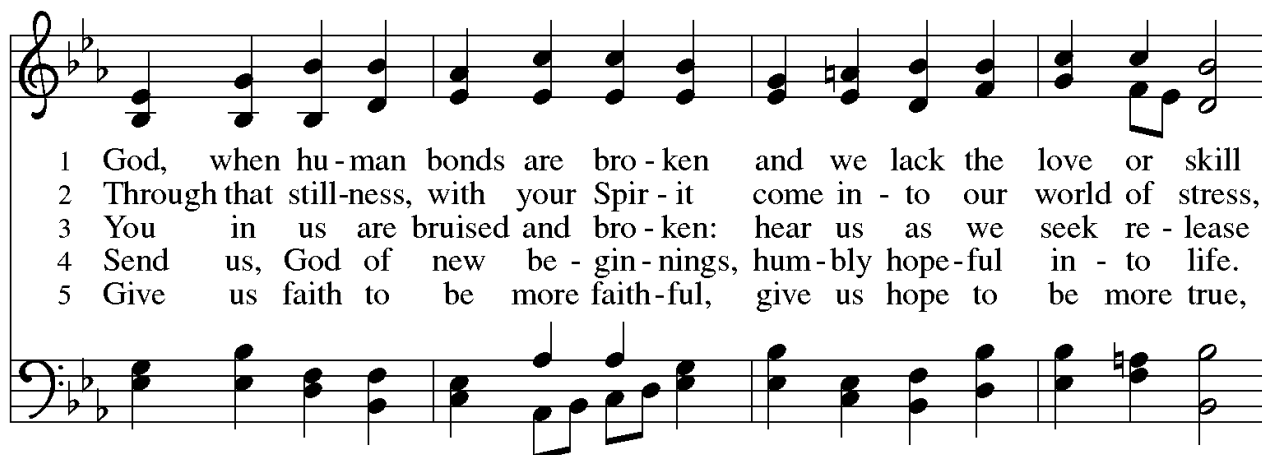
Let us rally, rally, rally all together sing our hymn;
Families, Friends will join for worship at our New Jerusalem.
Come and Christ will bring you welcome, teach you how to watch and pray;
Join us on our holy journey, as our Lord commands today.

Let us rally, rally, rally gathered here to praise the Lord!
He invites us all to hear His blessed and His holy word.
Gathered here we are united, hearts and minds of one acclaim.
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we praise You and adore Your name.

Let us rally, rally, rally on this high and holy day.
Let all Christians come together and to join with us to say:
God is mighty and victorious, conquering both sin and death.
Let us rally, rally, rally giving praise with all our breath.



God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we seek re - lease
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful in - to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to be more true,



to re - store the hope of heal - ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing all the fail - ures we con - fess.
from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless - ing: make us stron - ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn - ing: God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 19:33-40

(not read during today's service)

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. ³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with ¹all my heart. ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire. ³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain. ³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way. ³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you. ³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good. ⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

