

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church



**21st Sunday After Pentecost
October 22, 2023
Worship Service**

Announcements for October 22, 2023

PRAYERS FOR OUR NJLC COMMUNITY

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

Prayer Requests: Wayne Dunkley (NJLC member); Mack and Helen Keister (NJLC members); Dean Fox and Peggy Glascock (Judy Fox)

THE APOSTLES' CREED: AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY – TODAY in the Education Building, 10 minutes after worship: Will meet again November 12 and 26.

NJLC HAYRIDE – TODAY at 3:00 pm: Meet in the church parking lot at 3:00 pm and the hay ride will begin at 3:30. Everyone is invited to join for children's activities, hot dogs, s'mores at the fire pit behind the education building.

VISIT WITH ANN SHOMAKER: NJ's Women of the ELCA are planning a trip to Staunton, VA, for a visit with Ann on October 25. If you are interested in going, contact Linda or Sherry for details.

REFORMATION SUNDAY - CALLING ALL KIDS! Come be a part of our grand procession of streamers and have a part in our Reformation service (ringing of bells) on **October 29**. It's also a **PRAYGROUND Day**.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 5: We will lift in prayer the loved ones who have passed into God's Kingdom Triumphant this past year. If you have a name(s) to be included, let the church office know by **November 1**. Anyone who wants to bring a picture(s) to place in the church windows is invited to do so.

SAVE THE DATE: Please mark Sunday, **Nov. 19** as "Consecration Sunday" with potluck. Look for more information in your e-mail next week and in your slo-mail the week to follow.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MUSICIANS: We plan special music throughout the season of Advent and Christmas Eve as we prepare for and celebrate the birth of our Savior! If you enjoy sharing your instrumental or vocal talents (either as a soloist or part of the special choir), reach out to Mark Fletcher or Sherry Whipple. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Rehearsals will begin soon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARBARA LAMM: Barbara will be celebrating her 90th birthday on November 14. Her daughter has asked that Barbara's NJLC family surprise her with a flood of birthday cards for this milestone birthday. The address is 6633 McDonald Avenue #18, Gig Harbor, WA 98335.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 29: Reformation Sunday

November 5: All Saints Sunday

November 12: Adult Bible Study

November 19: Consecration Sunday

December 3: Annual Congregation Meeting

December 10: Washington Sangerbund Concert

LIFTERS FOR OCTOBER:

Readers

Altar Flowers

October 29

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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 flowers on the altar given to the glory of God by Kay Garrett in loving memory of Donald Garrett.

The pumpkins and gourds on the altar and in the windows are provided by Wegmeyer Farms - Tyler and Harriet Wegmeyer.



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

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

GATHERING

READER FOR TODAY

Kate Freeman

PRELUDE

"Once to Every Man and Nation"
By Thomas J. Williams

Mark A. Fletcher

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

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

"God Is Here"
(see music on next page)

ELW 526

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.


God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

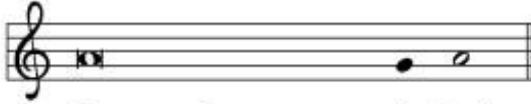


wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



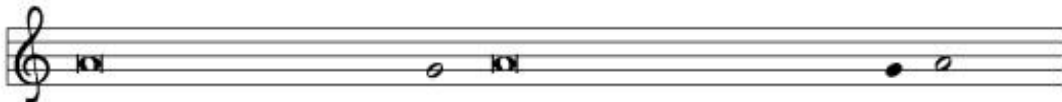
☪ Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☪ Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☪ Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **☪** Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **☪** A - men.

Canticle of Praise

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray...

People: **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

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

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Reader: Word of God. Word of life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Pastor Phil Carl

Sermon

Pastor Phil Carl

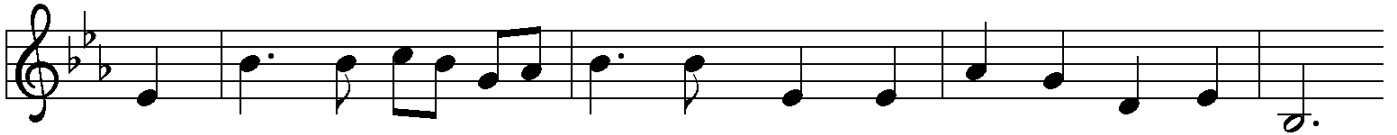
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HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”
(see music on next page)

ELW 580

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored,
if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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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 the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: O God of peace, you have established Jerusalem as the Lord's House and a place of peace, and you have called on all who live there to love you and prosper. Instill in her inhabitants—Jews, Christians and Muslims—a hunger for justice and dignity and a resolve to end the distrust that culminates in violence. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader; Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering (*especially Wayne Dunkley, Mack and Helen Keister, Dean Fox and Peggy Glascock*). Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: Loving God, 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. Merciful God,

People: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Reader: Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

“My Heart Ever Faithful”
By J.S. Bach

Mark A. Fletcher

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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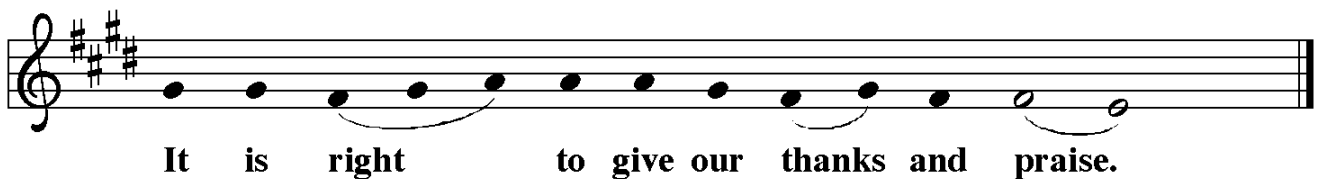
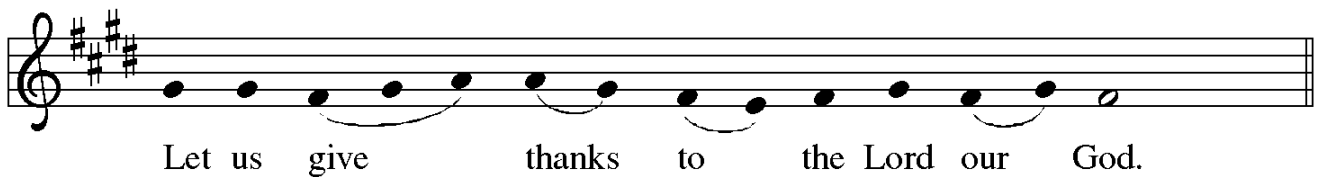
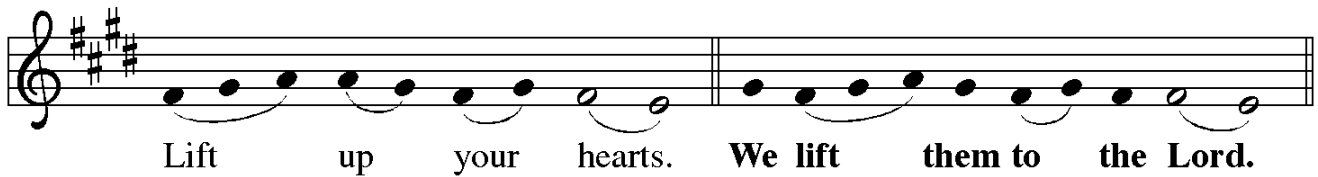
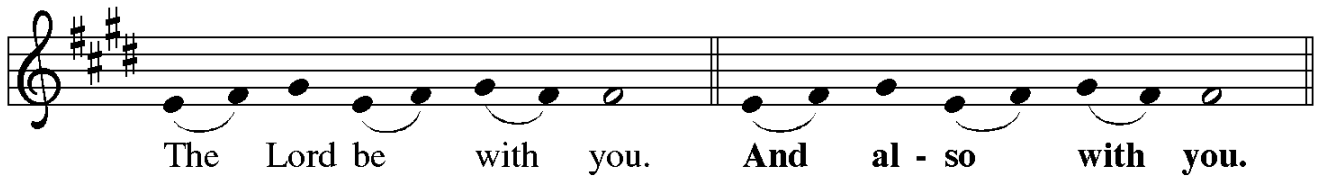
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OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Generous God,

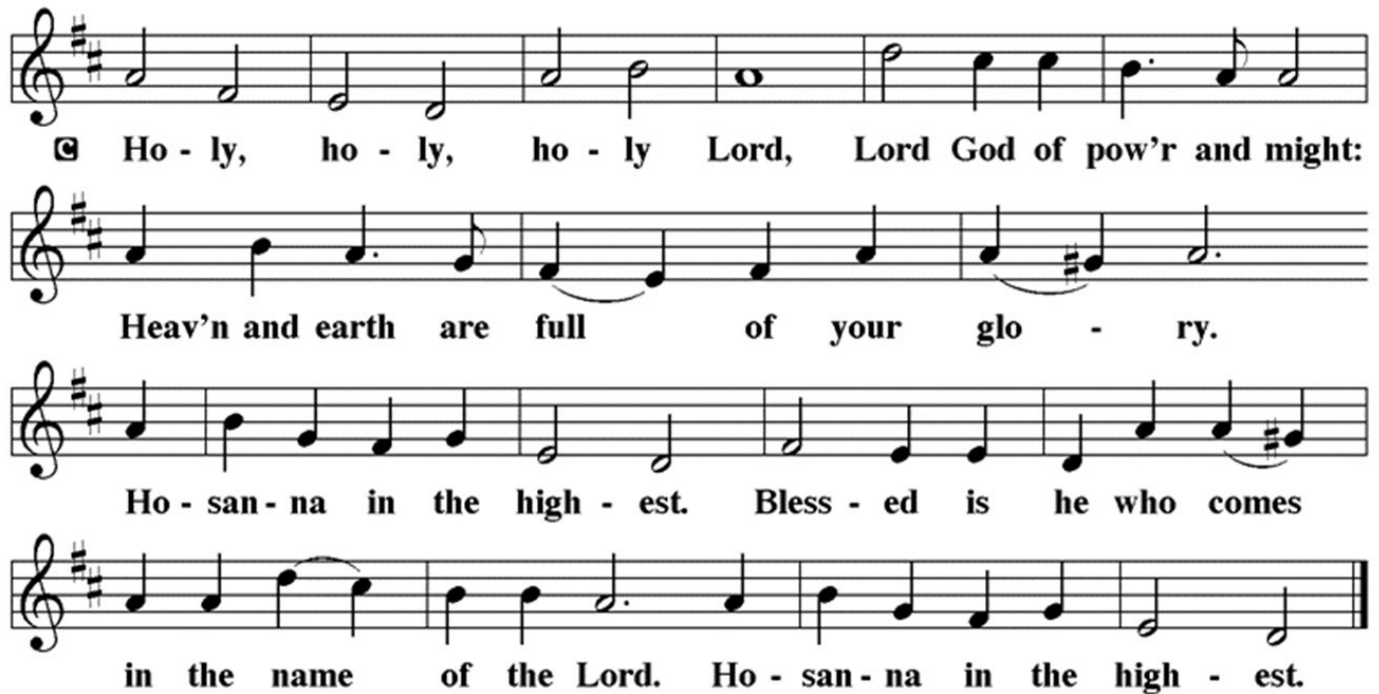
People: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:

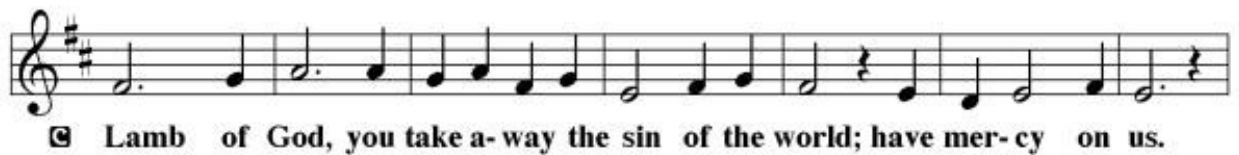
People: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For 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.

HOLY COMMUNION



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.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

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

People: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

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

ELW 709

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”
By Jean Joseph Mouret

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.

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.

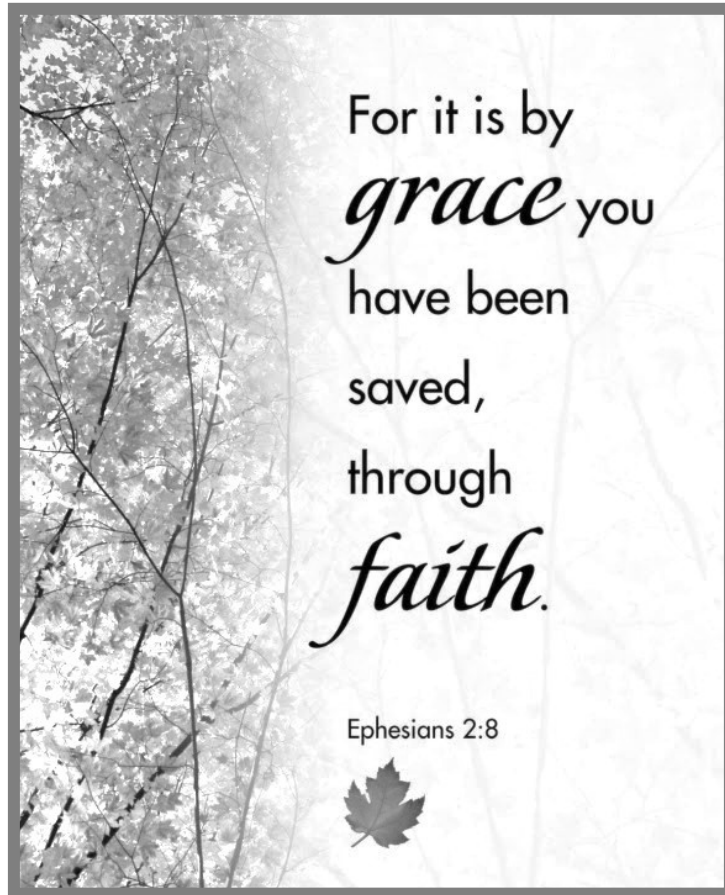
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PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 99

(not read during today's service)

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake. ²The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples. ³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One. ⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One. ⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them, ⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them. ⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds. ⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.