



Come to Believe † Come to Belong
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 7, 2024

PRELUDE

Rob Aaron

“Come to believe, Come to belong, Come to receive, the promise of God”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for self-reflection)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the Word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty.
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty.
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

Refrain



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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 ELEISON *(Lord, Have Mercy)*

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features two staves per system: a top staff for the Leader and a bottom staff for the Assembly. The lyrics are distributed across the notes of both staves. The piece consists of six systems of music.

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of
God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together....God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to **proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 123

¹ To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

² Behold, as the eyes of servants

look to the hand of their master,

as the eyes of a maidservant

to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to the LORD our God,

till he has mercy upon us.

³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,

for we have had more than enough of contempt.

⁴ Our soul has had more than enough

of the scorn of those who are at ease,

of the contempt of the proud.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

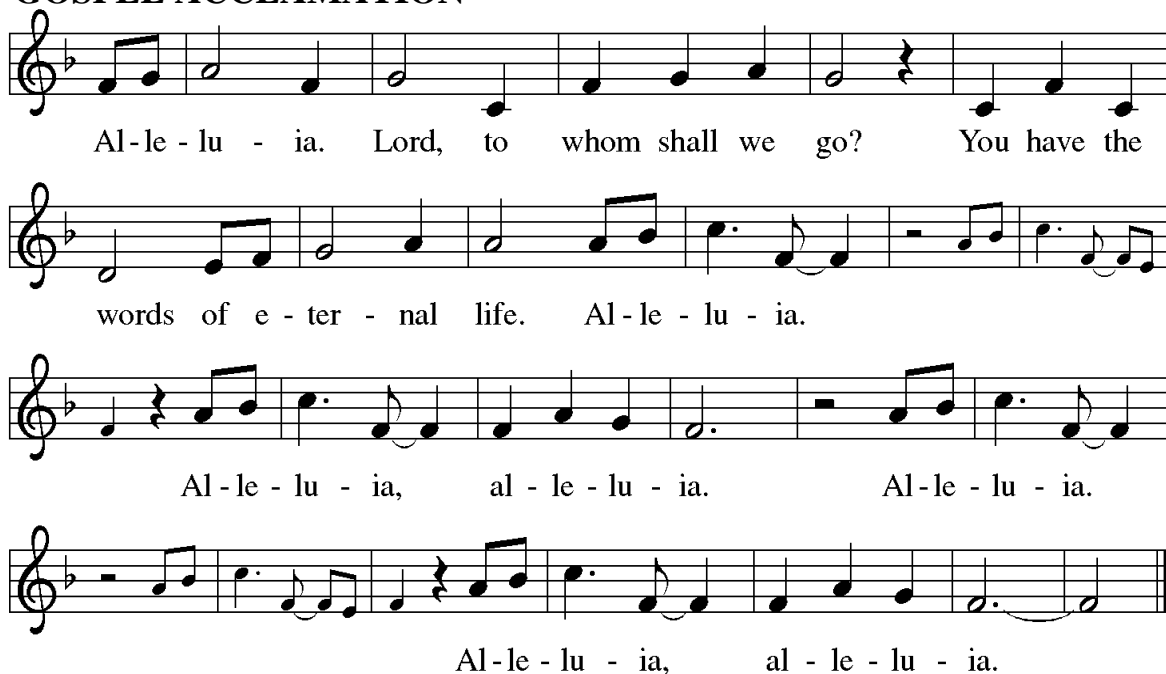
²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—⁶though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

¹ He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰ And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see . . . the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run . . . with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
 and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

P) Let us come before the Throne of Mercy with our prayers for the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Father, thank you for your prophets, even when their words are hard. Thank you for your grace, even when it doesn't remove suffering. Thank you for making us your disciples, even when the world hates you. Thank you – and deal patiently with us.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

You commissioned Ezekiel to speak to your people. Your Son chose the Twelve Apostles to spread the Gospel. Give your Spirit to the Church, so it speaks words of warning and grace to all people. Grant that many are brought to repentance, faith, and redemption in Christ Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Thank you for calling this congregation into fellowship with your Son. Give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Make us disciples and heralds of your Kingdom. Grant us courage to boldly share the Good News. Give us kindness, so that others may gladly hear it.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

You have given us this good land as our heritage. Let us always remember your generosity and do your will. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will; but above all things, give us faith in you, that our nation may glorify your name and be a blessing to all peoples.
Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Keep our military personnel and first responders in your care. Equip them to secure and further the blessings of peace, justice, and liberty. Help us to support and encourage their families until they are reunited. Heal all whose lives have been shattered by the violence of war.
Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

St. Paul prayed that his thorn in the flesh might be removed. We pray for all who suffer, especially those we name out loud or silently in our hearts (*allow time for silent and spoken prayers*). Heal them according to your will. Give them confidence in your grace, which is sufficient for their needs.
Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Most holy Father, we praise you for your never-failing mercy. We entrust to that mercy all our departed loved ones. Wipe away the tears of all who grieve. Keep us close to your heart throughout our lives. Lead us by your Spirit into the Kingdom won for us by your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord.
Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

P) Graciously hear, and generously answer our prayers as may be best for us and give you the greatest glory, for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Doxology*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together

Loving God, we give you thanks for the generous gifts you have first given us. May that which we offer to you, come joyfully from our hearts and be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

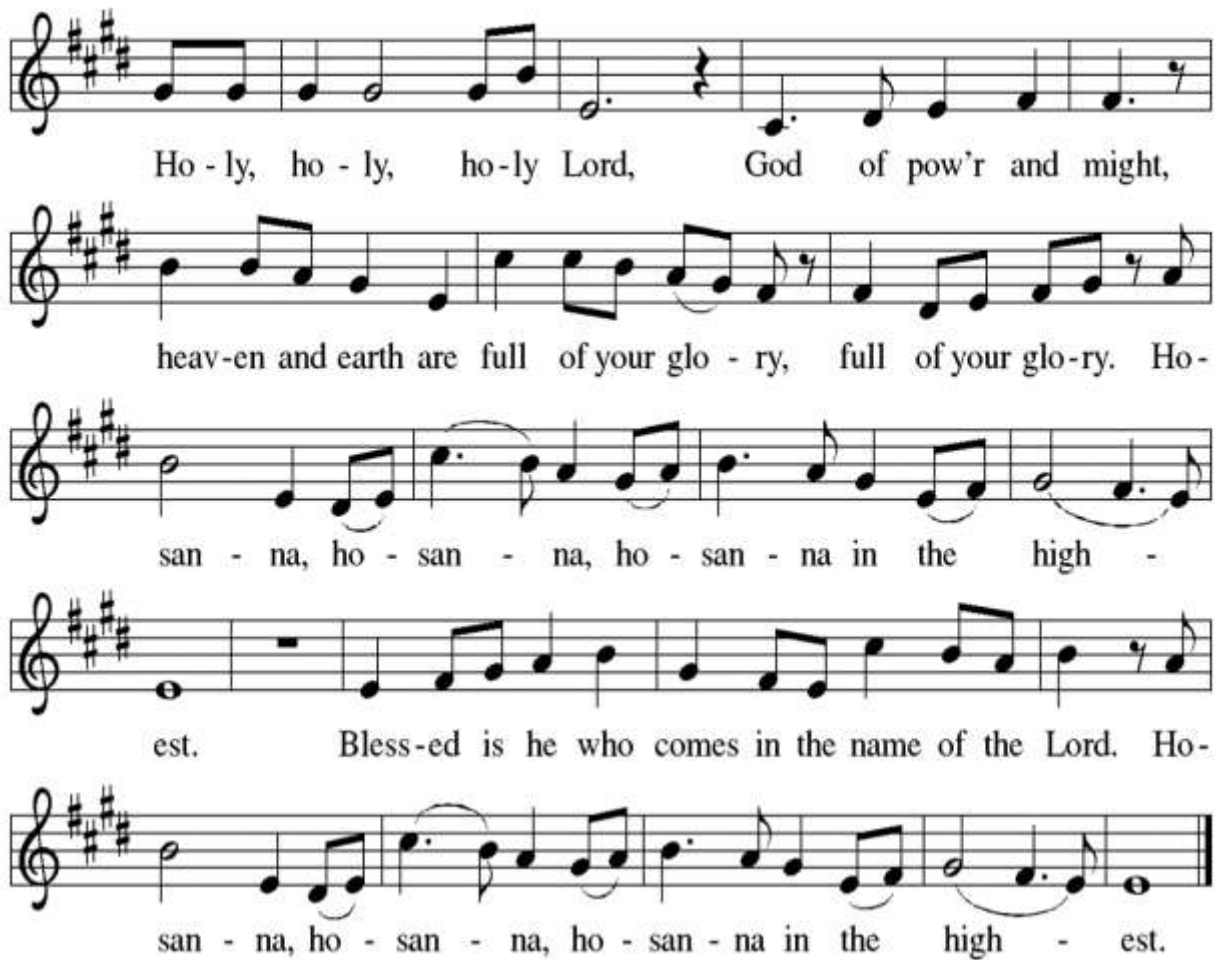
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right... and join their unending hymn:



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung*)

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

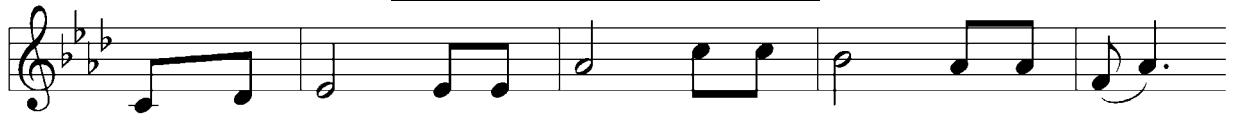


INVITATION TO COMMUNION – We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. (*The red liquid is wine; the white liquid is grape juice*).

"Lamb of God"

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, Lamb of God.

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

"Spirit of the Living God"



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

"He Touched Me"

1) **Shackled by a heavy burden
'Neath a load of guilt and shame
Then the hand of Jesus touched me
And now I am no longer the same**

[Chorus]

*He touched me, oh He touched me
And oh the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened and now I know
He touched me and made me whole*

2) **Since I met this blessed Savior
Since He's cleansed and made me whole
Oh I will never cease to praise Him
I'll shout it while eternity rolls *[Chorus]***

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING and PRAYER

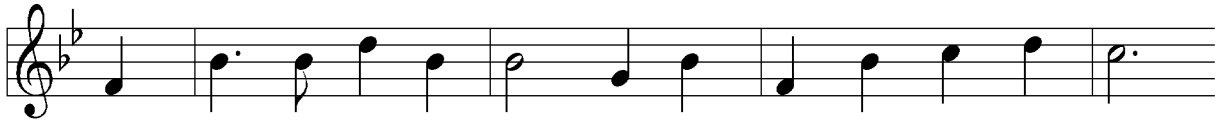
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

Let us pray together...**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”



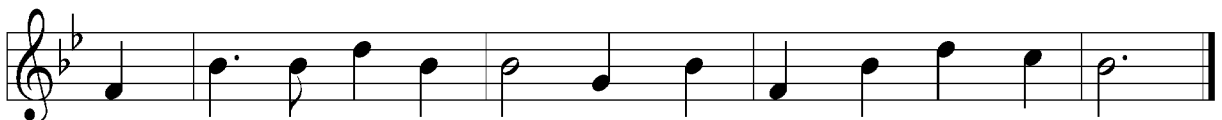
- 1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, as sol - diers of the cross,
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner; it must not suf - fer loss.
stand forth in might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.
the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
this day the din of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
Let all his faith - ful serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor; each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, their crown of life shall see,



till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
and with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Rob Aaron – piano ~ Pr. Gary Heltsley – presiding

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Diane Heltsley & Marilyn Holt

Ushers: Jim & Arlene Burton

Reader: Mary Severeid

Sacristans: Diane Heltsley & Rosemary Wheaton

Communion Assistants: John & Jane Indorf

Atar Flowers: Jim & Arlene Burton

(In Celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary)

Barista: Barb Evans

Close Up: Pastor Gary

Last Week's Attendance: 90 **Last Week's Offering:** \$12,522.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to North Bay Lutheran Community Church. Good morning and welcome to our church family! We hope you find inspiration and fellowship in our worship service. If you are a visitor, please feel free to fill out an attendance card located in the slot in front of you and drop it in the offering plate. We also invite you to stay for Fellowship following our service. We are glad that you're here!

Fellowship Time Today –*Birthday Cake* (Celebration of July Birthdays and Anniversaries; cake will be provided by NBLCC). July 14th: *Salads and Rolls* (bring your favorite salad and/or rolls to share).

Dementia Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, July 10th** at 10:00 am. For more information, please contact Patty at 360-271-0055 (C) or 360-275-3939 (H), or email at palmcanal@hotmail.com.

Lap Quilts – All of you who may be interested in making lap quilts to distribute to people in hospitals and/or nursing homes please join us on **Thursday, July 11th** at 10:00 am. You don't need to know how to sew or quilt; we need folks to cut fabric, arrange squares, or sew. This is a time of fellowship, and all are welcome. For more information, please contact Dixie Carver at (360) 801-6202 or Rosemary Wheaton at (360) 204-3501.

