



Come to Believe † Come to Belong
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 20, 2025

PRELUDE

Rob Aaron

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND 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.

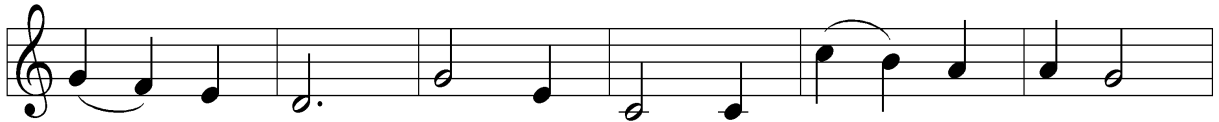
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"God is Here"



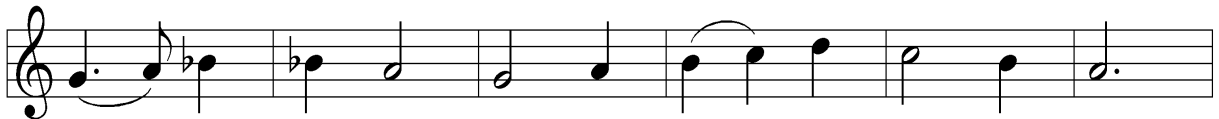
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of



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!

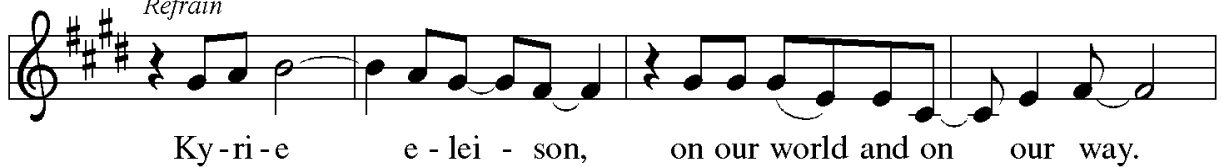
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

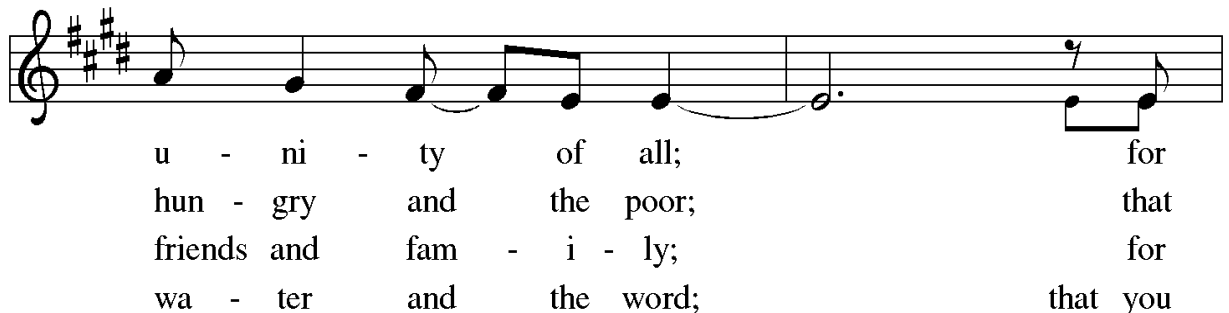
And also with you.

KYRIE (Lord, Have Mercy)

Refrain



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



Refrain



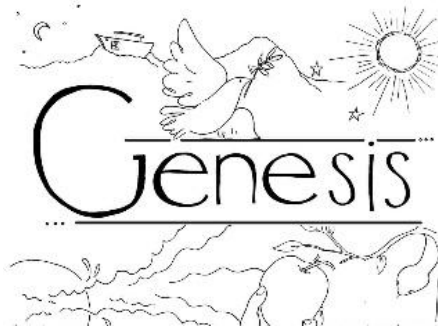
PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together: **Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON



FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

¹ And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰ The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 15

¹ O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

² He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;

³ who does not slander with his tongue
**and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;**

⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the LORD;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

⁵ who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

Luke 10:38-42

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!



SERMON

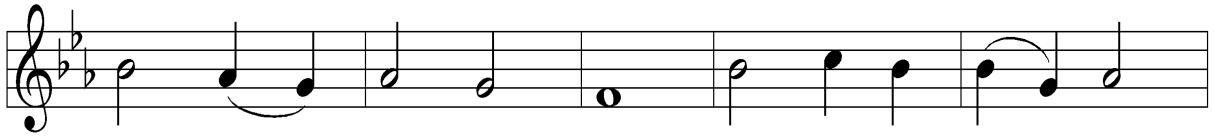
Pastor Gary Heltsley

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Fairest Lord Jesus"



1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture, O thou of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the



God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,



thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.

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) By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Lord, thank you for the gift of hospitality. You let us entertain angels unaware! Give us generous hearts, so we may refresh and gladden the hearts of others. Fill us with your Spirit, so that by faith, we may gratefully receive the hospitality of heaven, given to us in your well-beloved Son.

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

Build up your Church in mature faith, patient suffering, generous service, and gracious hospitality. Use her to reveal the mysteries of your love, so that many people may seek your face, and live.

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

Help the people of this congregation to rightly balance the loving hospitality of Martha with the loving listening of Mary. Let all we say and do lead our neighbors to “the one thing needful” – the strong saving love of Jesus.

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

Your servant Paul suffered for the sake of the Gospel, as do many Christians in this day. Make them desire to glorify you. Help them encourage one another to be witnesses to their Savior, who prayed even on behalf of his persecutors.

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

We pray for our nation, for our leaders, and for all the people and nations on earth. Let your holy presence dwell with us. Grant that we may know your will and seek your peace. Teach us to sit at your feet; to love your Law; to display your mercy; and to share your blessings with one another.

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

Be the light and salvation of all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Strengthen their bodies, refresh their hearts, take away their fears, and give them your peace, especially those we name loud or silently in our hearts (*allow time for silent and spoken prayers*). Bless all who care for them with kindness and patience.

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our departed loved ones who now receive that good portion that shall never be taken from them. Help us to comfort those who mourn. Help us to grow in faith, hope, and love. Welcome us, and all whom you have redeemed, into your spacious House, where we will all be your dear children, who see you face to face forever.

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

P) In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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...*(pastor continues, concluding with)*, we praise your name 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.

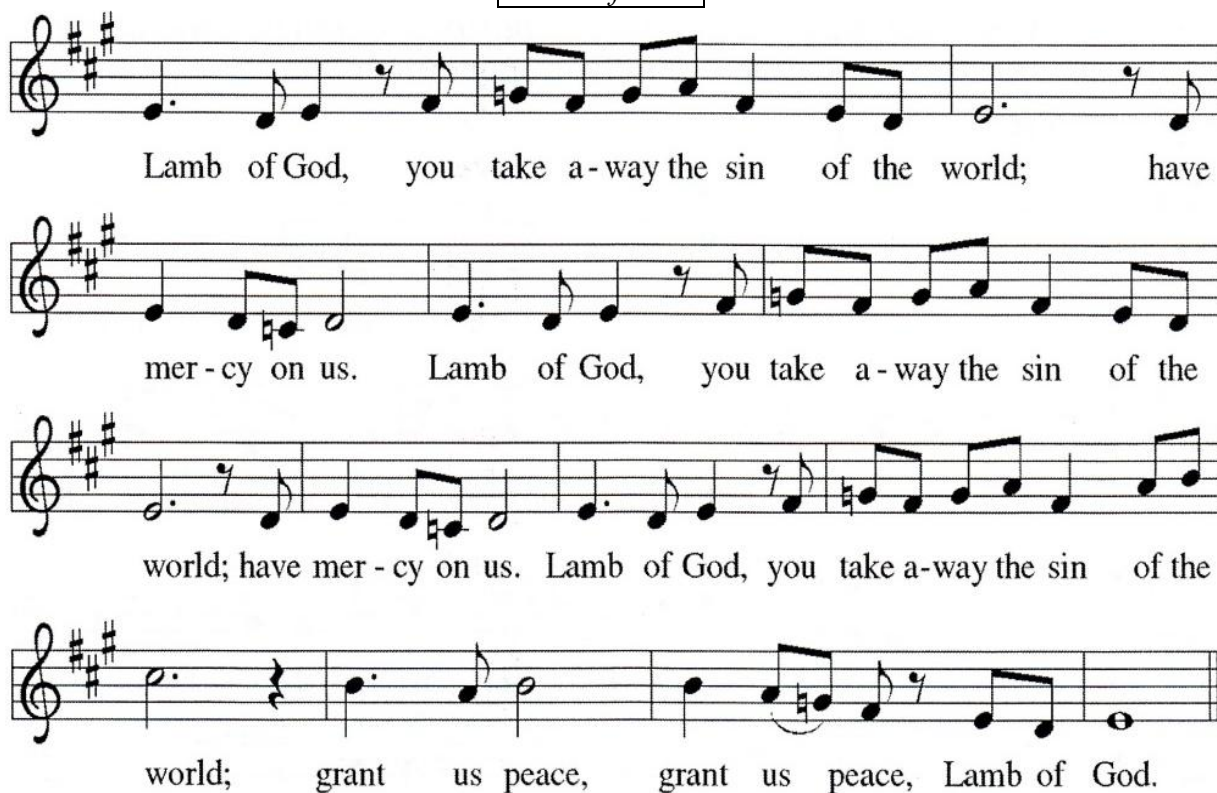
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.*

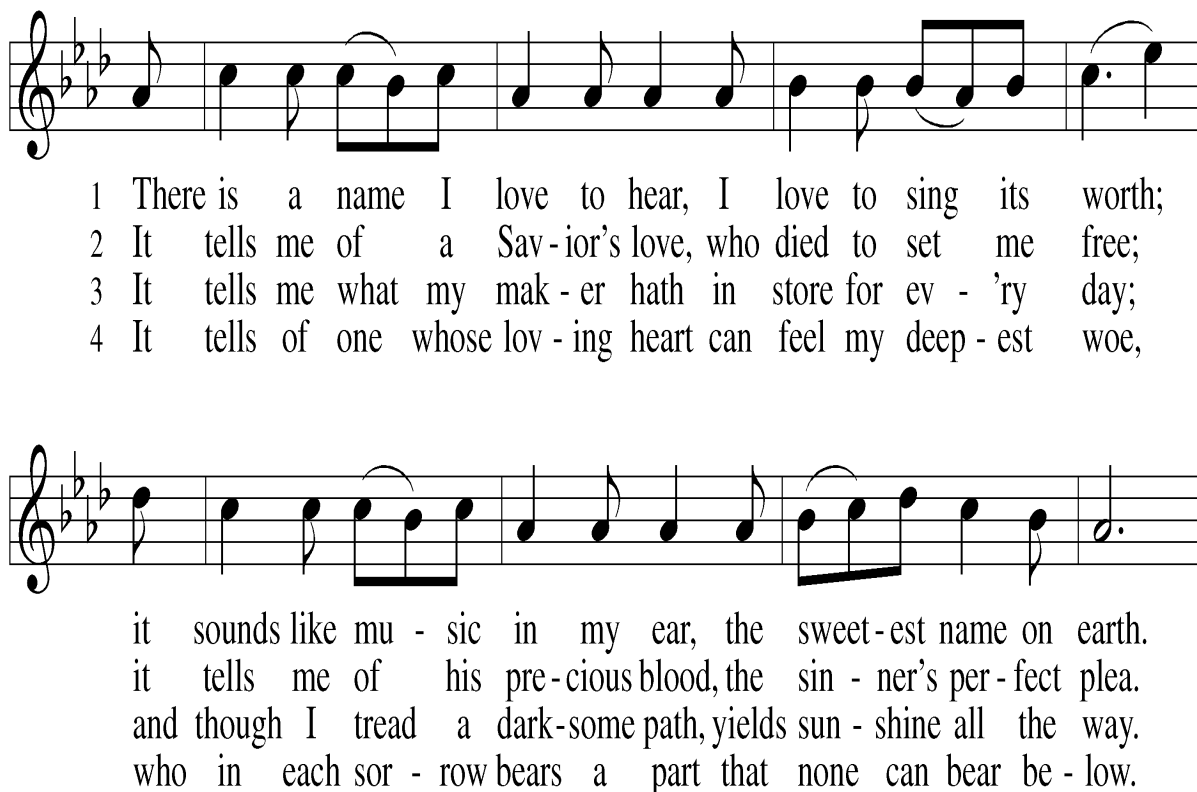
INVITATION TO COMMUNION – We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. All who trust in Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table (*the red liquid is wine; the white liquid is grape juice*).

"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.

"Oh, How I Love Jesus"



1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
2 It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;
3 It tells me what my mak-er hath in store for ev-'ry day;
4 It tells of one whose lov-ing heart can feel my deep-est woe,
it sounds like mu-sic in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth.
it tells me of his pre-cious blood, the sin-ner's per-fect plea.
and though I tread a dark-some path, yields sun-shine all the way.
who in each sor-row bears a part that none can bear be-low.

Refrain




Oh, how I love Je - sus, oh, how I love Je - sus,




oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!


"What Feast of Love"




1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what ho - ly drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

"Shout to the Lord"

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won-ders of your might-y

love. My com-fort, my shel-ter, tow-er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev-'ry breath, all that I am nev-er cease to wor-ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow-er and maj - es-ty, praise

to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work

of your hands; for - ev-er I'll love you, for-ev - er I'll stand.

Noth-ing com-pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

The musical score is written on ten staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with many rests. The final note of the last staff is a whole note followed by a double bar line.

"Glorify Thy Name"

1 Fa - ther,
 2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,
 3 Spir - it,

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth;

glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

POST COMMUNION 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

The LORD
bless you, and keep you;
 The LORD
make his face shine on you,
and be gracious to you;
 The LORD
lift up his countenance on you,
and give you peace.

Numbers: 6:24-26

SENDING SONG

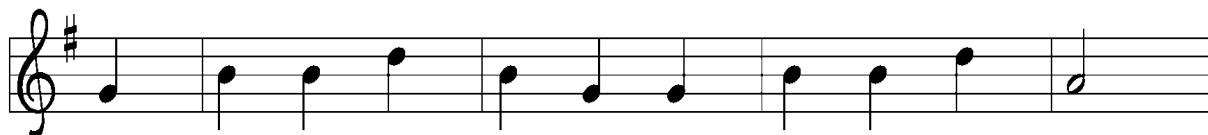
"Immortal, Invisible"



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Rob Aaron – piano ~ Pr. Gary Heltsley – presiding

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Marilyn Holt & Sue Nichols

Ushers: Mick Baker & Connie Schmidt

Reader: Joyce River

Sacristans: Sandi Fleury & Shelley Marion

Communion Assistants: Bonnie O'Hanlon & Rosemary Wheaton

Barista: Michael Wright

Close Up: Mike Krumland



Altar Flowers: Tom & Joyce River

Last Week's Attendance: 99 **Last Week's Offering:** \$3,037.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to North Bay Lutheran Community Church. It is with great joy that we welcome you to this holy space. May you feel the warmth of God's love and the fellowship of His people. 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 – Breakfast Casseroles

July 27th: Meat, cheese, fruit and/or crackers (bring a selection to share)

Dementia Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, July 23rd at 10:00 am.** For more information, please contact Patty Rogers or call the church office.

The Chosen Viewing - You are invited to join Pastor Gary to view Season 3 of *The Chosen* on **Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:00 pm.** We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to watch Episode 4 and then have an informal discussion and time to share our thoughts. ***All are welcome!***

Men's Bible Study will meet this week on **Saturday, July 26th at 8:00 am** as we continue the study of the book of Genesis.

Office Hours this week are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Tuesday through Friday.

Pastor Gary will be in the office on Tuesday, July 22nd, Wednesday, July 23rd and Thursday, July 24th from 9:30 am until noon.



Coming Soon

New Member Class – If you have been a regular attender, have you considered becoming a member? We will be holding a short New Member Class soon. We will explain the basics of Church membership and answer any questions you may have. Please contact the Church office if you are interested.

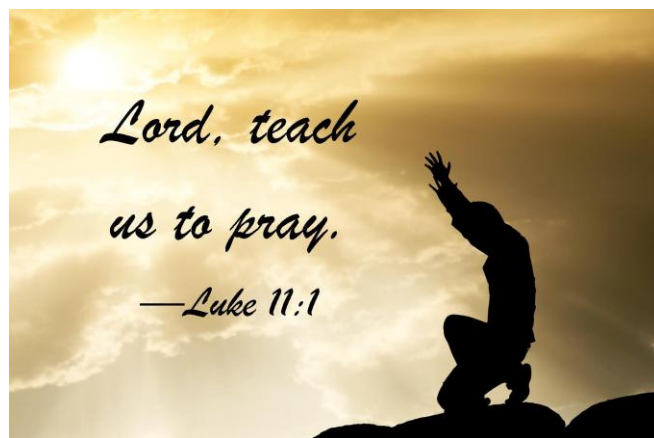


Save the date – On **Sunday, August 10th** we will gather for our annual “North Bay on the Bay Sunday” at the Gazebo at the Port of Allyn for a church service followed by a potluck. The Church will provide Sloppy Joes plus water and coffee. You can bring your favorite side, salad, or dessert, keeping in mind we will be serving on paper plates. If you are available to help with food and serving, please contact Rosemary Wheaton. If you can help with set up and break down contact Pastor Gary.

Prayers – Please email (office@northbaylutheran.org) or call the church line with your prayer requests, or if you need pastoral care (360) 275-3390.

READINGS FOR JULY 27, 2025

Genesis 18:20-32 ~ Psalm 138 ~ Colossians 2:6-19 ~ Luke 11:1-13



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