



Come to Believe † Come to Belong
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - RALLY DAY
September 14, 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.

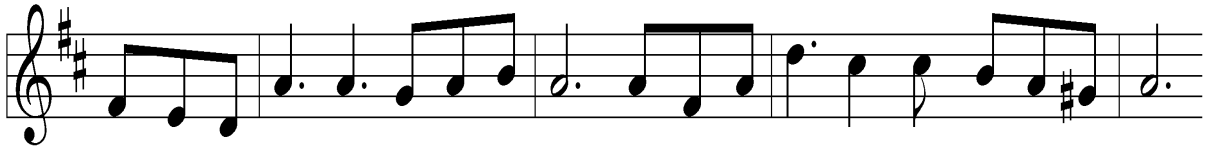
Amen.

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

"Blessed Assurance"



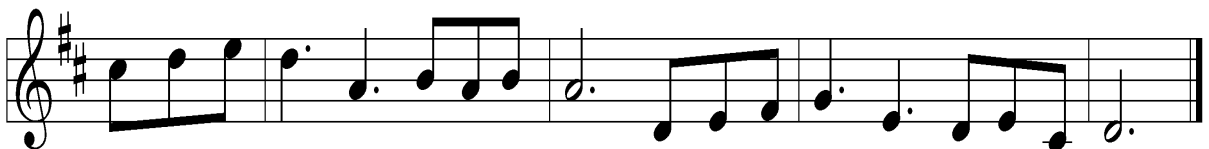
- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-vation, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

***OUTREACH MINISTRY**

KRISTIAN SCHONBERG

GREETING

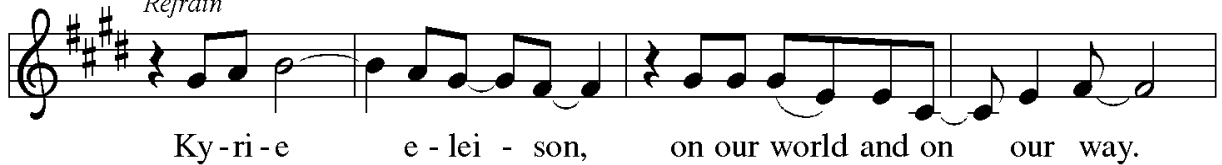
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

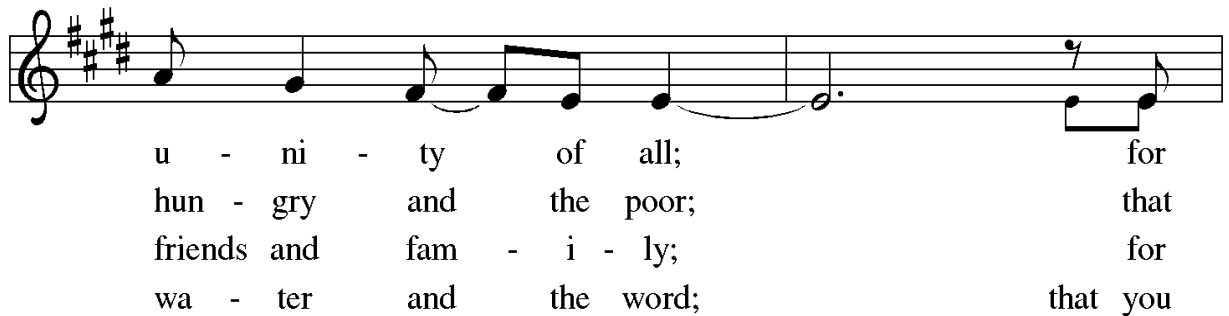


KYRIE (Lord, Have Mercy)

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: **O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY**

ROSEMARY WHEATON

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Don’t Look Back”

CHILDREN’S SERMON



FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. ⁸ They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹ And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.”

¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴ And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 51:1-10

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
- ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

SECOND READING

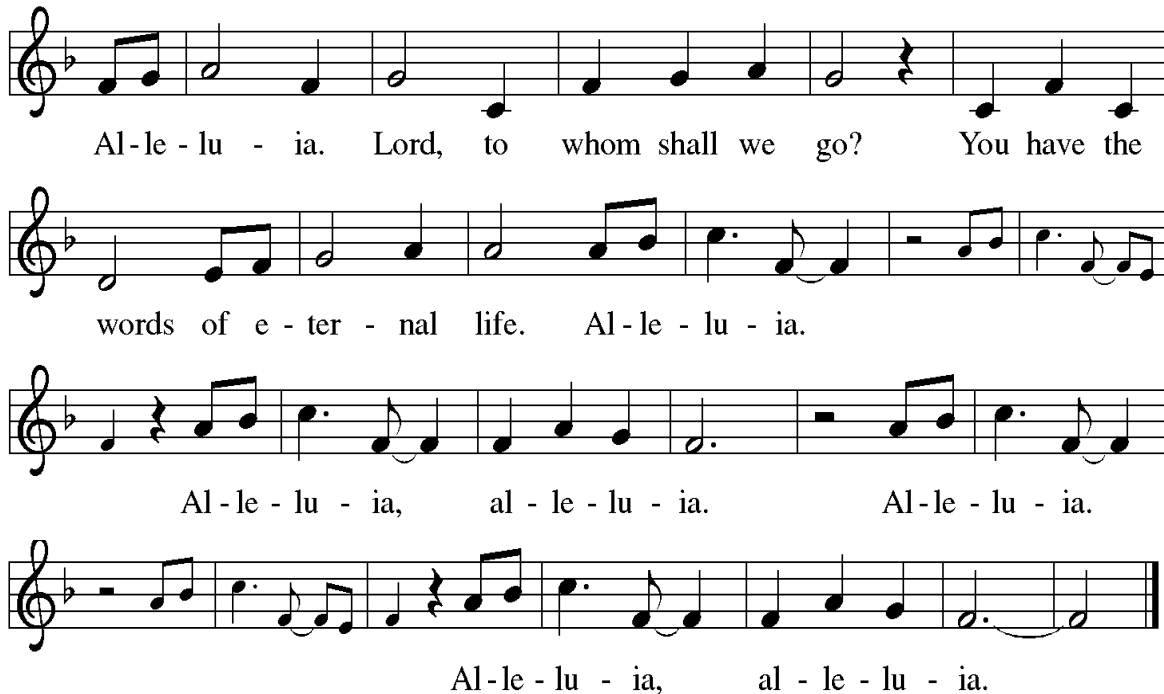
1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Luke 15:1-10

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God Will Take Care of You"



1 Be not dis - mayed what-e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;
 2 Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
 3 All you may need he will pro - vide, God will take care of you;
 4 No mat - ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;



be - neath his wings of love a - bide, God will take care of you.
 when dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.
 noth - ing you ask will be de - nied, God will take care of you.
 lean, wea - ry one, up - on his breast, God will take care of you.



Refrain
 God will take care of you, through ev - 'ry day, o'er all the way;



God will take care of you, God will take care of you.

***DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY**

MIKE KRUMLAND

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.***

***COMMUNION LEADER**

BONNIE O'HANLON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P) Let us pray to the Lord, who in Christ will hear our prayers and, in His time, turn our mourning into dancing.

Dear Father, heaven rejoices when a sinner repents. Guard us against self-righteousness that sees no need to hear of Christ and His redemption, and preserve us in your Word and grace, that as your people we might always be about the proclamation of repentance and the forgiveness of sins for the sake of Jesus.

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

Almighty God, You call pastors and set them to the task of shepherding your people. Bless them in their work of providing your gifts to those you have gathered and as they seek those who have wandered away.

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

O Lord, look with favor on the households of this congregation, and grant that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith.

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

King of the ages, immortal and invisible, the only God, look in kindness upon all entrusted with public office in our land, and grant them wisdom and courage to serve our nation according to your will.

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

Lord God, You promise to shepherd your sheep for the sake of Jesus. According to your Word, seek the lost, bring back the stray, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak – especially those we name out loud or silently in our hearts (*Allow time for silent and spoken prayers*). Have mercy upon all who look to you for deliverance.

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

God of the ages, in the fullness of time your Son became flesh, and he received sinners and ate with them on his way to the cross. Bless all those he feeds today with his own holy body and blood. Guide them to regular repentance and trust in your promises, and with forgiveness, grant them life and salvation.

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

We recall with thanksgiving, O Lord, those who served you in days past, and who now rest from their labors, and we pray that you would keep us in fellowship with all your saints. By this holy communion, give us grace to sustain us through the changes of this mortal life, and keep us until that day when Christ shall call us unto Himself.

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

P) We entrust all these petitions to your care, loving Father, confident in your great mercy for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

***CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY**

PATTY ROGERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

***WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

MARY SEVEREID



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

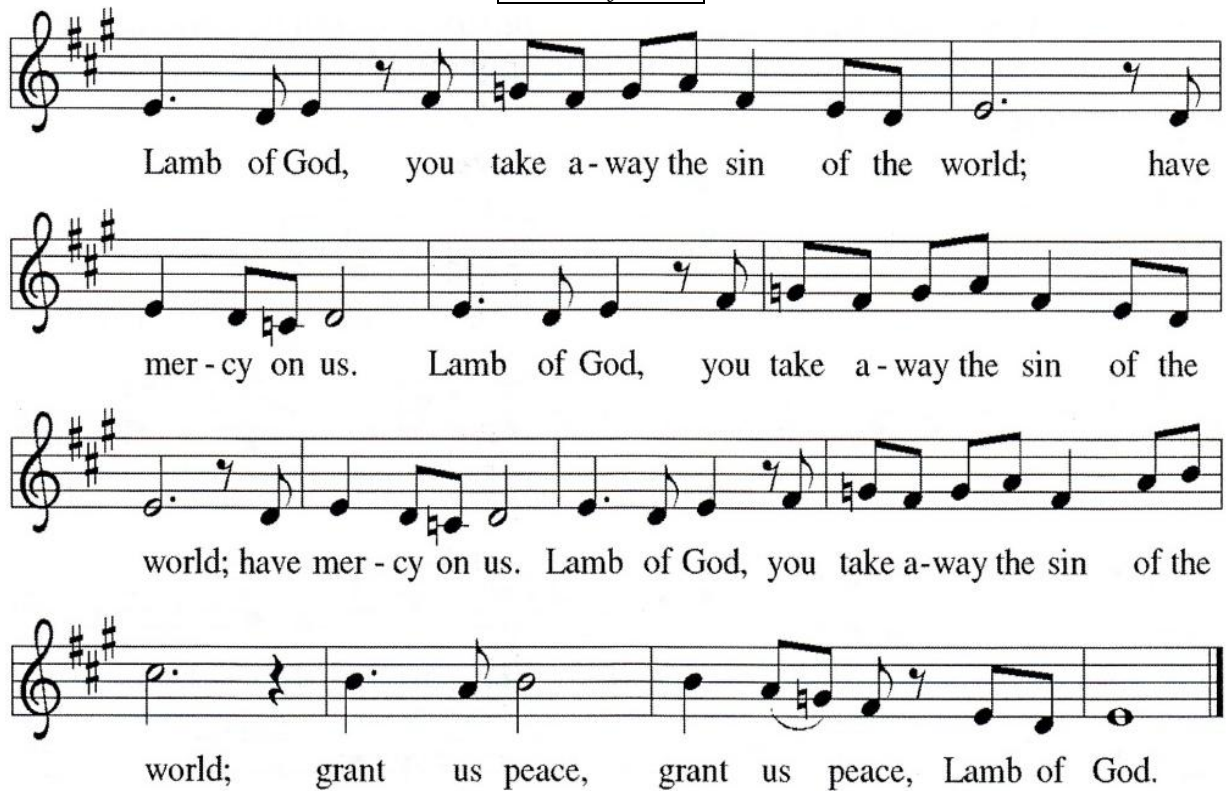


THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

***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.***

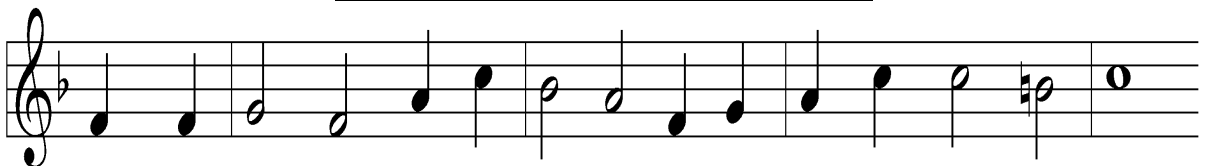
INVITATION TO COMMUNION – We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. All who trust in Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table (*the red liquid is wine; the white liquid is grape juice*).

"Lamb of God"

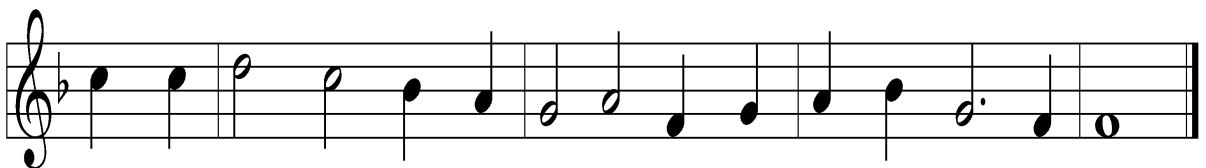


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

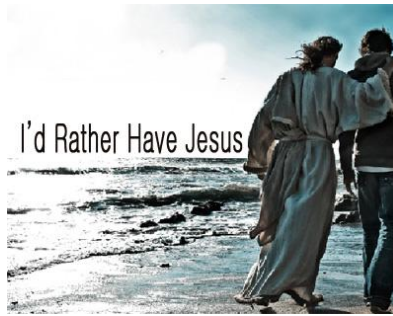
"For the Bread which You Have Broken"



- 1 For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom-ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re-stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a-dore you seat-ed at our Fa-ther's board,
- 4 In your ser-vice, Lord, de-fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward,



for the words which you have spo-ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a-bove us, hal-low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait-ing for you keep love's tie un-bro-ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.



I'd Rather Have Jesus

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"



1. I'd rath - er have Je - sus than sil - ver or gold, I'd rath - er be
2. I'd rath - er have Je - sus than men's ap - plause, I'd rath - er be
3. He's fair - er than lil - ies of rar - est bloom, He's sweet - er than



His than have rich - es un - told; I'd rath - er have Je - sus than
 faith - ful to His dear cause; I'd rath - er have Je - sus than
 hon - ey from out the comb; He's all that my hun - ger - ing



hous - es or lands, I'd rath - er be led by His nail-pierced hand
 world-wide fame, I'd rath - er be true to His ho - ly name
 spir - it needs, I'd rath - er have Je - sus and let Him lead



Than to be the king of a vast do-main Or be held in sin's dread sway; I'd



rath - er have Je - sus than an - y - thing This world af - fords to - day.

"They'll Know We are Christians"



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on-ly Son,



and we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored:
and to-geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu-man dig-ni-ty and save hu-man pride:
and all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. —

And They'll Know We Are Christians

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

as I have loved you.

By Our Love

"Alleluia"



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 2 He's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia;
 3 He is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia;
 4 I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia;



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
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 he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia.
 I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia.

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.***

***GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE**

DAVE SEVEREID

BLESSING

*The Lord bless you
 and keep you;
 The Lord make His face
 shine upon you,
 And be gracious to you;
 The Lord lift up His
 countenance upon you,
 And give you peace."*

Numbers 6:24-26

SENDING SONG

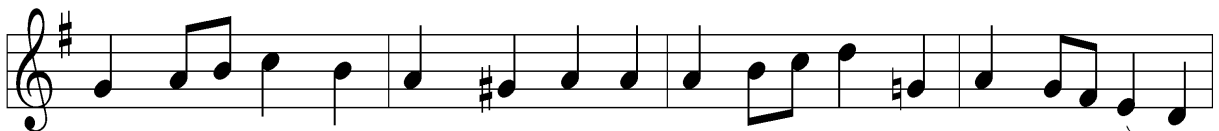
"Son of God, Eternal Savior"



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Rob Aaron – piano ~ Nancy Martin – choir ~ Pr. Gary Heltsley – presiding

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Sylvia Osborne & Patty Rogers

Ushers: Guy & Barb Bralley

Reader: Pam Sikes

Sacristans: Arlene Burton & Char Pedersen

Communion Assistants: Diane Heltsley & Carol Larson

Barista: Michael Wright

Close Up: Kristian Schonberg

Altar Flowers



Craig & Cheri Martin

Last Week's Attendance: 91 **Last Week's Offering:** \$9,157.00

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.

Fellowship Time Today – Potluck.

September 21st - Root Beer Floats & Fruit (Sign up for Root Beer or Vanilla Ice Cream or bring some fruit to share).

Neighborhood Bible Study – will meet on **Tuesday, Sept. 16th at Noon** for a potluck and then our Bible study at 12:45 pm. *Newcomers are welcome!* For more information, please contact Sue Nichols or call the church office.

Dementia Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, Sept. 17th 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 4 of *The Chosen* on **Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 6:00 pm.** We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to watch Episode 3 and then have an informal discussion and time to share our thoughts. *All are welcome!*

Women's Bible Study will meet **Friday, September 19th at 11:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Shari Stormo or the church office.

Men's Bible Study will meet this week on **Saturday, Sept. 20th at 8:00 am** as we continue the study of the book of Genesis.



Work Party - Our next church yard work party is scheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 20th from 10:00 am until noon**. Mark and Norm have done excellent work with the excavation of the west bank area and the parking lot expansion. Now we need to rake that area clean of rocks and debris so they can hydroseed the dirt. Removing rocks & debris from the west bank will be the focus of the day.

Please bring your rakes, gloves, shovels, and wheelbarrows so we can remove the rocks off the bank efficiently. The church wheelbarrow alone will not handle everything. As always, we will have plenty of Krispy Kremes (Jim's request) along with pots of coffee on hand! I look forward to getting back into the church yard with all of you again. Thank you for your help!

Outreach Ministry: Samaritan's Purse Update

Within our outreach recipients, we send about 10% of the outreach funds to Samaritan's Purse, which is a part of the Billy and Franklin Graham Evangelistic Association. Their latest newsletter explains the help they provided during the Texas floods this summer. They arrived the day after the floods and helped survivors and homeowners in Jesus' Name. They brought in workers and chaplains to show the love of Jesus to the devastated region. We are ever grateful for their volunteers and Christian spirit!

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 am until noon. **Office Hours** this week are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Tuesday through Friday.

Coming Soon:

An Evening with Friends. On **Friday, September 26th at 6:00 pm**, we will be holding our quarterly dinner. We hope this will be an opportunity for us to gather to enjoy a relaxing meal with each other. For these dinners, you will be seated, served, and eat a delicious meal prepared by NBLCC (nothing for you to bring). Please sign up by Sept. 21st, so that we have a place for you and enough food for everyone. Sign-up sheets are available on the table outside the sanctuary.

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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Amos 8:4-7 ~ Psalm 113 ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-7



~ Luke 16:1-13 ~

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