



Come to Believe † Come to Belong
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 19, 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

"Alleluia, Jesus is Risen"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be o - pen!"
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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)

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

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: **O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.***

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God

face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

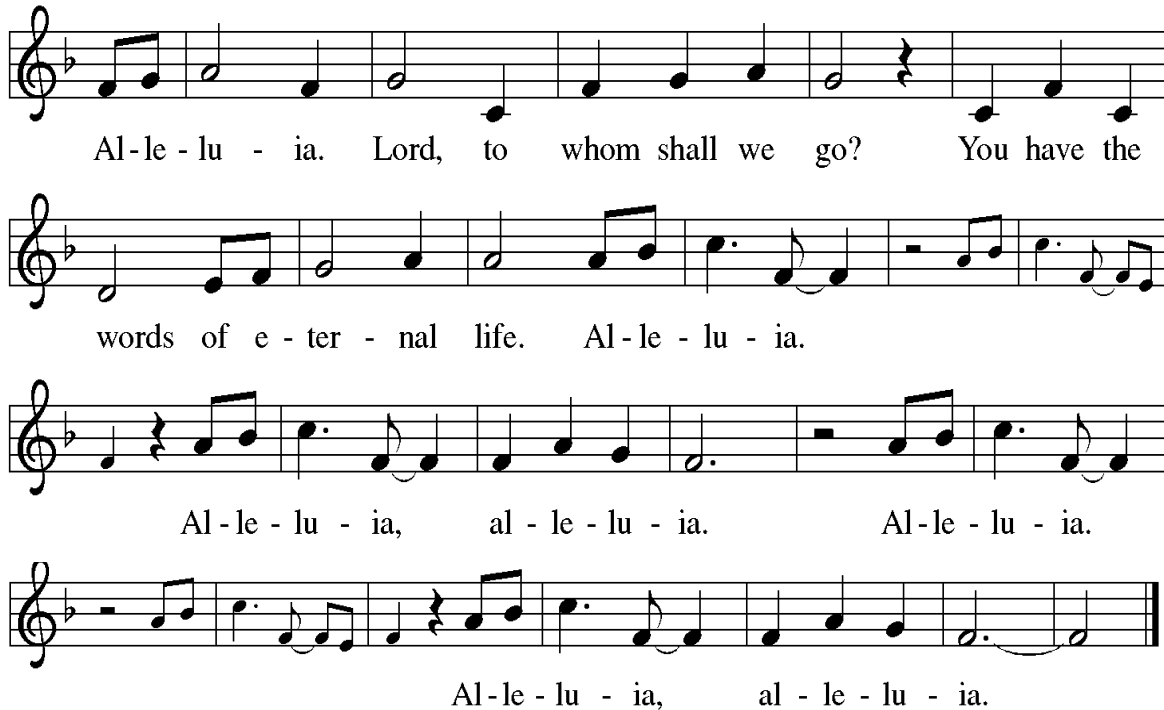
¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

4 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

¹ And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Gary Heltsley

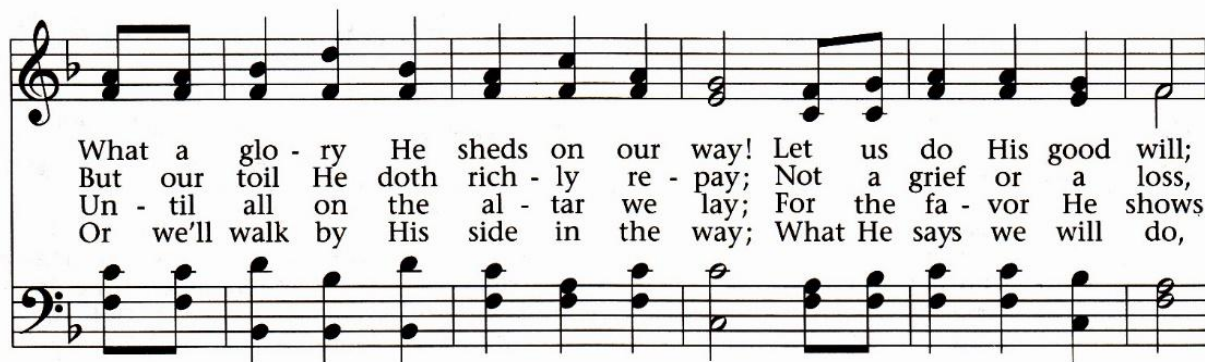


HYMN OF THE DAY

"Trust and Obey"



1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, Not a sor - row we share,
 3. But we nev - er can prove The de - lights of His love
 4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet We will sit at His feet



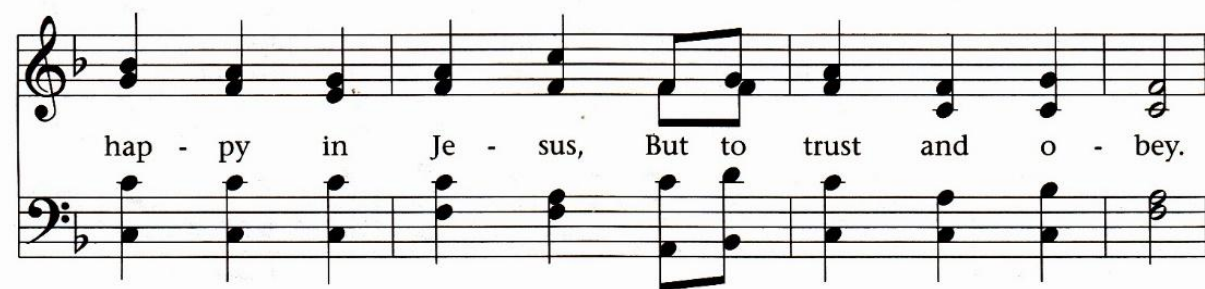
What a glo - ry He sheds on our way! Let us do His good will;
 But our toil He doth rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief or a loss,
 Un - til all on the al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor He shows
 Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do,



He a - bides with us still, And with all who will trust and o - bey.
 Not a frown or a cross, But is blest if we trust and o - bey.
 And the joy He be - stows Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 Where He sends we will go; Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.



Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way To be



hap - py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey.

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 Christian 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 pray in the name of Jesus to our heavenly Father for the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Help your Church throughout the world to always confess and preach that all Scripture is inspired, useful for teaching and reproof. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may perceive the pure doctrine of Christ, crucified and raised from the dead for the forgiveness of sin unto life everlasting.

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

Keep everyone in this congregation in your merciful care. Conform our hearts to your will. Help us pray with bold faith and persistent hope. In all things, let us glorify you, bear witness to your holy and gracious Word, and lead lives worthy of our calling as your children.

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

We know, O Lord, that you neither slumber or sleep while your suffering Church prays to you. Hear their cries and come to their aid. Soften the hearts of their unjust judges and persecutors.

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

Continue to bless our war-torn world with your peace. Give us leaders who do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly in your sight. Look with kindness upon the poor and needy, the widow and orphan, and all to whom justice has been denied. Spur us to give practical, compassionate help, so all can receive your blessings. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for lawyers, judges, magistrates, and for all who make or interpret laws and administer justice. Give them uprightness of heart, and a passion for truth. Make them wise, fair, and impartial in their decisions. Through their work, accomplish your holy and gracious will in our midst. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Hear the cries of all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; we pray especially for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts (*allow time for silent and spoken prayers*). Bring them safely through their trials, and give them faith in your gracious love. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Thank you, dear Father, for our loved ones who have died and are asleep in your arms. Until we are reunited with them and with all whom you have redeemed, keep us steadfast in faith, persistent in prayer, and attentive to your Word. 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:

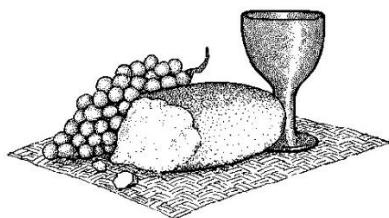
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

"Come, Let Us Eat"



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In . . . his pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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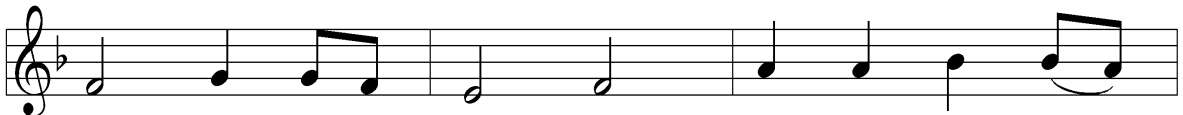


Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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"Father, I Adore You"

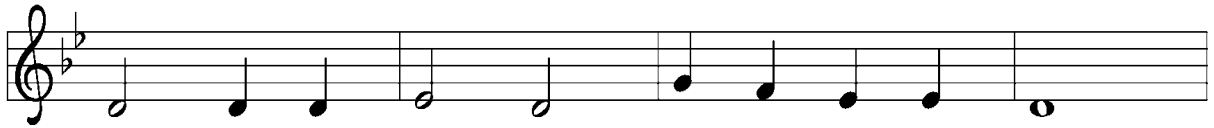


1 Fa - ther,
 2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
 3 Spir - it,



fore you; how I love you.

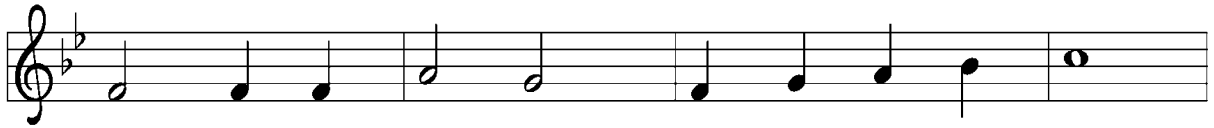
"Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart"



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



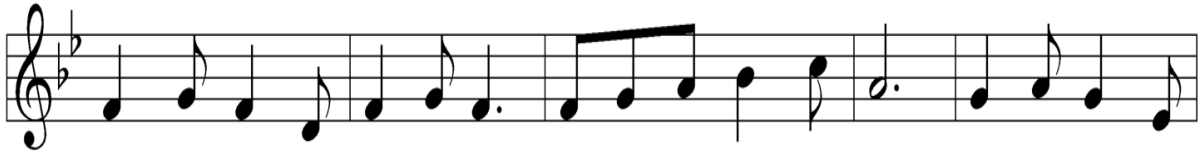
stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.



"Love Lifted Me"



- 1 I was sink-ing deep in sin, far from the peace-ful shore, ver - y deep-ly
- 2 All my heart to him I give, ev - er to him I'll cling, in his bless-ed
- 3 Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; he will lift you



stained with-in, sink-ing to rise no more; but the mas-ter of the sea
pres - ence live, ev - er his prais-es sing; love so might-y and so true
by his love out of the an - gry waves; he's the mas-ter of the sea,



heard my de-spair-ing cry, from the wa-ters lift-ed me, now safe am I.
mer - its my soul's best songs; faith-ful lov-ing ser-vice, too, to him be - longs.
bil - lows his will o - bey; he your Sav-ior true will be: be saved to - day.

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



SENDING SONG

"Because He Lives"



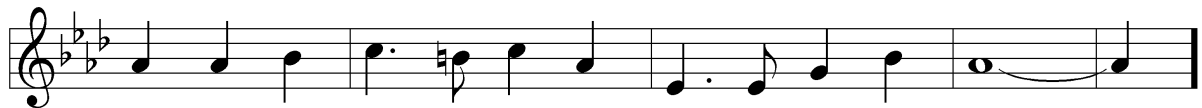
1 God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;
2 How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by;
3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;



he came to love, heal, and for - give;
and feel the pride and joy he gives,
I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;



he lived and died to buy my par - don,
but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance
and then as death gives way to vic - t'ry,



an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.
I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he lives.

Refrain



Be-cause he lives I can face to-mor - row; be-cause he lives



all fear is gone; be-cause I know he holds the fu - ture,



and life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause he lives.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Rob Aaron – piano ~ Pr. Gary Heltsley – presiding

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Dave & Mary Severeid

Ushers: Greg Hanson & Liz Webber

Reader: Michael Gustavson

Sacristans: Arlene Burton & Diane Heltsley

Communion Assistants: Virginia Eastman & Sandi Fleury

Barista: Barb Evans **Close Up:** Kristian Schonberg



Altar Flowers: Rosemary Wheaton

(In honor of Joleen's 15th birthday)

Last Week's Attendance: 89 **Last Week's Offering:** \$9,091.18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to North Bay Lutheran Community Church. We believe that every person is important to God, and that includes you! Thank you for joining us and we hope you feel the warmth of our fellowship. 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 Sunday.

October 26th - International Sunday (please bring an international dish to share).

Neighborhood Bible Study will meet on **Tuesday, October 21st at 12:45 pm.** For more information, please contact Sue Nichols or call the church office.

Dementia Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, Oct. 22nd 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, October 22nd at 6:00 pm.** We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to watch Episode 7 and then have an informal discussion and time to share our thoughts. ***All are welcome!***

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, Oct. 23rd at 10:00 am.** For more information, please contact Dixie Carver or Rosemary Wheaton or call the church office.

Men's Bible Study will meet this week on **Saturday, October 25th at 8:00 am.**

Operation Christmas Child. It is the 2025 season of sending shoeboxes to children around the world in order to spread God's love and the Gospel message to "the ends of the earth." Since 1993, 232 million boxes have been sent resulting in many decisions to follow Jesus and start new churches. Keep on the lookout for the displays which will have boxes and brochures for you to take. Feel free to start shopping or go online to samaritanspurse.org/buildonline for more information. We will be collecting filled boxes from **Nov. 17th through Nov. 24th.**

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 – Monday through Friday.

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 OCTOBER 26, 2025

Jeremiah 31:31-34 ~ Psalm 46 ~ Romans 3:19-28



John 8:31-36

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