

REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 27, 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 acknowledge our sins with a time of silent self-reflection.

(Time for silence)

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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

One of the most well-known Lutheran chorales, this hymn was written in 1680 by Lutheran pastor Joahim Neander, and the tune comes from a collection on Lutheran chorales from 1665.



GREETING

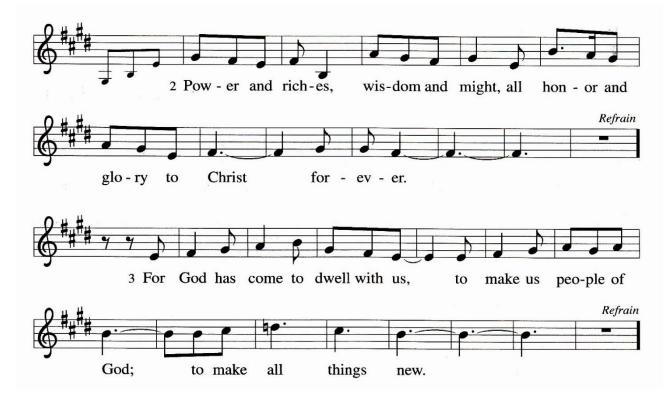
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.









PRAYER OF THE DAY The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

CHOIR ANTHEM "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them,

Jeremiah 31:31-34

and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our fortress. ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth: he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SECOND READING

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me And nothing will I fear as long as you are near, please be near me to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

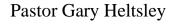
Glory to You, O Lord!

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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

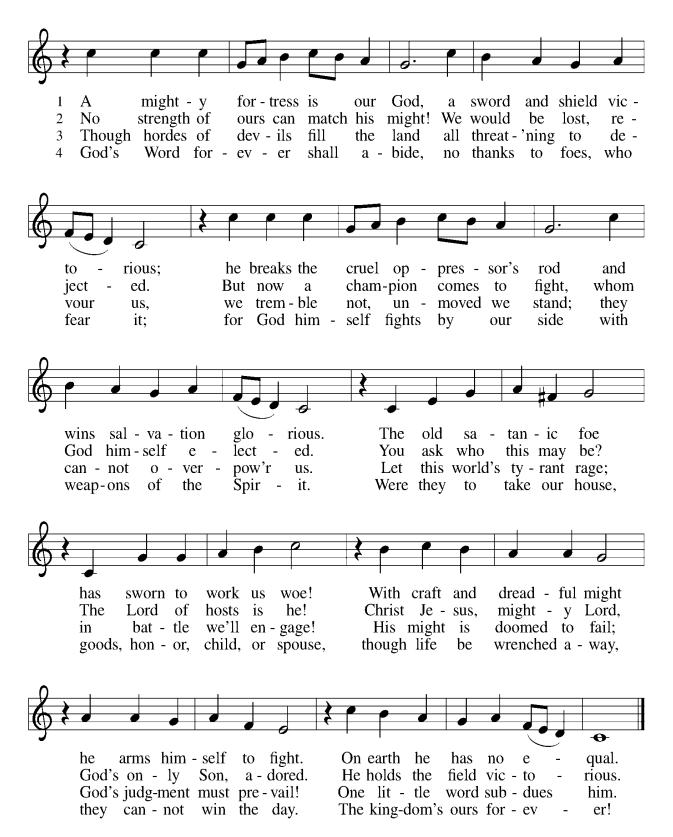
SERMON





HYMN OF THE DAY "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Luther wrote both the lyrics and the tune to this hymn in 1529. The lyrics are actually a paraphrase of Psalm 46, expressing confidence in the Lord's protection of his people.



RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

These persons have come to us from other churches and backgrounds, and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism:

Larry and Jody Grumme, Mike and Shelley Marion, and Brent Thoemke

Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you - members of the one holy Christian and apostolic Church - into our fellowship in the Gospel.

My sisters and brothers in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that deny God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? Response:

I renounce them.

People of God, do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

COMMITMENT

You have made a public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus?

Each person answers in turn – "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Let us pray...Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and these women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. *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

For the renewal of the Church in this and every age; in thanksgiving for Martin Luther and those with him who contended for the Gospel against many and great enemies; and that God would also make us bold to contend for the faith against those who would silence our voices or distract His people from the one true Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ,

Let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For the Holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature,

Let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For our homes and families, that God would keep us in His Word and so make us truly His disciples, freed from errors and at peace; and especially for all fathers and mothers, that God would preserve and encourage them for their godly task to bring up children who fear Him,

Let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

Graciously protect and guide the people of this congregation, O Lord, our Help and our Redeemer. Gladden our hearts by filling us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Use us to nourish, instruct, and invite our neighbors into your presence. Let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy*.

Exalt yourself among the nations, and speak your holy word to your world, especially to the leaders of our country. Give them wisdom and a teachable spirit. Grant them the desire to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before you. Let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy*.

We lift before you the needs of all whose lives are shaken and troubled by suffering, especially those we name out loud or silently in our hearts (*allow time for silent and spoken prayers*). Be in their midst and strengthen them. Restore them to health and hope, that they may proclaim the awesome things you have done. Let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy*.

Most holy Lord, we give you thanks for the lives of our beloved dead whom you have redeemed through the precious blood of your dear Son. Grant that we may humbly follow in their footsteps, boldly trust in your promises, faithfully proclaim your Word, and cheerfully serve in your Name. Bring us, through the merits of Jesus, into your Kingdom, where with all the redeemed, we shall glorify you in the unity of your most holy Spirit forever.

Let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

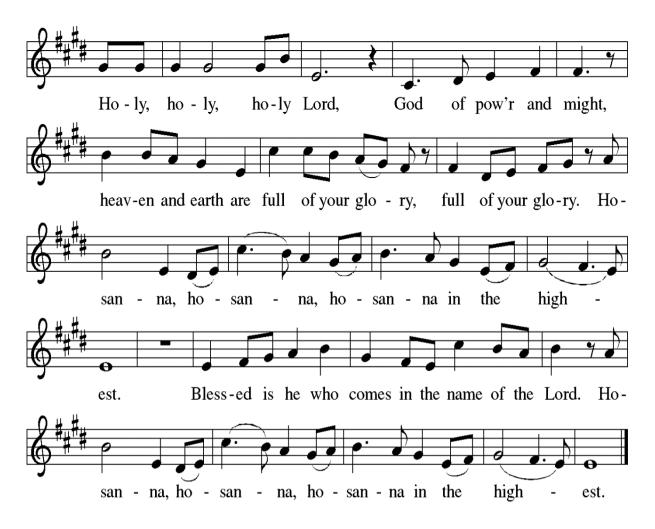
OFFERING PRAYER

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... and join their unending hymn:

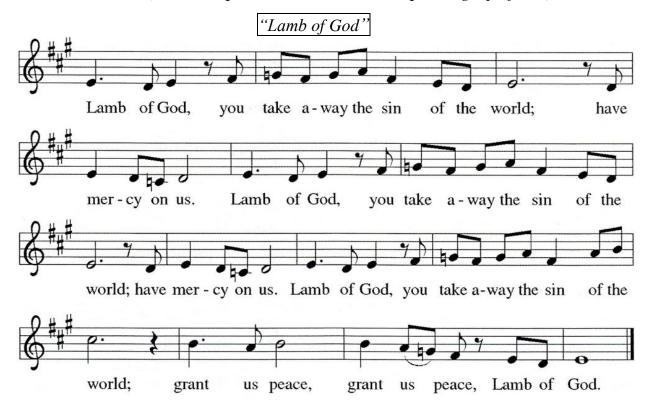


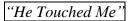
WORDS OF INSTITUTION



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*).





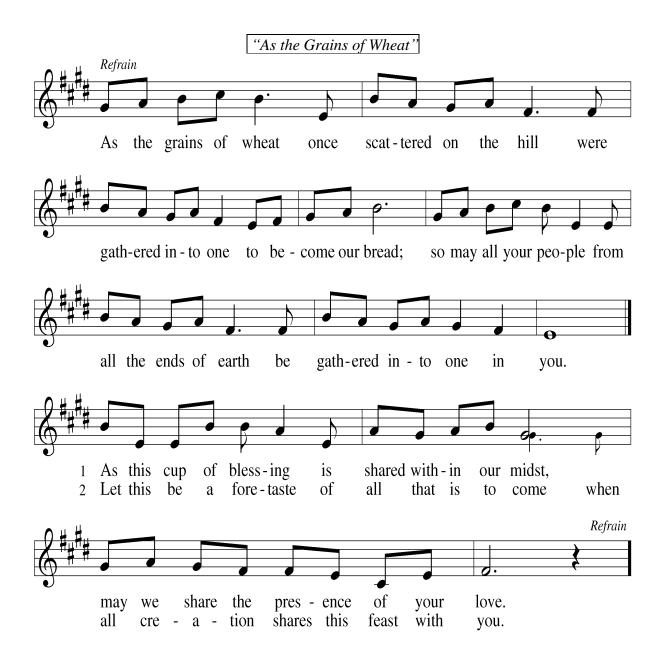
Shackled by a heavy burden
 'Neath a load of guilt and shame
 Then the hand of Jesus touched me
 And now I am no longer the same

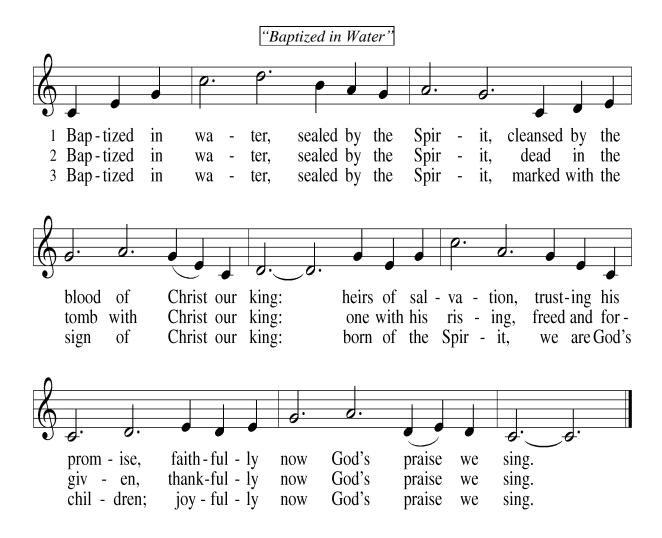
Chorus

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

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





POST COMMUNION PRAYER and BLESSING

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

lay the Lord, and keep you and make His face to shine upon you and weace

SENDING SONG

"Beautiful Savior"

The "Beautiful Savior" title is said to have originated with its translation into English by Joseph A. Seiss, a Lutheran pastor of Moravian descent born in 1823.



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: Phyllis Merhaut & Brent ThoemkeReader: Marilyn HoltUshers: Howard & Jan ThoemkeAltar Flowers: Virginia EastmanSacristans: Bonnie O'Hanlon & Rosemary WheatonComm Assistants: Dianne Baxter & Joleen WheatonBarista: Steve DixonClose Up: Dave Severeid

Last Week's Attendance: 93

Last Week's Offering: \$3,220.26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO NORTH BAY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH. May this service bring you closer to God and renew your spirit. 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!

Church Photo Directory: Guy Bralley and his creative assistant, Barb will be taking photographs for the NBLCC Photo Directory after worship for those with appointments. There is a sign-up sheet for you to schedule your appointment date. Sign-up today to reserve your appointment.

Fellowship Time Today — Potluck today. *November* 3^{rd} : Birthday Cake celebrating November birthdays (cake provided by NBLCC). Come celebrate with us!

Neighborhood Bible Study will meet on **Tuesday**, **October 29**th at 12:45 pm. For more information, please contact Sue Nichols or call the church office.

Dementia Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, October 30th** at 10:00 am. For more information, please contact Patty or call the church office

Women of North Bay - November is a month of thanksgiving. Join us on **Friday morning November 1**st **at 10:00 am** as we launch 30 days of gratitude and praise to God for all His many blessings. Invite a friend to share in the fun. Devotions, prayer, a simple project, voting for leadership team members for 2025, and comfort food to follow will round out the morning. See you there!

Men's Bible Study will meet on Saturday, November 2nd at 8:00 am as we continue our study of Genesis.



Daylight Savings Time Ends – Set your clocks <u>*back*</u> one hour before bedtime Saturday, November 2^{nd} .

Coming Soon:

An Evening with Friends: Starting on November 8th at 6:00 pm, North Bay will begin serving special quarterly dinners for our church community. 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). You will need to sign up, so that we have a place for you and enough food for everyone. Sign-up sheets are available outside the church sanctuary. We encourage you all to join us for these special evenings.

Shoebox Ministry - Since 1993, more than 220 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love. If you would like to participate, shoeboxes and instructions are available at the church. Each box will need a \$10.00 donation to cover the cost of shipping. For questions, contact Janice or the church office. The boxes need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, Nov. 24**th. Or you may build a shoebox online at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. Thank you for your generosity.

Annual Congregational Meeting - We would like to encourage all NBLCC members to attend this important yearly event after worship in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, Nov. 17th**. Members will be asked to vote on the 2025 annual budget and to elect council members needed to fill the two open positions. If you are interested in running for a Council position, please contact the church office.



Did you know:

The North Mason Coalition of Churches and Community is an all volunteer group that works together to address community needs. One such program, the Weekend Food Backpacks for Kids, is ongoing throughout the school year. Students who have little to no food on the weekends are provided with a bag containing two lunches, two breakfasts plus dairy and fresh fruit. We are always in need of volunteers to help pack backpack bags every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00 am. We work out of Belfair Community Church. If you've been looking for a place to give a couple hours weekly, every other week or as a substitute, we could use your help in meeting our mission. Please contact Barb Bralley or the church office

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

Pastor Gary will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am until noon.

Prayer Requests - Please call the church office at 360-275-3390 with your prayer requests or if you seek pastoral care. You may also send an email to the church office at office@northbaylutheran.org.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Isaiah 25:6-9 ~ Psalm 24 ~ Revelation 21:1-6a ~ John 11:32-44

SERMON NOTES

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