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Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 17, 2021

*“God says I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.” - Psalm 91:5*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! For the safety of our community, we ask that you sign in. Our worship service is broadcast live on Zoom and Facebook. Only the presenters in our worship will be recorded. Please see an usher if you have any questions.

Our interim pastor, Rev. Elizabeth, is away on fifth Sundays. In celebration of ELCA World Hunger Sunday, Bp. Laurie Larson Caesar will offer the sermon via video.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,

whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter:

It is so easy for us to lose sight of you. Trapped by fear, we close our hearts to your presence. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Amen.

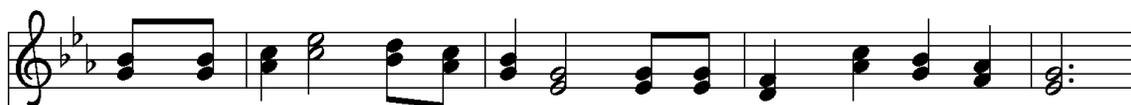
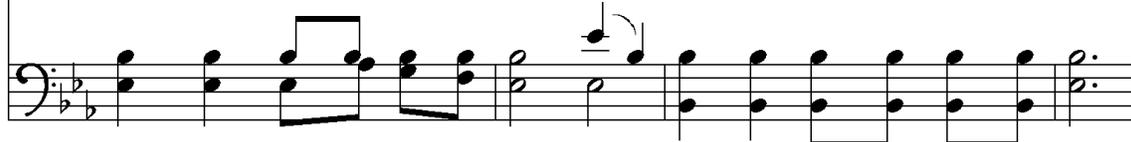
GATHERING SONG: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*, ELW #789, vs 1-3



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



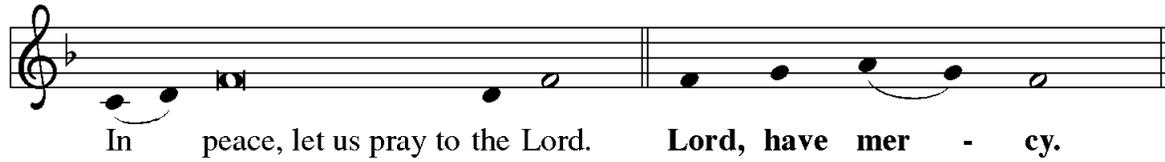
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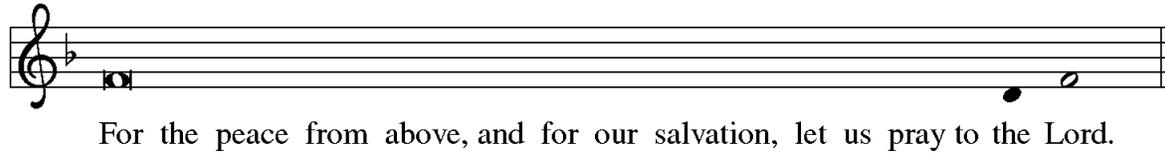
GREETING

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.

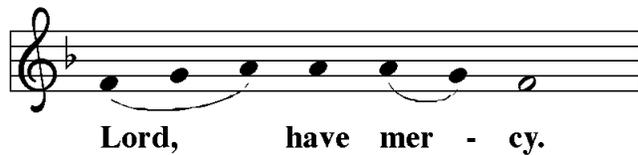
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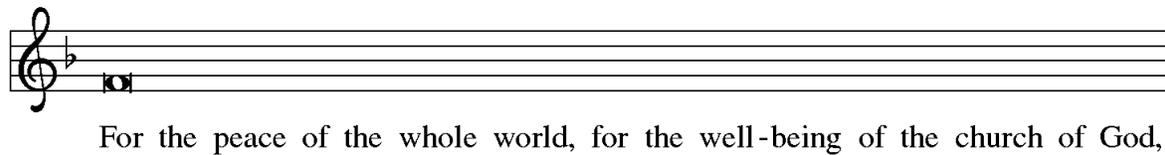
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



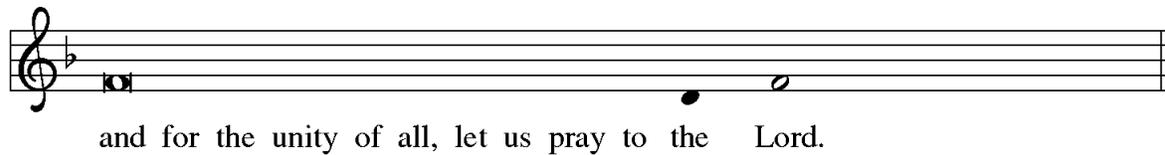
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



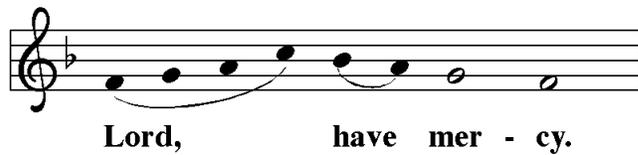
Lord, have mer - cy.



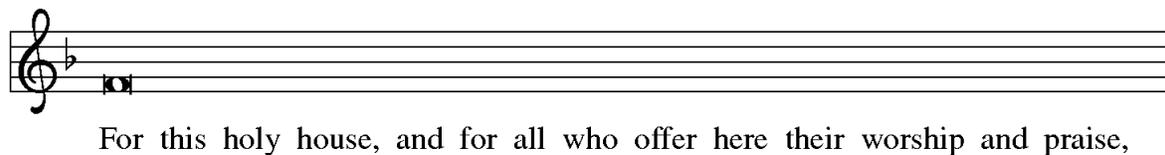
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



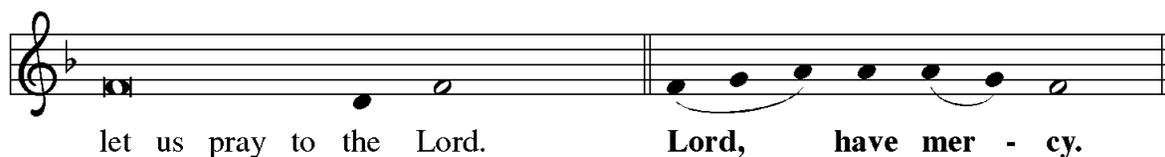
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



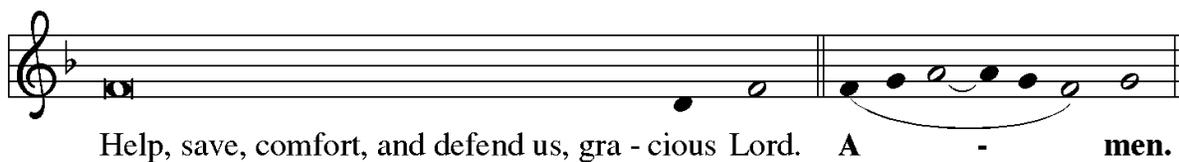
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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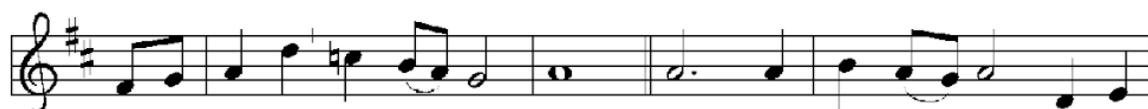
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

God of abundance, out of the dust you brought forth plants and animals of every shape and kind and you call your abundance good. You created humanity in your image as stewards of your good creation. Guide us today as we learn to share this abundance with the whole of humanity so that in your world of richness everyone may have enough.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

The children are invited to receive a special blessing from Jasmine. The pumpkin patch opens this weekend!

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep
that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my
people.
They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

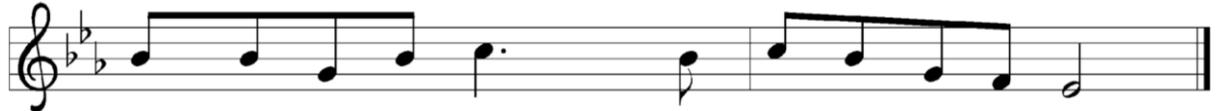
Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring,
and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his
knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 91:9-16

Refrain



Those who seek the LORD lack noth - ing that is good.

Psalm 34:10

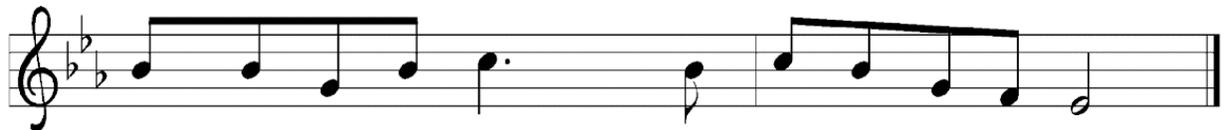
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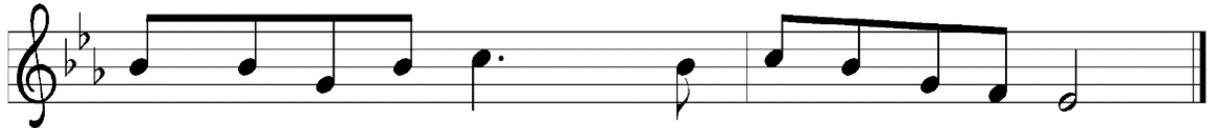
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Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.
For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways. R



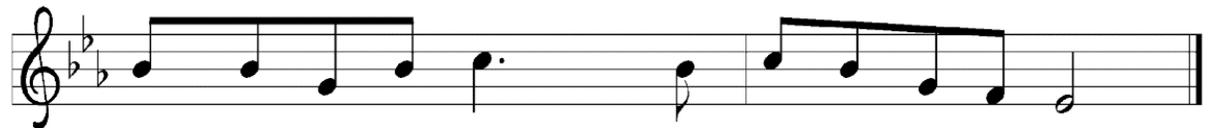
Those who seek the LORD lack noth - ing that is good.

You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.
They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation. R



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SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, word of life.

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.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The gospel of the Lord.

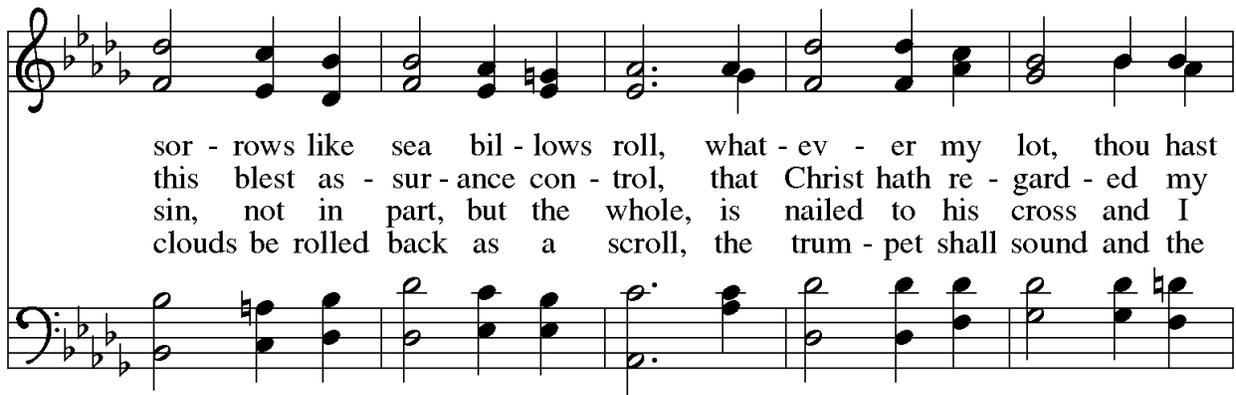
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *When Peace like a River*, ELW #785, vs 1-3



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry and equip them with your gifts. Bless Brandee Leibrand in her candidacy entrance interview this month. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating One, for the abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that all living things flourish as you intend. Send life-giving rains at just the right time, create good conditions for families to grow food for their survival, and protect all those who harvest. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution,

discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness, especially those we name now in heart and with voice....that all may be healed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, counters, readers, cantors, committee and group leaders, teachers, gardeners, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel. Through the witness of your saints, especially Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous gifts to sustain the mission and ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. You may give online at www.glcportland.org/give or with Venmo.

This morning we will receive a special offering for ELCA World Hunger.

Between 720 and 811 million people around the world are hungry. ELCA World Hunger addresses hunger issues around the world and here in the US. Last year, a local organization, Portland Rescue Mission, was awarded an ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grant to support the work they do to not just feed people but help them move from being without a home to having homes. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

You can give online at <https://community.elca.org/elcaworldhunger>, designate ELCA World Hunger on your check to the church, or mail a gift to: ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Thank you for giving generously!

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

Merciful God, accompany and renew us on our journey. Guide us day by day, that we may provide for those who hunger for food, for acceptance, and for salvation. Remind us day in and day out that our greatest treasure is the life given to us through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please remain in your seats for a moment of silent prayer. The Oregon Synod Hunger Team invites us to reflect: Who in your neighborhood is hungry? Who might be more hungry almost two years into a global pandemic? Beyond your immediate neighborhood, who else might be hungry across the country and around the world? Ask God to reveal how you - and our church - might respond so that all are fed.

LORD'S PRAYER

This morning we pray the Lord's Prayer from the Anglican New Zealand prayer book:

**Gathered into one by the Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing hope to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW #543)



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Please leave the sanctuary quietly so that those who wish may remain to listen without interruption. Thank you!

THANK YOU TO THE OREGON SYNOD HUNGER TEAM

Chair: Barbara Stevenson– Gloria Dei, Coos Bay

Rev. Henry Martinez- Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Beaverton

Sharon Magnuson– Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Portland

Jaya Conser Lapham– Grace, Corvallis and Atonement, Newport

Lisa Ramsey– Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Beaverton

Mary Karter– Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Portland

Violet Thetford– Community of Christ Church, Hillsboro

Jemae McCanna– Oregon Synod Bishop’s Office, Portland

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Pumpkin Patch** starts this week! Tell your neighbors and friends to stop by for autumn fun starting October 18 Mon-Wed 11 am-5pm, Thur-Sun 11am-7pm! We also need help! **Volunteers are needed to unload pumpkins** on October 15th at 4pm. **Volunteer shifts for the pumpkin patch** start Monday 10/18. Click to sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/pNxdRbX>.
 - 10/23 & 10/24: **Live Parrot shows**
 - 10/30: **Trunk or Treat** 1-5pm
 - 10/31: **Pumpkin Carving Party** 12pm



We will need **at least one adult staff per shift**. We will take cash and Venmo—but there will be a Venmo lanyard with the QR code so it will be easy! Jasmine will train each staff person herself and help with each closing shift (to report sales each night).

- **GLC Winter Coat Drive:** [Tap Here to donate](#) via Thrivent. You are also welcome to drop off coats or monetary donations at the office (mark checks for “coat drive” and envelopes “attention Patty Olson” so the funds get allocated accordingly). Contact Patty at 503-309-6855 with any questions or for other coat drop-off options.
- **It’s time to pre-order poinsettias** to grace our Sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Order envelopes are available on the poster in the Narthex and in the church office. If you need an order envelope mailed to you, call the church office. The

price is \$8.00 each. Be sure to write your name on the envelope and indicate if it is being given in honor or memory of someone. Put cash or check inside the envelope and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. **Orders are due no later than Sunday, October 24.** Questions? Contact Gloria Kelsay.

- A friendly reminder from your **COVID team**: please stay home from worship if you aren't feeling well! Pr. Elizabeth is available to bring you communion at home if needed.
- **Transition Team update**: Please mark your calendars for a lively party on Sunday morning, November 14th! The Transition Team invites you to join, in person or on Zoom, immediately following worship for a fun time together. After a shorter-than-usual worship service, we'll gather for church history bingo, small groups, raffle, and special presentations. Together we will creatively imagine the ways that God is calling us forward into the future. Please plan to attend!
- **GLC Worship – Your input is needed**: After thoughtful discussions with pastor and the COVID team, the GLC Worship Team is considering two worship services during the Advent season (from Sunday 11/28 to Sunday 12/19). The team needs to hear from you! **Please complete a short survey by October 24th.** You can fill it out online: <https://forms.gle/9dHc3gvVxCDb9bh16> or pick up a survey in the Narthex. Please return it to the church office.