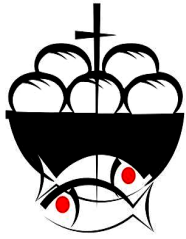


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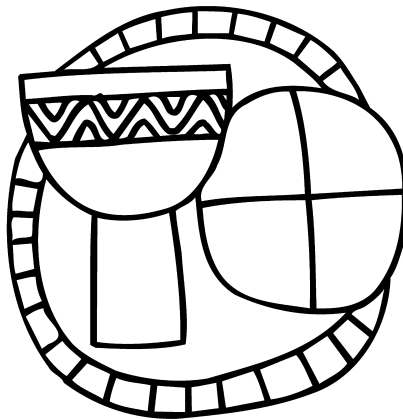
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 12, 2025

9:30 a.m.

LIGHT INTO THE WORLD: HOPE FOR A NEW DAY

By Kent Gustavson



PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

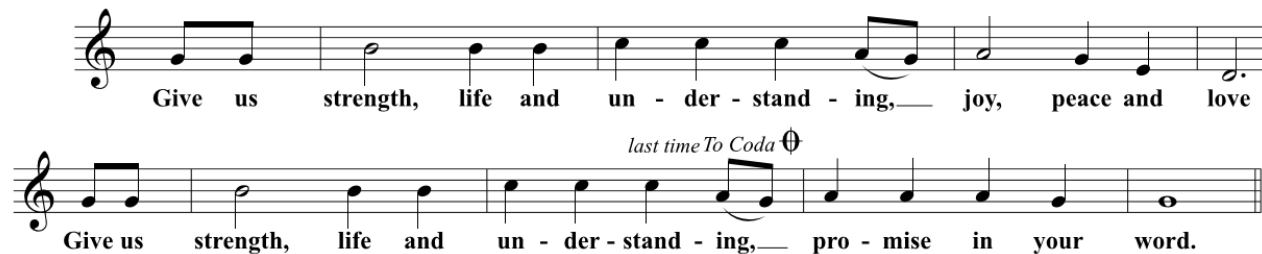
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Verse One:



Make your face shine on us, O Lord, you are our hid-ing place and shield.
Your word will be our com - fort wher - e - ver we might be. Turn our hearts to your ways,
and not to sel-fish gain. Turn our eyes from van - i - ties, give us life in your ways.

Refrain:



Give us strength, life and un - der - stand - ing, joy, peace and love
Give us strength, life and un - der - stand - ing, pro - mise in your word.

Verse Two:



Your word is a lamp in the night, a light up-on our paths. Your word is sweet to the taste,
like hon-ey to our mouths. Let your love come to us, O Lord, when like sheep we go a - stray.
Great is your mer - cy Lord, our tongues will sing your praise. *to Refrain*

Coda



pro - mise in your word.

ASPOSTOLIC 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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Refrain



GLORY TO GOD

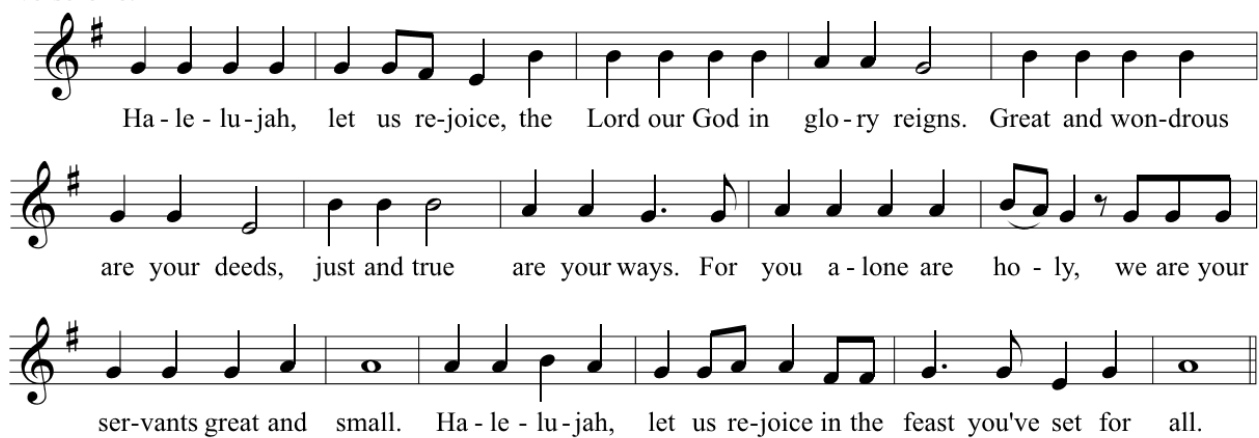
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Refrain:



G Glo-ry to God in hea - ven, and peace to us your peo - ple here be - low.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name___ of the Lord.

Verse One:



Ha - le - lu-jah, let us re-joice, the Lord our God in glo-ry reigns. Great and won-drous
are your deeds, just and true are your ways. For you a - lone are ho - ly, we are your
ser-vants great and small. Ha - le - lu-jah, let us re-joice in the feast you've set for all.

Verse Two:



Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain to take a - way the sin of the world.
You are our fount of bles-sing, we of - fer you our praise. One God, our Cre - a - tor, one
Lord, our_ Re - deem-er, in you we are li-ving, we praise your name and sing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

READINGS

Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the 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 is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans 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 place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Garrett Struessel

GOSPEL ACCLIMATION



The Gospel according to St. Luke the 18th chapter beginning at the 1st verse:

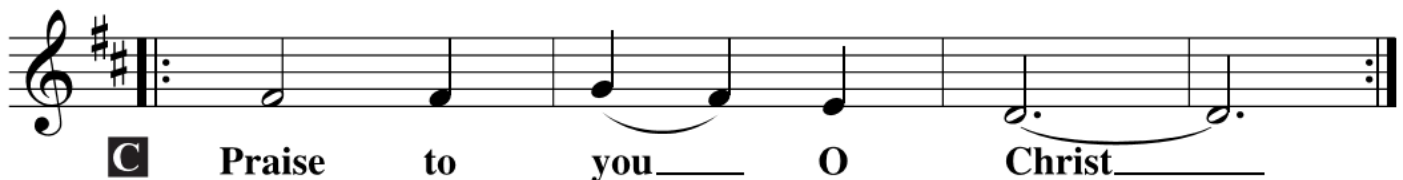
GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on Earth.

The Gospel of the Lord



SERMON

Deacon Korra Looschen

HYMN OF THE DAY

"When Peace Like a River"

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VERSE 1

When peace like a river attendeth
my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me
to say
It is well, it is well with
my soul
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with
my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

VERSE 2

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should
come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded my helpless
estate
And hath shed his own blood for
my soul
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with
my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

VERSE 3

He lives - oh the bliss of this glorious
thought My sin, not in part, but the
whole
Is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o
my soul
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with
my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

Verse 4

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be
slight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall de-
scend
Even so, it is well with
my soul
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with
my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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C We be-lieve in one God, Cre - a-tor, Mak-er of all that is seen and un-seen.



You are with us al-ways, to the end of the age, God who was and is and is yet to be.



We be-lieve in one Re-deem-er, Je-sus Christ, God from God and light from light.



You car-ry us a-long as dis - ci-ples, we are al-ways in your - sight.

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You suf - fered and died for all of sin, to bring us close to our lov - ing God.

Through death in bod - y, made a - live in the Spir - it, in glo - ry your king - dom will not end.

I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spir - it, gi - ver of life, God who was and is and is to come,

wa - ter of life and wind that blows, Cre - a - tor, Re - deem - er, Ho - ly One.

A - - - men, A - men, A - men, A - - - - men.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY PRAYER

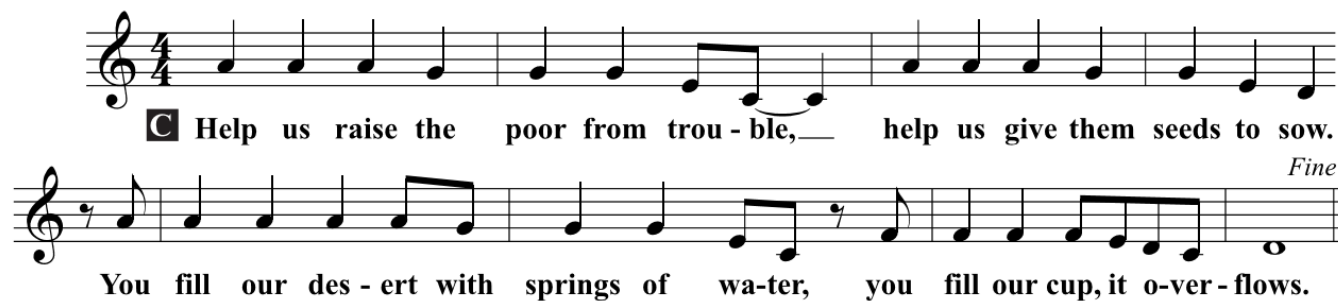
"When God Dips His Pen"

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OFFERTORY

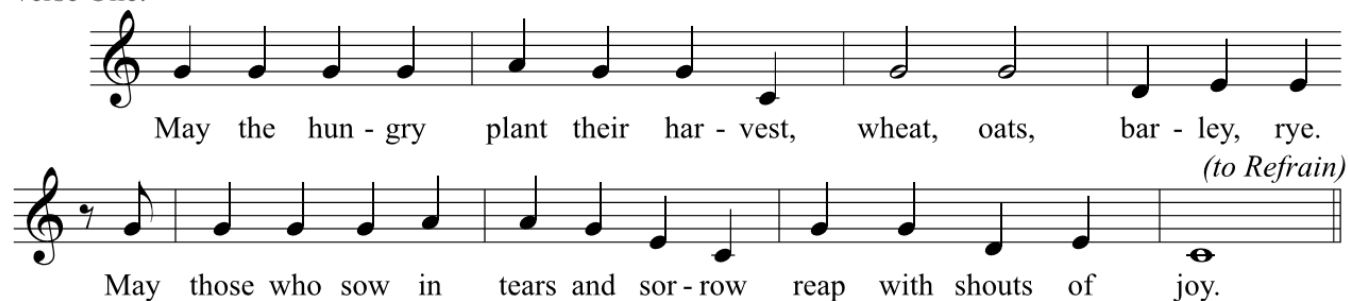
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Refrain:



C Help us raise the poor from trou-ble, help us give them seeds to sow. *Fine*
You fill our des-ert with springs of wa-ter, you fill our cup, it o-ver-flows.

Verse One:



May the hun-gry plant their har-vest, wheat, oats, bar-ley, rye. *(to Refrain)*
May those who sow in tears and sor-row reap with shouts of joy.

Verse Two:



Our mouths are filled with laugh-ter, and our tongues with shouts of joy. *(to Refrain)*
We may not be rich in trea-sures, yet in a-bun-dance we re-joice.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Refrain:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Ho - san-na in the high - est heav - en— *Fine*

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y'. The second staff continues with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Ho - san-na in the high - est heav - en—' and ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

Verse:

Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,

who was and is and is to come, the earth is full of your glo - ry.

The musical notation for the Verse is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,'. The second staff continues with 'who was and is and is to come, the earth is full of your glo - ry.' and ends with a double bar line.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

COMMUNION

All are welcome who come trusting in the gift of God's presence in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, shared in this meal. "The body of Christ, broken for you", and "the blood of Christ shed for you", include the promise of the forgiveness of sin, life and salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord. The ushers will invite you to come forward for communion. We invite everyone to receive communion if you so desire. The invitation to receive Holy Communion is from Christ Jesus; therefore "all are welcome". In our serving communion trays, wine is darker red on the outside, and grape juice is the lighter color in the center. We serve only gluten-free bread prepared in a kitchen excluding wheat flour, to include everyone regardless of wheat-gluten sensitivities. Come, taste and see, that the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD

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C Like a sheep led to be sheared, you did not o - pen your mouth.

Like a lamb you died for all of sin. You were bro-ken and poor.

You take a-way the sin of the world, you cleanse us from un-right-eous - ness.

We shall walk in light, as you are in the light. Have mer-cy on us—

— Have mer-cy on us— Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Let Us Break Together"

Verse 1

Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising
sun
O Lord, have mercy on me

Verse 3

Let us praise God together on our knees
Let us praise God together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising
sun
O Lord, have mercy on me

Verse 2

Let us drink wine together on our knees
Let us drink wine together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun
O Lord, have mercy on me

"How Great Thou Art"

Verse 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the Worlds Thy hand hath made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the Universe displayed

Verse 2

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Chorus

Chorus

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

Verse 3

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, My God, how great You art!

Chorus

"Softly and Tenderly"

Verse 1

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me

See on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me

Come home (come home) Come home

Ye who are weary come home

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling. Calling, oh sinner, come home

Verse 2

Oh for the wonderful love He has promised. Promised for you and for me

Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon. Pardon for you and for me

Come home (come home), come home

Ye who are weary come home

Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling. Calling oh sinner, come home

Verse 3

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?

Come home (come home) Come home

Ye who are weary come home

Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling. Calling oh sinner, come home

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

(Second time through, Congregation joins)

A May the Lord bless you and keep— you, may the Lord's face shine on you.

May the Lord be gra-cious to— you, may the Lord look on you and give you peace.

A - - - men, A - - - men, A - - - men, A - - - men.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some words in all caps and some in title case. The score includes a key signature change to D major (two sharps) for the final 'Al-le-lu-ia' section.

A Now, Lord, let us go in peace, **C** we praise— your stead-fast love.

A We have seen your sal - va - tion, **C** the Bread of Life, the Lamb of God.

A You've come as light in - to the world, **C** you came to save and not to judge.

C We will not re-main in dark - ness, make us in - stru - ments of your love.

Let us go as light in - to the dark - ness, as sun - shine in - to night,

where there is hun - ger or ha - tred, where there is no joy.

Let us pray for the chil - dren, Let us pray for our en - e - mies,

We praise you Lord, for your stead-fast love, who was and is and is to be.

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

for Lent: A - - - - men, A - - - - men, A - - - - men, A - - - - men

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING BLESSING FOR BEV SCHUMACHER

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MEMBERS OF JERUSALEM ROAD:

Jana Anderson	Mandolin
Susan Bennett	Banjo
Greg Fischer	Fiddle
Dave Garrels	Guitar
Mike Meador	Bass

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