

# + GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



# The Nominating Committee wants you to know...

We need 26 volunteers for several committees.

## WE NEED YOU!



## These are the committees:

 $\Box$  Auditing (1) ☐ Mission Endowment Fund (1) ☐ Christian Education (2) ☐ Community Concerns (2) ☐ Congregational Care (2)  $\square$  Memorials (2) ☐ Property (2) Stewardship (2) ☐ Worship & Music (2) □ Nominating (6) ☐ Church Council (4)



### You can even meet online!

(or over the phone)



#### If you are interested

in being nominated to be on one of these committees or if you'd like to learn more, please contact any of the following Nominating Committee members:

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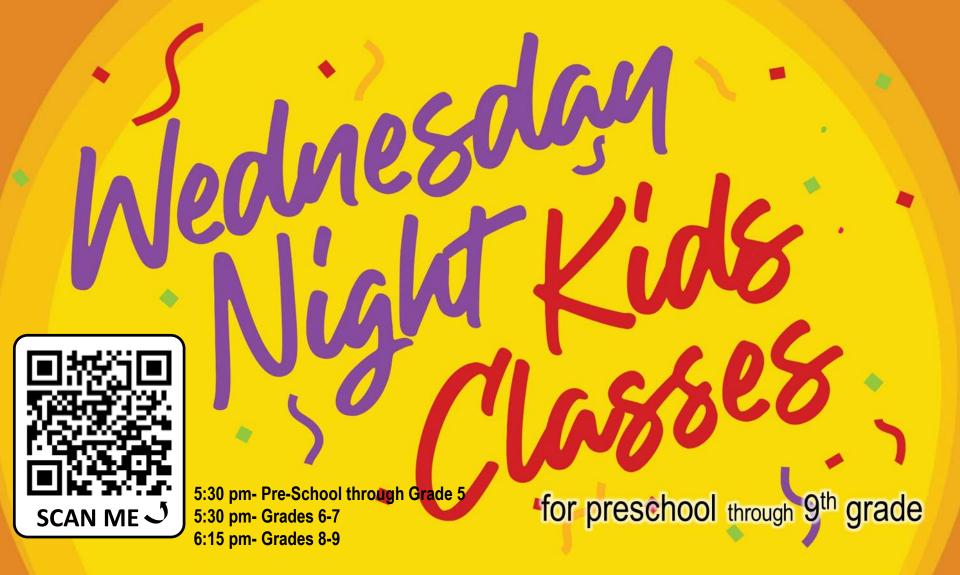
"Being continually changed by the work of the Holy Spirit and God's Word, we make changes for the sake of the Gospel.

Making purposeful and faithful changes comes with our calling as people of faith."

# Navigating Change In Changing Times workshop

presented by Pastor Keith Zeh Saturday, September 16 9:00 to 11:30 am Zion's Fellowship Hall





# begin September 13

Register at zlcw.org (under the Quick Links menu)



Classes and Wednesday worship services resume September 13!

Let's celebrate with chips holdogs in chips holdogs hat 4:45 pm starting at 4:45 pm

All are welcome!

#### Gather Us In

ELW #532

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1.

Here in this place
the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space
our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you
in the light of this day.

Gather us in,
the lost and forsaken,
gather us in,
the blind and the lame;
call to us now,
and we shall awaken,
we shall arise
at the sound of our name.

2.

We are the young,
our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old
who yearn for your face;
we have been sung
throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light
to the whole human race.

Gather us in,
the rich and the haughty,
gather us in,
the proud and the strong;
give us a heart,
so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage
to enter the song.

**3.** 

Here we will take
the wine and the water,
here we will take
the bread of new birth,
here you shall call
your sons and your daughters,
call us anew
to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink
the wine of compassion,
give us to eat
the bread that is you;
nourish us well,
and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy
and hearts that are true.

4.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years awayhere in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.



L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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.

C: 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.

L: 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 to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spiri

C: Amen.

# Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

# Kyrie

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

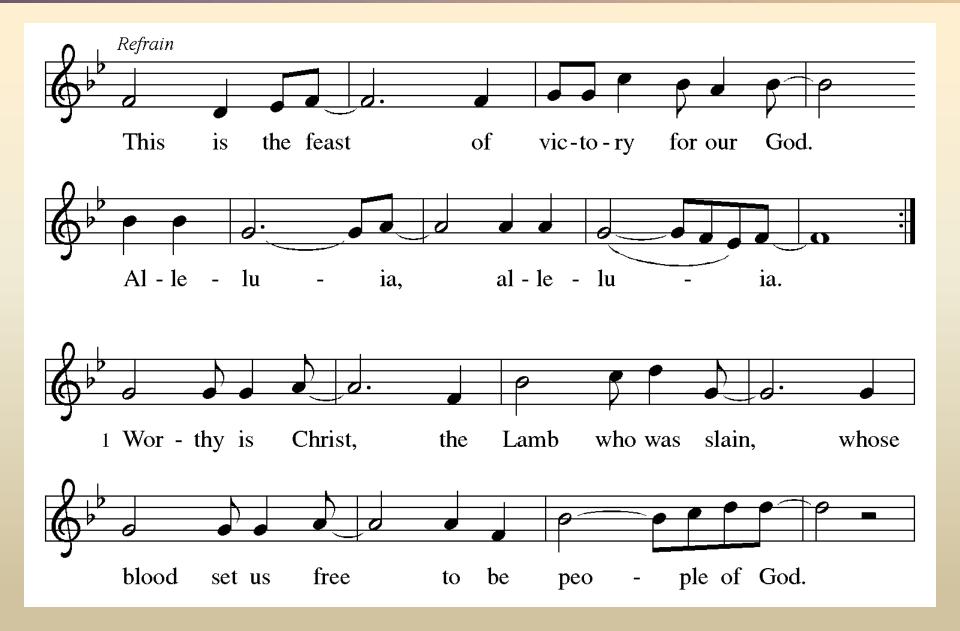
L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

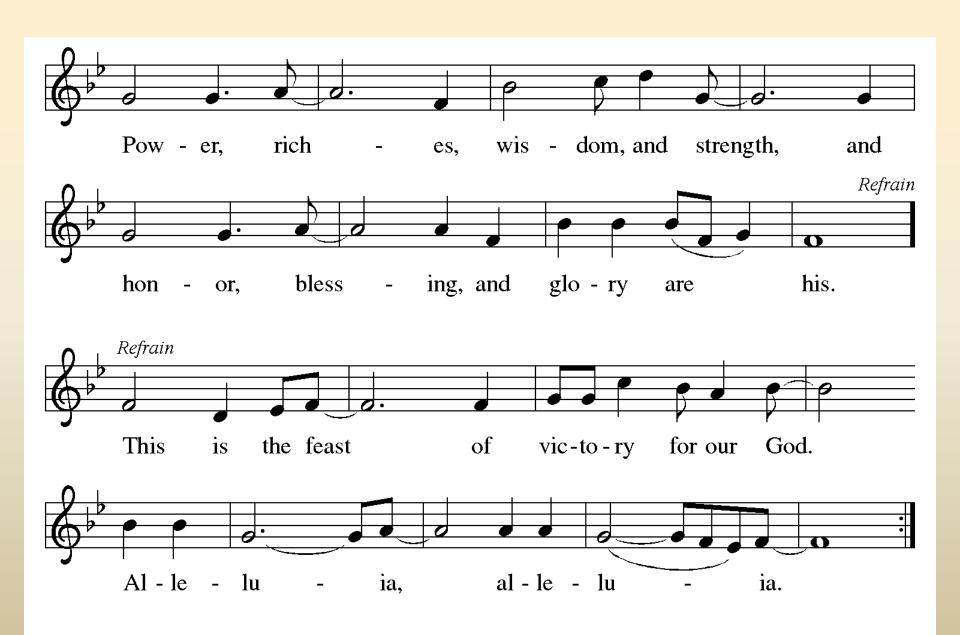
C: Lord, have mercy.

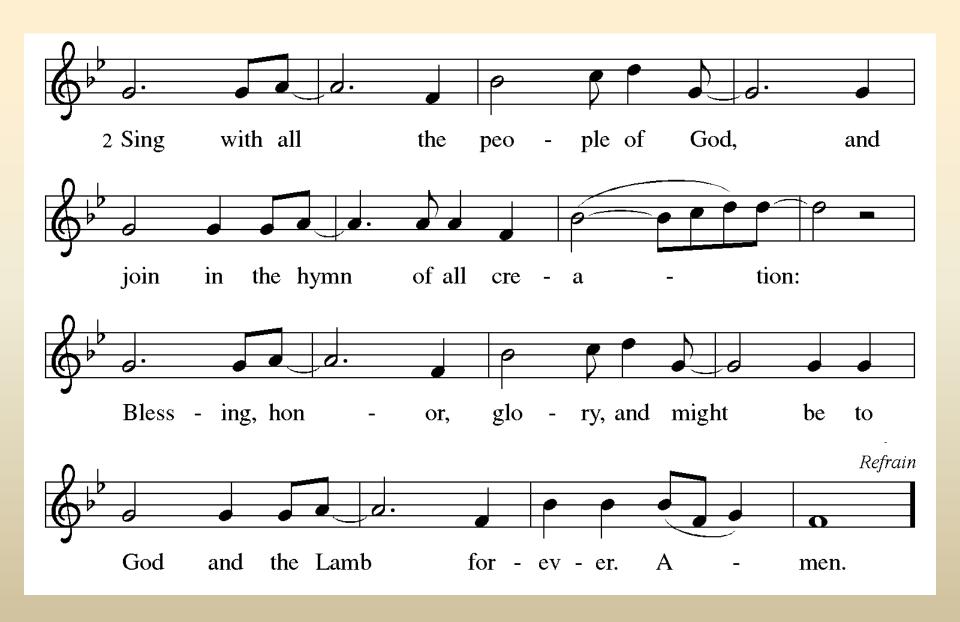
L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

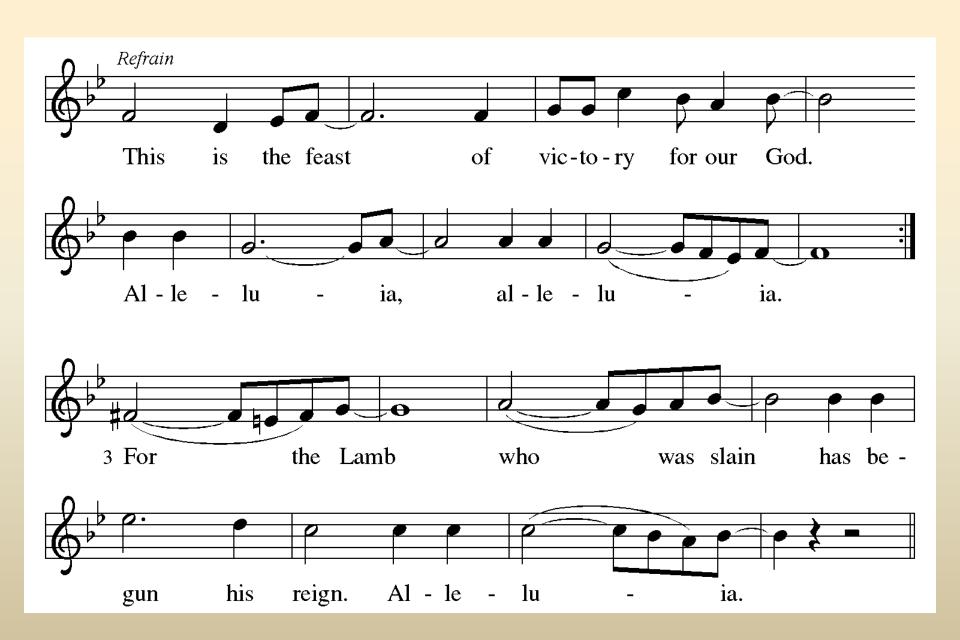
C: Amen.

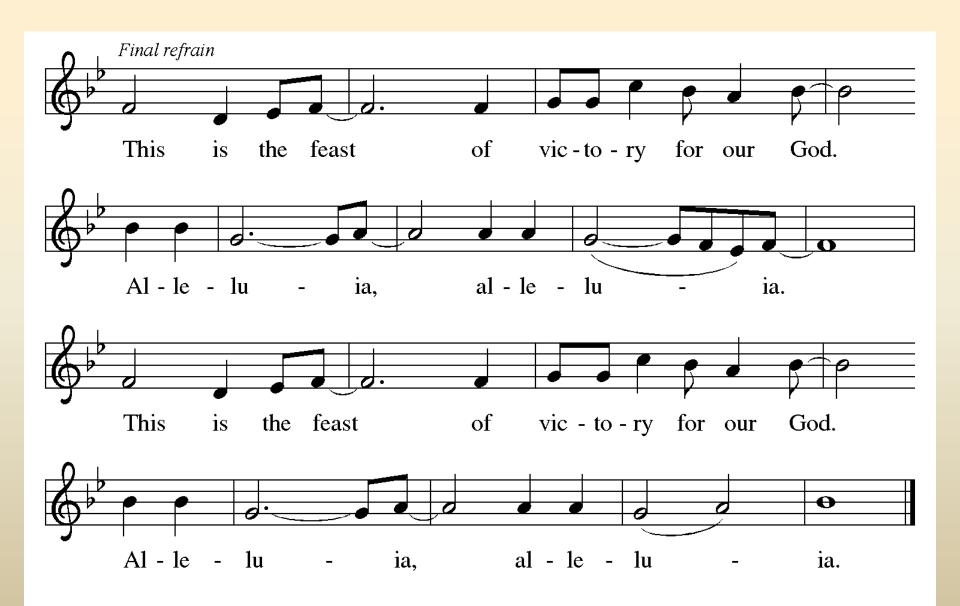
## Hymn of Praise

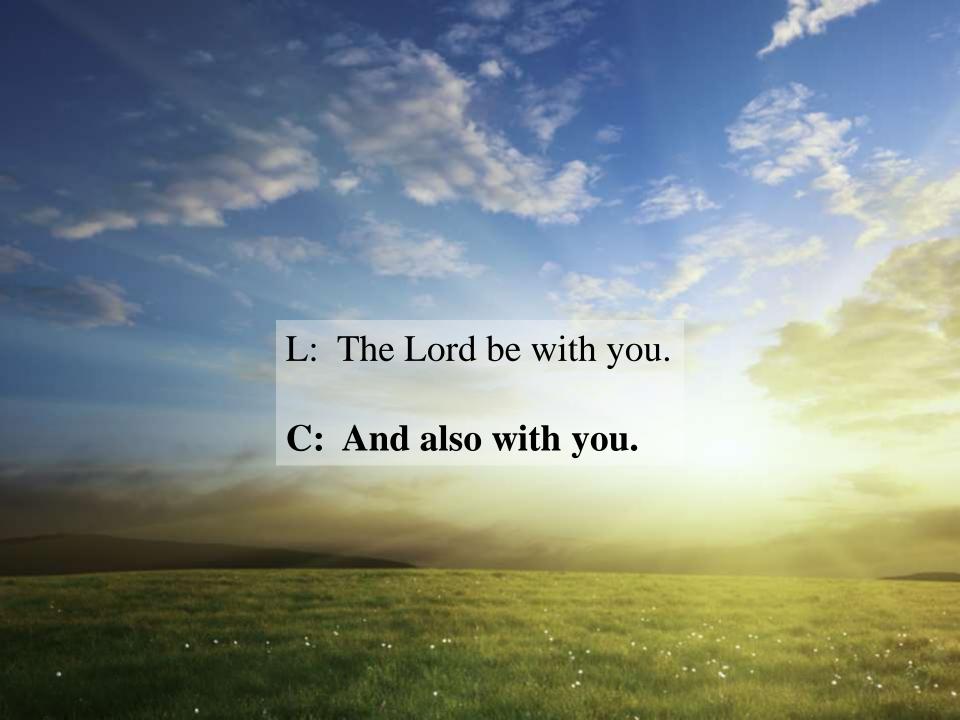








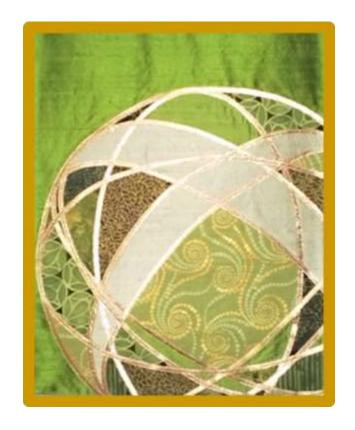




# Prayer of the Day

L: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



# + WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

15O LORD, you know;
 remember me and visit me, and bring
 down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

18Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,

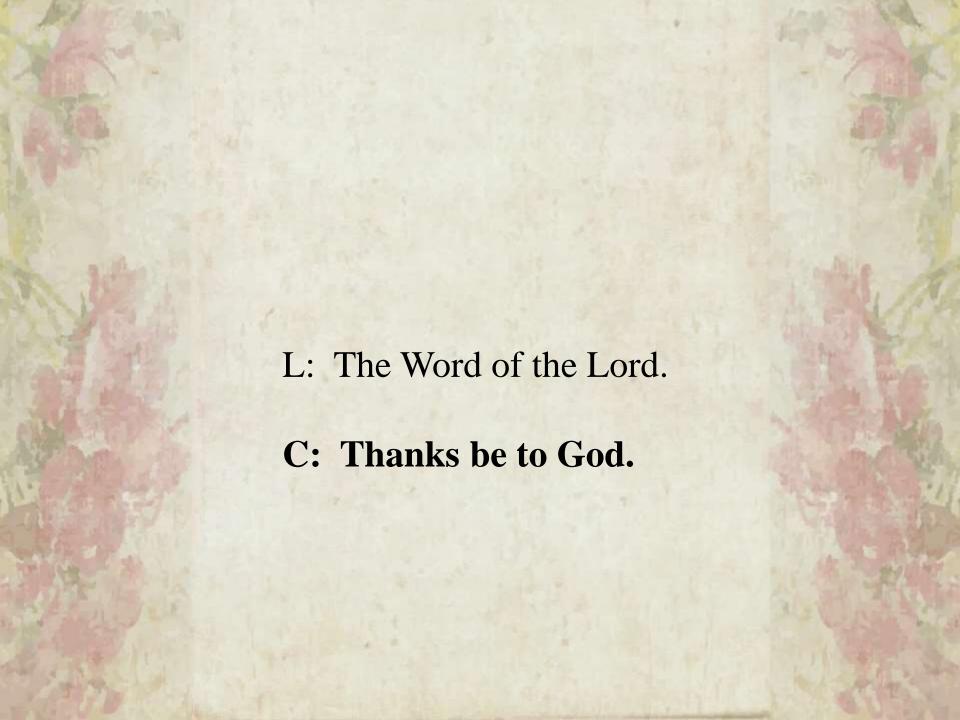
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.



#### Psalm 26:1-8

- L: <sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
- C: <sup>2</sup>Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.
- L: <sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.
- C: <sup>4</sup>I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

- L: <sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.
- C: <sup>6</sup>I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,
- L: <sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- C: 8LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

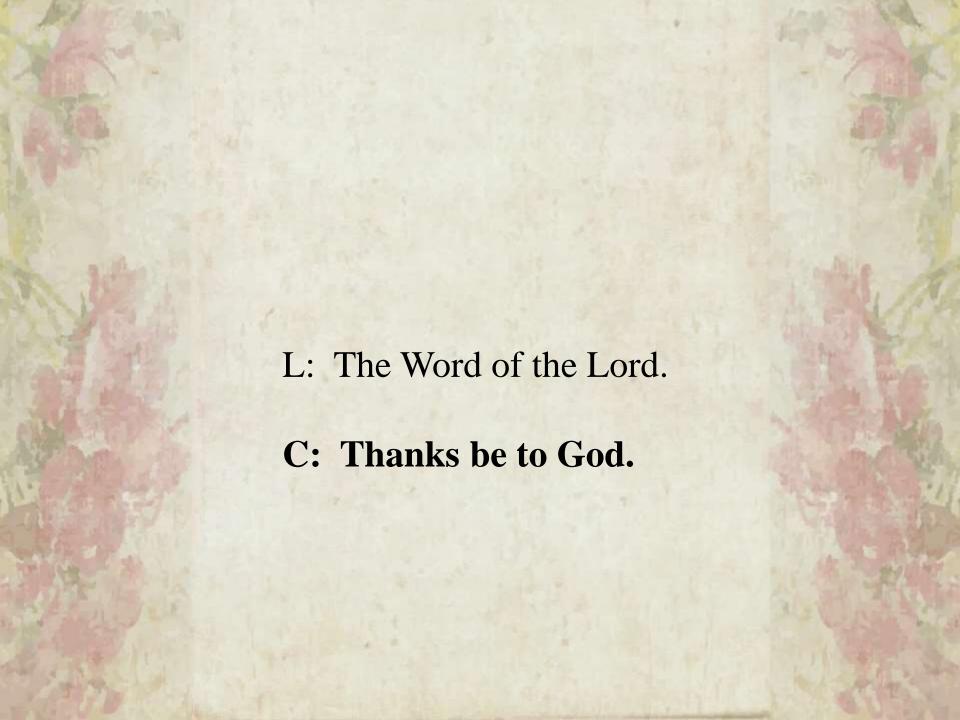
#### Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

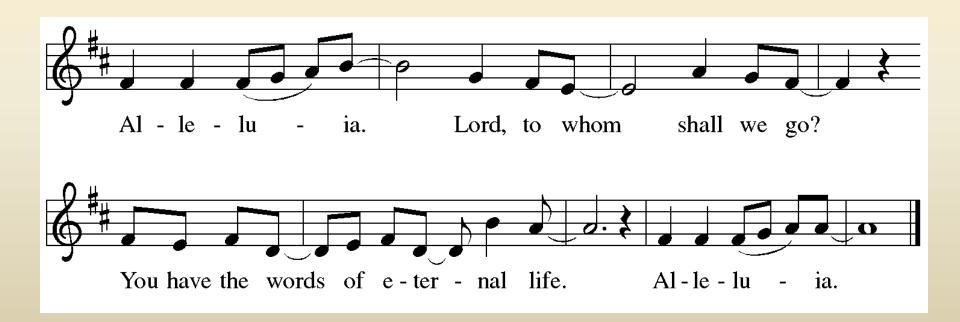
<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

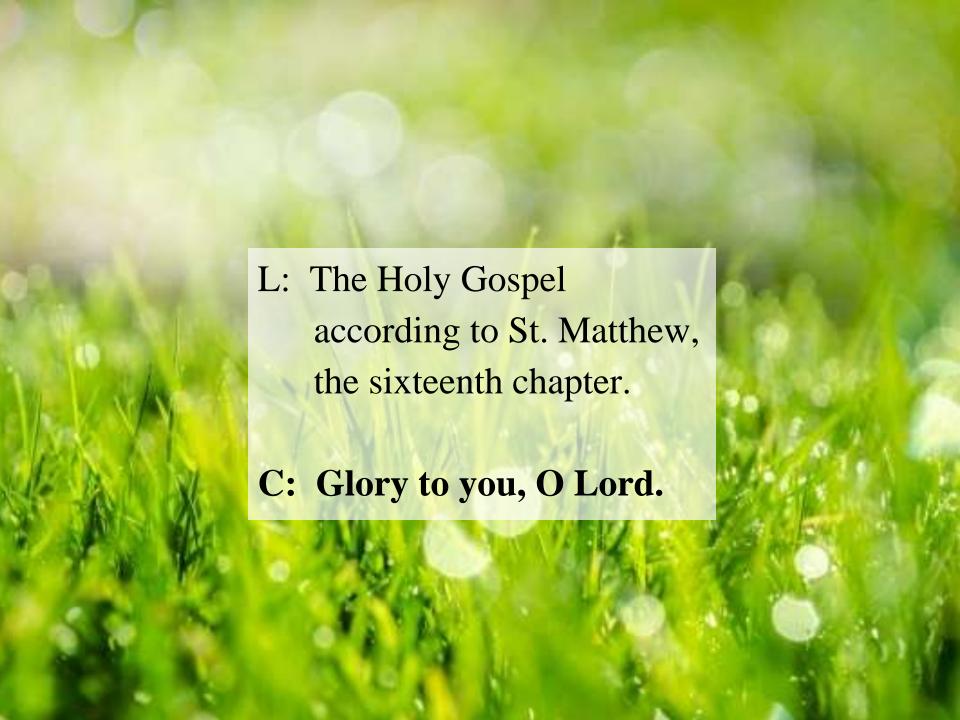
<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

<sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



# Gospel Acclamation





#### Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

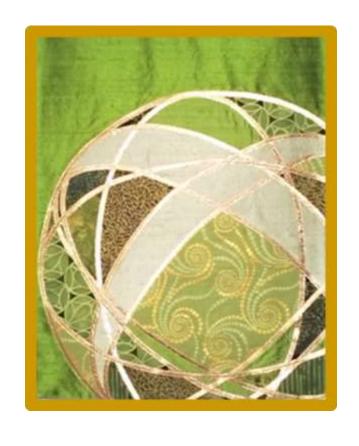
<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."



## Message

"Marks of Real Deal Love"



#### + RESPONSE TO THE WORD +

### I Love to Tell the Story

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of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.



2. I love to tell the story:
 how pleasant to repeat
 what seems, each time I tell it,
 more wonderfully sweet!
 I love to tell the story,
 for some have never heard
 the message of salvation
 from God's own holy word.



3. I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long.



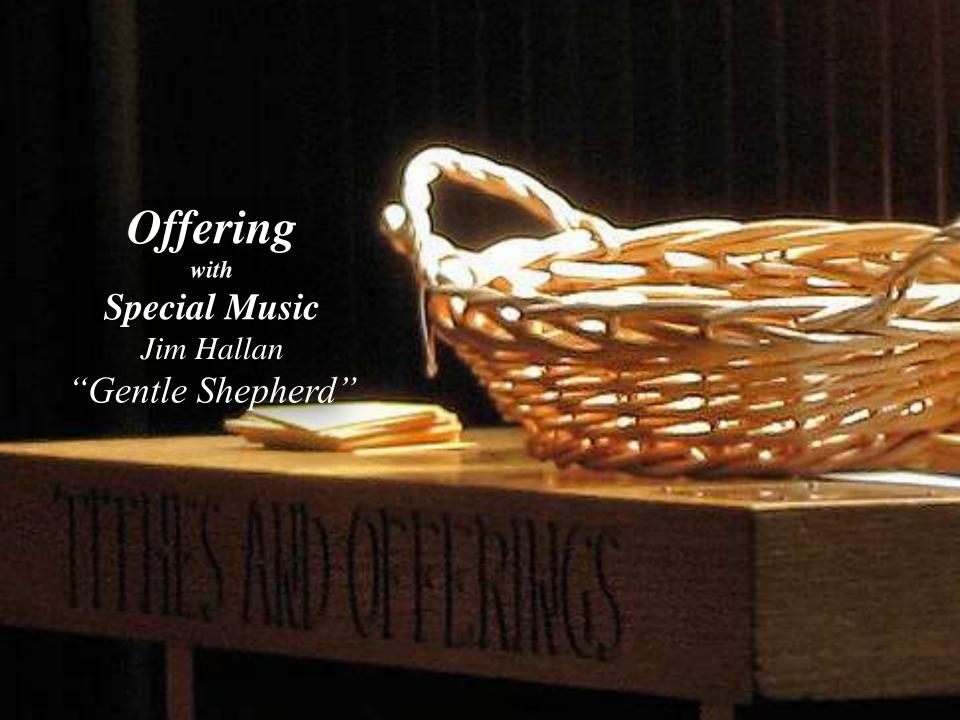
## Apostles' Creed

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.



#### We Give Thee but Thine Own

#686 vv. 1, 2

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We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

#### Offering Prayer

L: God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

#### Prayers of Intercession

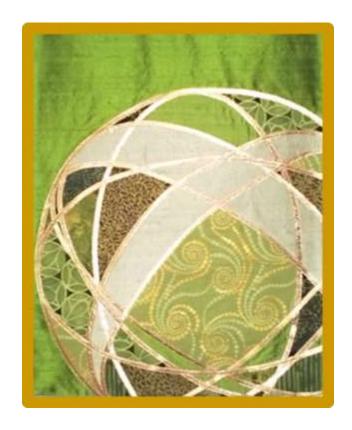
Response after each petition:

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

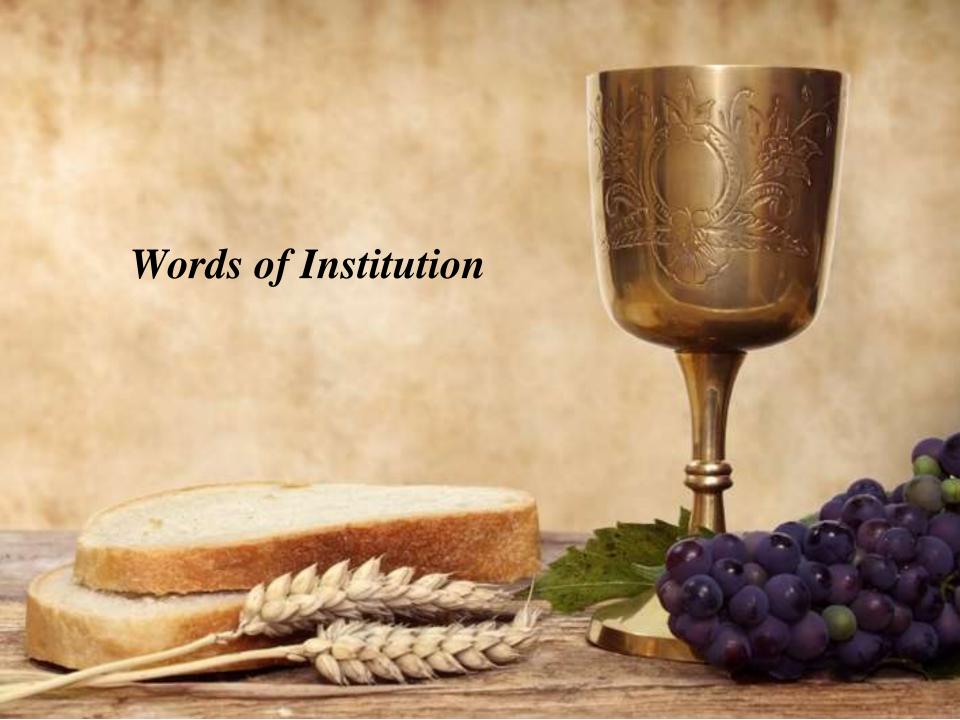
L: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.



## + MEAL +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



#### 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. 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.



#### I Am the Bread of Life

#### ELW #485

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1. "I am the Bread of life.
You who come to Me shall not hunger,
And who believe in Me shall not thirst.
No one can come to Me

"And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day."

unless the Father beckons."

"The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this bread,
You shall live forever, you shall live forever."

"Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood,
And drink of His blood,
You shall not have life within you."

"I am the resurrection,
 I am the life.
 If you believe in Me,
 Even though you die,
 you shall live forever."

Yes, Lord, I believe
That You are the Christ,
The Son of God,
Who have come into the world.

#### Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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Rock of Ages,

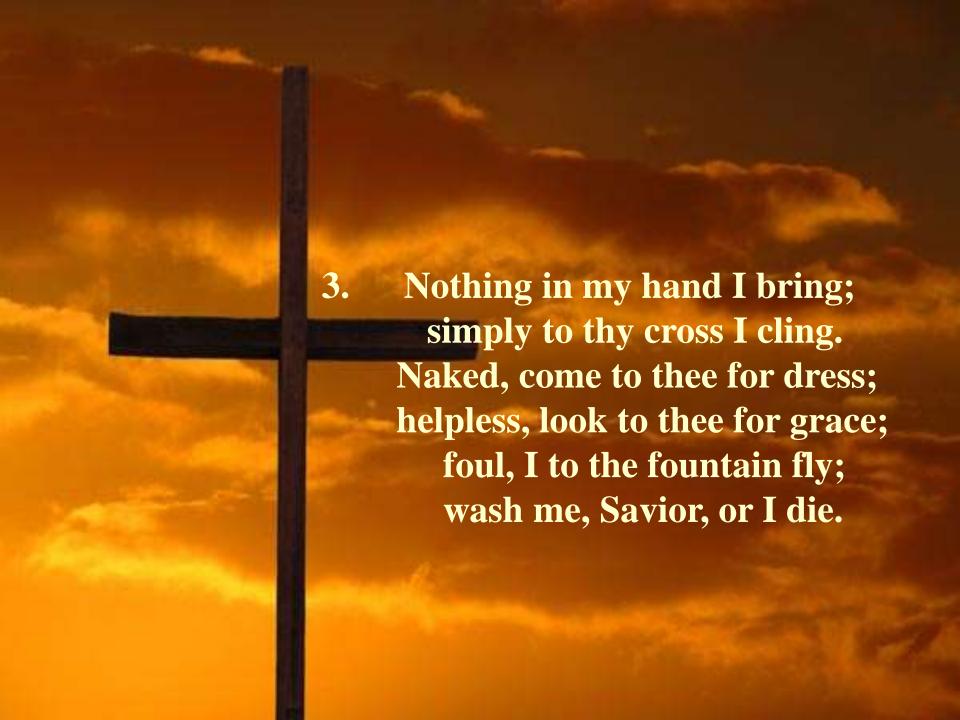
cleft for me,

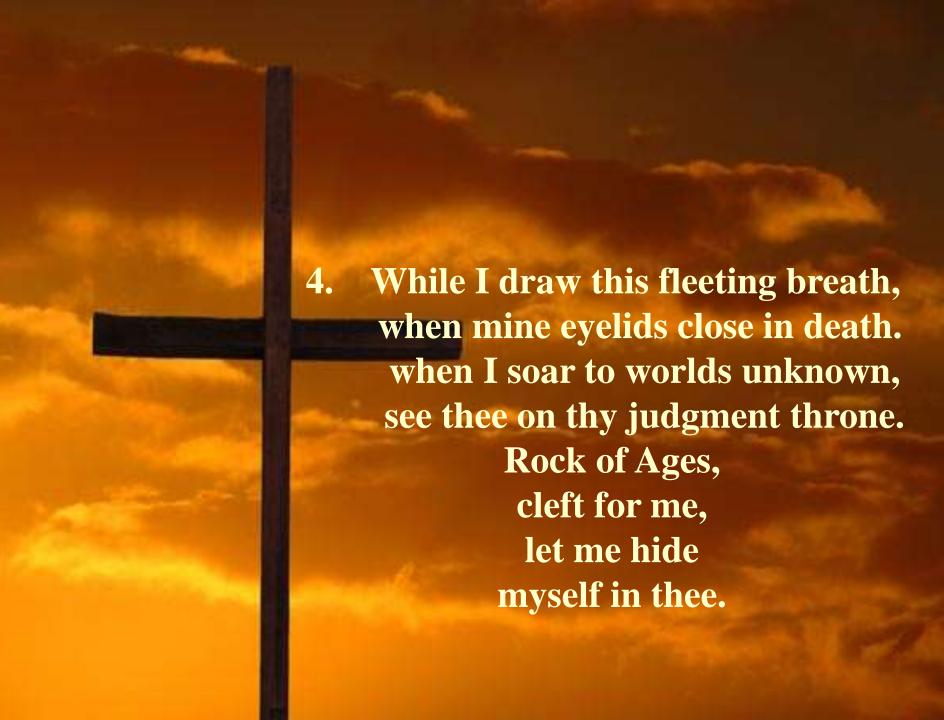
let me hide

myself in thee;

let the water and the blood,
from thy river side whichflowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all of sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.



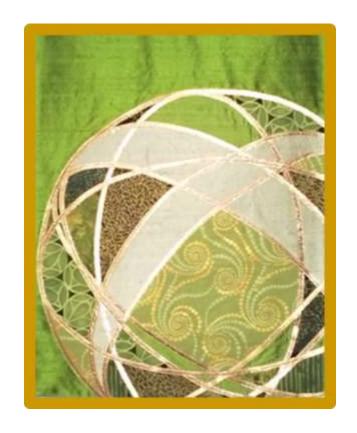




#### Prayer after Communion

L: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.



# + SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### Blessing

L: The God of glory,

H Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### God Be with You Till We Meet Again

ELW #536

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1. God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.



2. God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.



God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

