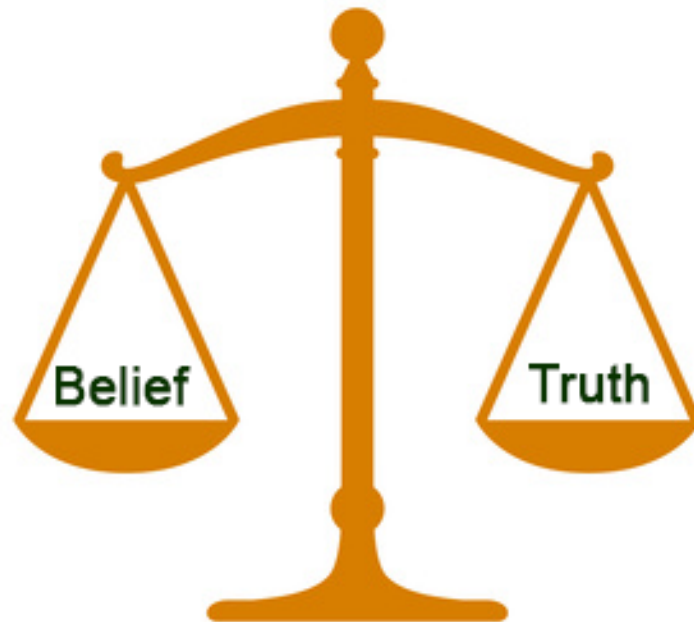




18th Sunday after Pentecost

Kickoff Sunday

Renewed Being

27 September 2026, 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME!



*As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.*

OUR VISION *In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.*

WORSHIP ONLINE OR BY PHONE

- *By phone: call 1-206-337-9723. Then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method will let you listen in, but not view the service.*
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A Note About Worship Recordings.

We are livestreaming this service for those at home.

- *If you'd prefer not to appear on camera, the back rows are out of view.*
- *Families, please know there is no expectation to send children forward for the children's message if you'd rather they not be recorded.*
- **Communion can be taken at your seat; please let an usher know.**

We are gathered on this land, which touches the shared waters of the peoples of the Suquamish, Tulalip, Duwamish, and Muckleshoot Nations. This is God's creation and home to the Coast Salish peoples, whose long history, voices, and practices call inhabitants to loving stewardship, faithful advocacy, and inclusive story-telling. We honor the Creator's presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and proclaim our interconnectedness with God's creation and all its creatures.

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*"Gospel Acclamation," "Offering Song - Now We Offer,"
"Lamb of God," from **Assembly Required**,
by Kenneth L. DeJong*

**Asterisks: You are invited to stand in body
or in spirit*

In this service

*ELW 526, God is Here
ELW 722, O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate
ELW 752, Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" by David von
Kampen
ELW 793, Be Thou My Vision
ELW 773, Precious Lord, Take My Hand
ELW 695, As Saints of Old
ELW 774, What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC

Karen Lee

*REMEMBRANCE AT THE FONT

Christ was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him is life. (*John 1:2-4*)

Water is poured, a reminder of life-giving waters and the Spirit of new life in Christ.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, the Lord God formed humanity from the dust of the ground and breathed into it the breath of life,
and the human became a living being. (*Genesis 2:1,7*)

And, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
new things have come into being! (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them. (*Ephesians 2:8-10*)

For we walk by faith, not by sight. (*2 Corinthians 5:7*)

The love of Christ urges us on,
because we are convinced that one has died for all;
so that those who live might live no longer for themselves
but for the one who for their sake died and was raised. (*2 Corinthians 5:14-15*)

For in him, we live and move, and have our being. (*Acts 17:28*)

Therefore, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary through Christ
and the new and living way that Jesus pulled back the curtain for us,
let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith. (*Hebrews 10:19-22*)

*OPENING HYMN

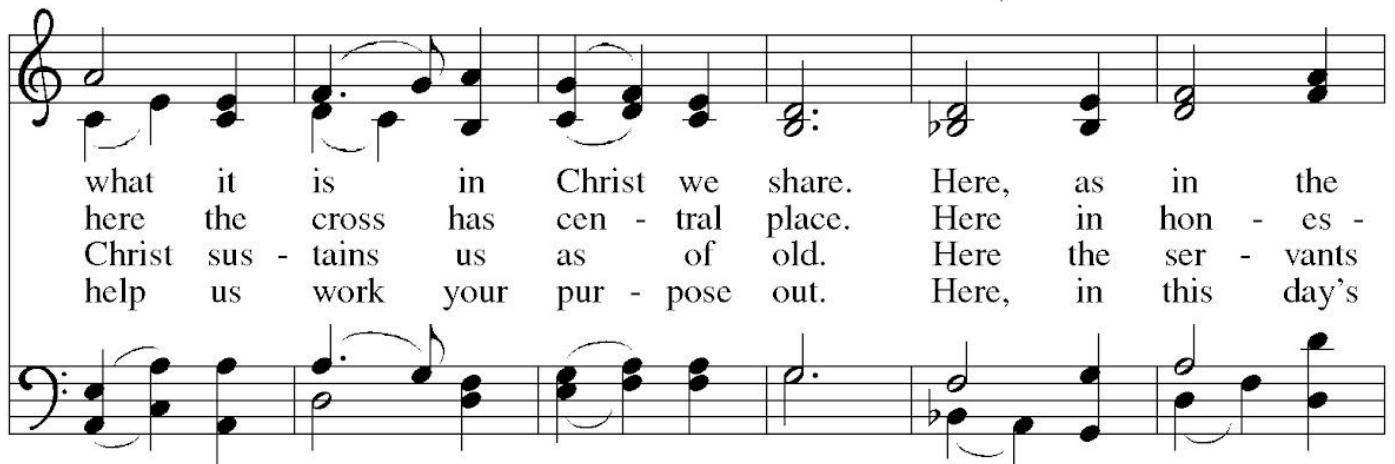
God Is Here



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)
And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

We lift up our souls to you, O Lord, to show us your ways of compassion and love;
 teach us to walk your paths. Lead us by faith to do justice. Assure us even knowing
 that we are bound by sin, we may learn your ways in humility. (*adapted, Psalm 25:1-9*)
**May we be like those who through faith and patience have shown love in service
 for the sake of Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** (*adapted, Hebrews 6:12*)

Gathering ✚ Word ✚ Meal ✚ Sending

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Philippians 2:1-13

“Be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **bearing fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.**”

(Colossians 1:9-10)

Hear what the Spirit is saying. **Our ears and hearts are open.**

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: *be* of the same mind, having the same love, *being* in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests **but to the interests of others.**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And *being* found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

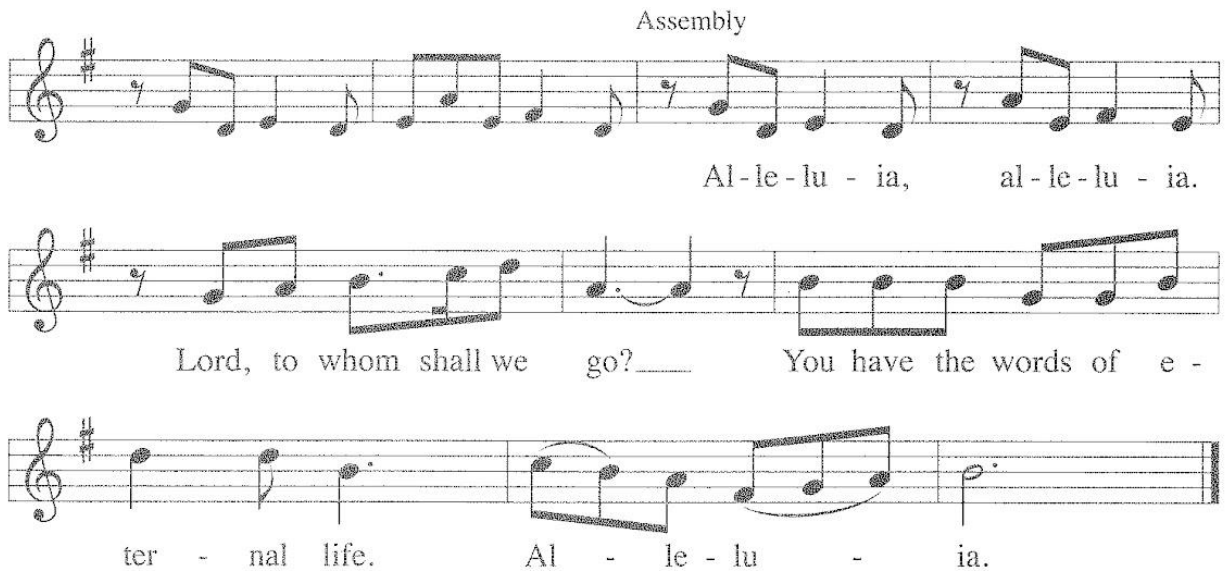
Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, **for it is God who is at work in you**, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Kenneth L. DeJong



*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

The holy gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew;
Glory to you, O Lord!

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?”

And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “**We do not know.**” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “**The first.**” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it **you did not change your minds and believe him.**”

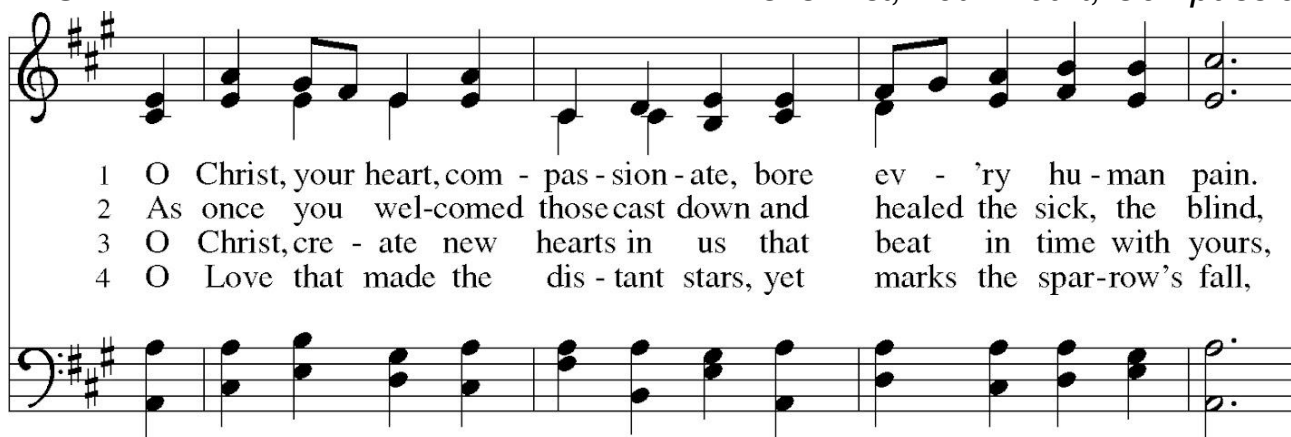
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

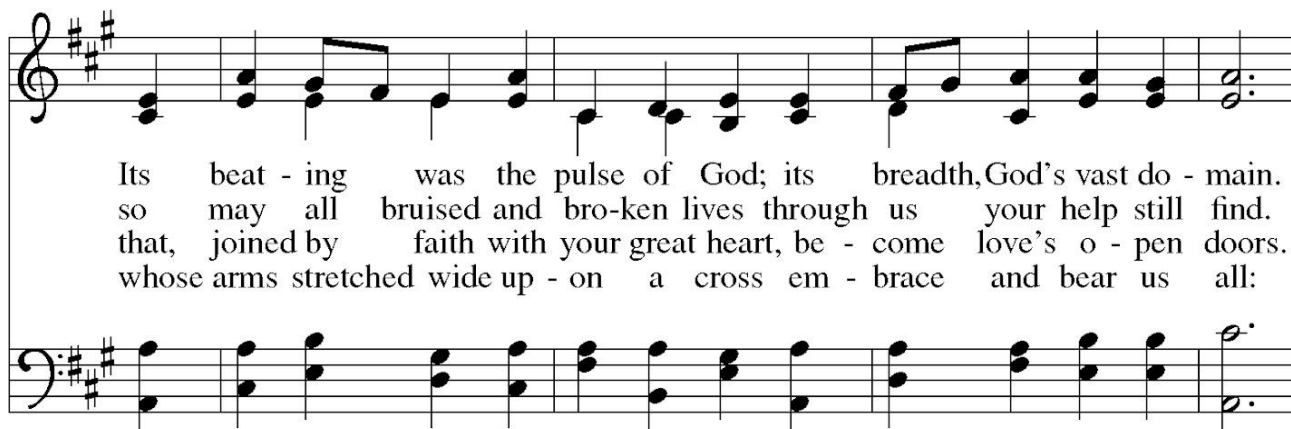
A question of belief

HYMN OF THE DAY

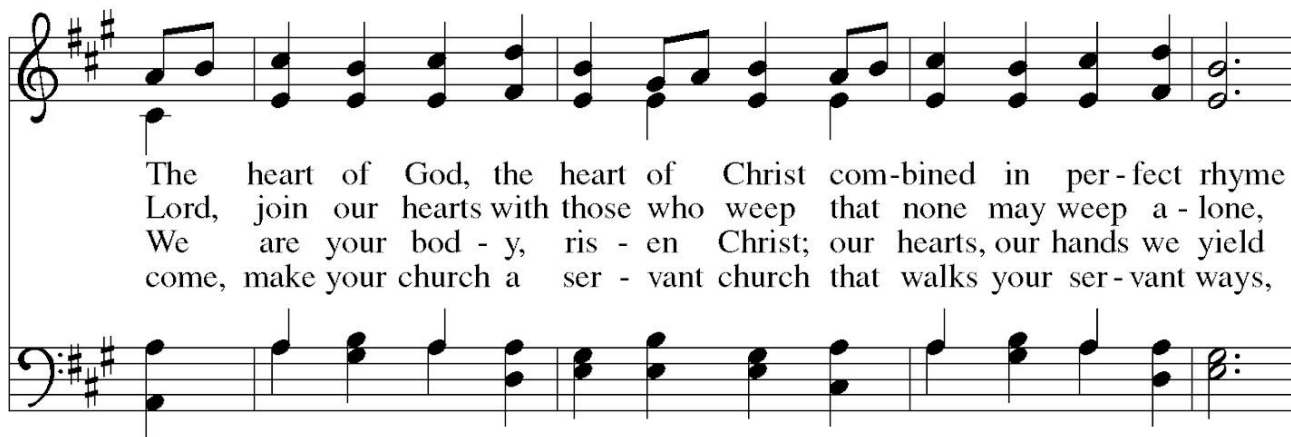
O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



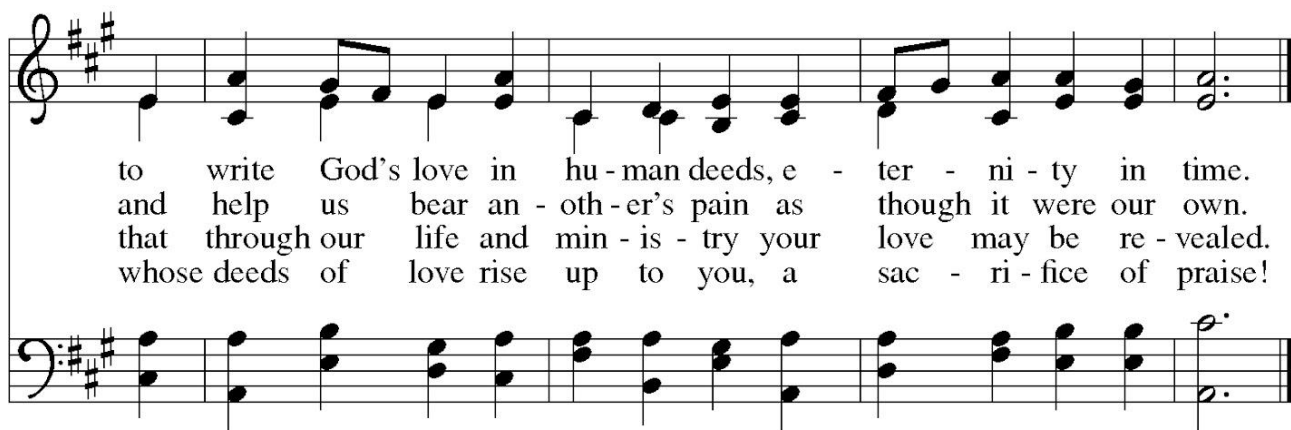
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Music accompanies the prayers, as they are spoken.

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. (*Colossians 4:2*)

Silence for contemplation.

After each petition, we all respond with the **Refrain**:



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Gracious God, center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Lord, hear our prayer. **Refrain**

You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork.

Lord, hear our prayer. **Refrain**

Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility.

Lord, hear our prayer. **Refrain**

Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need; we especially pray for our neighbors and those named in our prayer list. [*The minister reads names aloud*]. Grant us your salvation. Lord, hear our prayer. **Refrain**

Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places.

Lord, hear our prayer. **Refrain**

For whom and what else do we pray?

Please close your petition with the words,

Lord, hear our prayer, and we will all respond with the musical Refrain.

Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks.
Lord, hear our prayer. *Refrain*

All these things we have spoken
and those we've prayed in our hearts,
we give to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Gathering ✝ Word ✝ **Meal** ✝ Sending

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*We greet each other with sign of Christ's peace
by gesture and word, such as "Peace be with you."*

OFFERING

Gifts may be made online at
www.ourredeemers.net/donate
or by scanning the QR Code.



OFFERING MUSIC

Our Redeemer's Choir

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"
David von Kampen



*OFFERTORY

"Now We Offer"
Kenneth L. DeJong

Refrain
Assembly

Now we of - fer you, our
Fa - ther, with the bread and with the wine all our
joys and all our sor - rows, all our strug - gles... and our
time. 1 As the fields of wheat now grow - ing will be -
2 We sing glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to
come a ho - ly sign... so shall we re - veal you,
Christ who lives a - bove, and we praise the Ho - ly
Refrain
Je - sus, that in us you now may shine... Now we
Spir - it for the gift to us of love...

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God,
We know "[In the present time], gifts and sacrifices are offered
that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper.
But through the eternal Spirit, [Christ] offered himself
to purify our conscience from dead works to worship you, the living God."
Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise. Amen.
(Hebrews 9:9, 13:15)

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God;
When your goodness and loving kindness appeared, you saved us,
not because of any works of righteousness that we had done,
but according to your mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
This Spirit you have poured out on us richly
through Jesus Christ our Savior. (*adapted, Titus 3:4-6*)

“On the night when he was betrayed the Lord Jesus took a loaf of bread,
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,
“This is my body that is for you. **Do this in remembrance of me.**”

In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying,
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, **in remembrance of me.**”
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death
until he comes. (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Joined to Christ through these gifts,
bring us to bear the fruits of salvation,
giving thanks as your beloved people.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
sanctify ✙ us, so we may keep the teachings of the gospel,
and stand firm in the traditions of faith,
so your church may live its call,
and fulfill the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**
(*adapted, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15*)

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Matthew 6:10-13)

We speak in the languages of our hearts:

**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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Many of us have experienced
rejection, exclusion, and marginalization
at different times in our lives,
but we come here,
knowing we will not be turned away.
So come, whether this is your first time,
or your hundredth.
All who have tried to follow—
all God's people needing healing and wholeness;
Come to this simple feast. God's table is big enough for all of us.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



LAMB OF GOD

Kenneth L. DeJong

Assembly

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. _____

COMMUNION HYMN

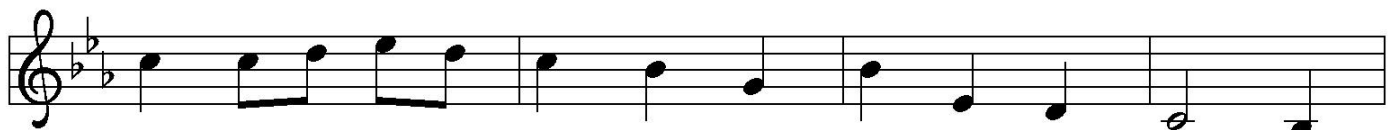
Be Thou My Vision



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|---|-----------|------|------|------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------|--------|
| 1 | Be | thou | my | vi - sion, | O | Lord | of | my | heart; |
| 2 | Be | thou | my | wis - dom, | and | thou | my | true | word; |
| 3 | Rich - es | I | heed | not, | nor | vain, | emp - ty | praise, | |
| 4 | Light | of | my | soul, | af - ter | vic - to - ry | won, | | |



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

COMMUNION HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in everlasting grace and in eternal life. **Amen.**

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, we give you thanks
for these gifts of grace you have given us in Christ Jesus;
**enrich us in every way, in speech and knowledge of every kind
to strengthen our witness to Christ among us,
and the partnership in him, through which you have called us. Amen.**

(1 Corinthians 1:4-9)

*CANTICLE



A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;



to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.



The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:



a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

.Generosity/Stewardship Season (October 4 - November 8)

Swedish Pancakes for Commitment Sunday, November 8

.NEXT SATURDAY **October 3, 10 am - 12 pm, Pet Blessing**

.NEXT SATURDAY **October 3, 10 am - 2 pm, Community Recycling Event**

.NEXT SATURDAY **October 3, 9a-4p, WELCA Retreat** August 29

.BEGINS TODAY **The Journey/Prospective Members**

[Sunday evenings, September 27-October 25]

.**Ballard Food Bank - Breakfast!**

.**Reign (Soccer) Game, 2pm, November 1st. Sign up in the Narthex**

.**Safety Training/Refresher, for new and continuing volunteers working with vulnerable populations. TBA**

.**Thanksgiving Team Leads - Big-meal team leads needed by October 12, we will need to consider creative options to offer this act of service to our neighbors.**

We will have only 10:00 am services on

October 25, Reformation Sunday

and **November 1, All Saints Day**



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

**September 30, 6 PM
Ballard First Lutheran**

Soup Supper & An Evening with Lutheran World Relief

Join us for a soup supper at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30 at Ballard First Lutheran Church, followed by a presentation from Rev. Lisa Kipp, Director of Congregational Engagement for Lutheran World Relief.

Discover how Lutheran World Relief is responding to humanitarian crises around the world and disasters here in the United States. Hear stories from Ecuador and Lebanon, learn about the impact of LWR Quilts and Kits, and explore how you and your congregation can be part of bringing hope to neighbors in need around the world.

**Meeting for Constitutional
Ratification
October 11, 10:00 am**

Directory Photos - Take 2!
We'll announce when new photos for a
directory will be taken!

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

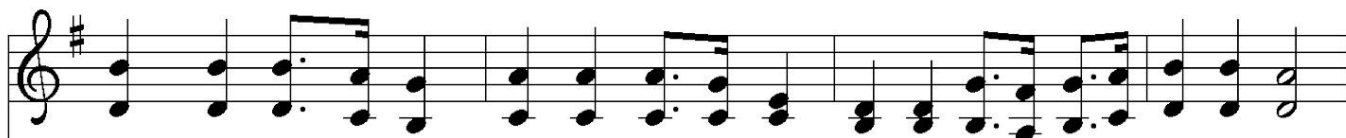
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look on you with favor, and grant you ✚ peace.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

What a Fellowship



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



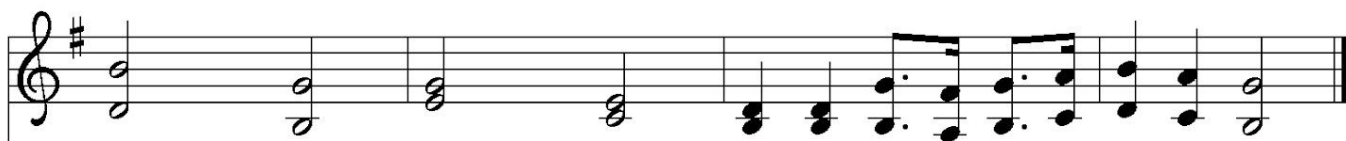
Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

*Many thanks
for serving today!*

Nursery Attendant: Jordan Holt

Online Host: Erica Lee

*Musicians: Karen Lee,
Our Redeemer's Choir*

Coffee Setup:

Communion Setup:

Usher/Greeter: Paul Wallstrom

Lector: Cindy Anderson

Communion Assistant: Linda Carbone,

Communion Cleanup:

Coffee Cleanup:

IN OUR PRAYERS

Bill Anderson, Faye Buckalew, Jennifer Carter,
Chase De Alessi, Pete D'Amico, Barb Dougherty,
Ethan Duke and family, Gerry & Bob Faley,
Helene Fowler, Fowler family, Cindy Funai,
Hale family, Don Hansen and family, Donnalyn
Hansen, Higgins Family,
Margaret & Hlastala family, Holt family,
Tyson Hunter, Helen Jones,
Steve King, Bud Knapp, Maddox and family,
Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Holly Mangold,
Melanie, Elaine Merceruio, Alan Murray,
Prentice Family, Iko Rodenberger, Rosing family,
Kjersti Sangrey,
Michael Schieffer, David Schrader,
Carleen and the See family,
Dave Shumway, Shirley Smith, Letty Silverberg,
Barbara Smith, Sharon Stearns, Elaine Stevens,
Lars Sveum-Hanson,
Carolyn Swanson, Arlene Templin, Todd,
Eliot Wright and family, Jon Wright;
UW Lutheran Campus Ministry.
asylum seekers, refugees, and those seeking
housing and a home;
those living with mental illness and loneliness;
those outside in the elements;
children and parents; immigrant families remaining
separated;
Ballard Food Bank; Road to Housing guests.

*Those grieving the loss of
Julie Rosing, Norm, Miranda Gamayunov.*

*Please contact Pastor Thomas to request
additions to our prayer list.*

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Be a familiar face in worship, and
share the gifts of the service!

Sign up online through
Sign Up Genius.

Please contact Jordan to volunteer!

*DISMISSAL

You received without payment;
give without payment. (*Matthew 10:8*)
Go in peace.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Happening This Week!

Sunday, September 27

Kick off Sunday

18th Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM. Informal Service

10 AM. Adult Formation

10 AM. Confirmation

10 AM. ORCA

11 AM. Traditional Service

4:30 PM. The Journey

Monday, September 28

Tuesday, September 29

St. Michael and All Angels

Wednesday, September 30

LWR | Ballard First Lutheran

7 PM. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 1

Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3

10 AM - 2 PM. Recycling Event

10 AM - 12 PM. Pet Blessing

WELCA "Inspire" Retreat

Sunday, October 4

Generosity Sunday I

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