

Sunday - August 9, 2026
11th Sunday after Pentecost



OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are bolded text.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

The semicontinuous selections from the Pentateuch include the beginning and the conclusion of the saga of Joseph. Once again, it is not the firstborn son who has preeminence, and the threat to the lineage of Abraham surprisingly turns into blessing. Medieval Christians saw many parallels between Joseph and Jesus. In Joseph being sold into slavery, they saw a picture of Jesus being rejected. The brothers' desire to rid themselves of the beloved son surprisingly becomes God's plan for their salvation. In the gospel reading, the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING- TFWS 2135: When Cain Killed Abel

When Cain killed Abel in a fight
and Jacob stole another's right,
when Joseph's brothers gave him chase,
God wept, and mourned their fall from grace.

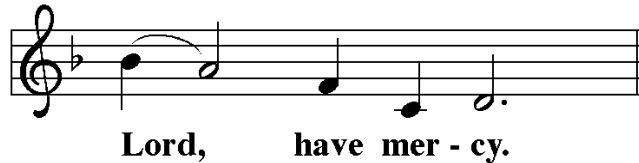
In every family, small or great,
when jealousy twists love to hate
and rivals turn to enemies,
God weeps at our hostilities.

And when in church and world today
such feelings still come into play,
when brothers, sisters stand apart,
God weeps for every broken heart.

Good Christians, join in God's lament,
weep now and mourn, be penitent,
and pray to God: Forgive us all.
Restore us as before our fall.

KYRIE

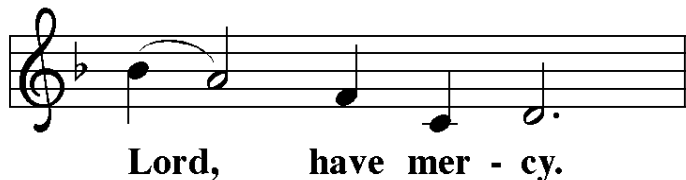
*In peace, let us pray to the
Lord.*



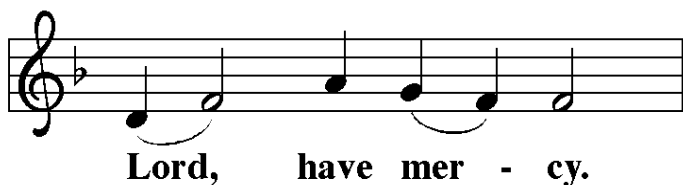
*For the peace from above,
and for our salvation, let us
pray to the Lord.*



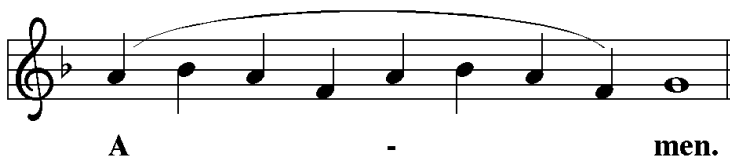
*For the peace of the whole
world, for the well-being of
the church of God, and for
the unity of all, let us pray to
the Lord.*



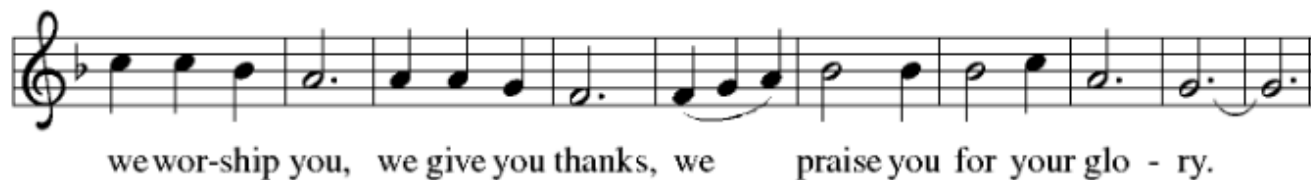
For this holy house, and for
all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us
pray to the Lord.



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



GLORIA





high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



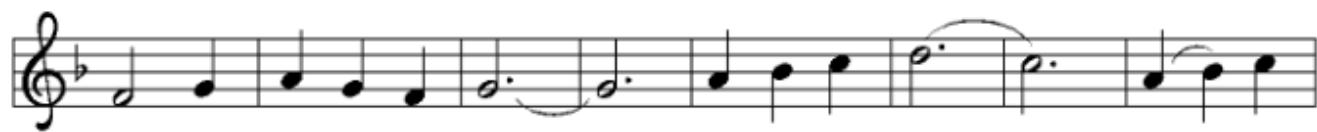
have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



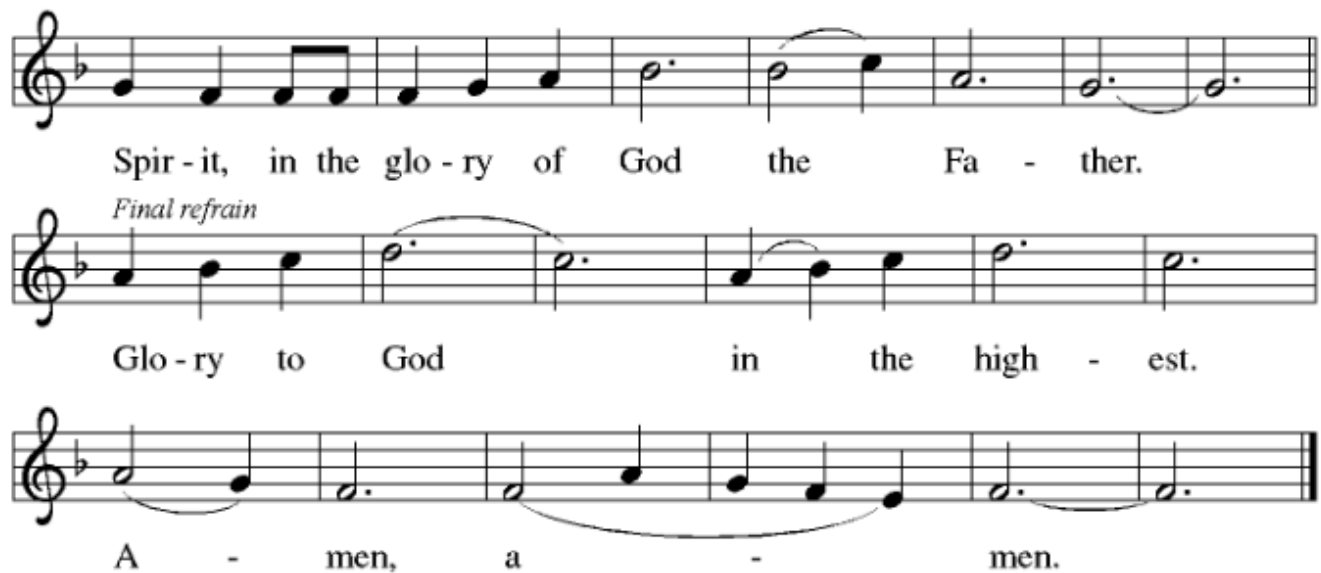
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



FIRST READING: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.

² These are the descendants of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe.

⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶ "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷ The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."

²² Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105

1.Do not fret on ac - count of the wick - ed, do not
 2.To the LORD let your way on be com - mit - ted; trust in
 3.Do not fret it leads on - ly to e - vil; keep your

en - vy the ones who do wrong; for like grass they will ve - ry soon
 him, he will do what is right. Then your just - tice will shine like the
 tem - per and stay far from wrath, for the wick - ed will cer - tain - ly

with - er, like green plants they will not flour - ish long. Put your
 morn - ing, your just cause like the sun in its might. So be
 per - ish, while the god - ly in - her - it the land. Yet a

trust in the LORD and be up - right; then sec - ure in the land you will
 si - lent and seek the Lord's pre - sence, and be pa - tient un - til he re -
 while, and the wick - ed will van - ish; though you search they will nev - er be

live. Take de - light in the LORD a - bove all things: the de -
 plies; do not fret when you see the to suc - cess - ful, if their
 found. But the land will be - long the hum - ble, and their

sires of your heart he will give.
 schemes are pro - mot - ed through lies.
 wel - fare and peace will a - bound.

Day by day the LORD cares for the blame-less, so their
 Watch the blame-less, con-sid-er the up-right; there's a
 her-i-tage stands ev-er sure. When a fam-ine comes, they will have
 fut-ure for those who make peace. But des-truc-tion a-waits the re-
 plen-ty; and in drought they will al-ways en-dure. But the
 bel-lious, and their fut-ure will sud-den-ly cease. From the
 wick-ed will cer-tain-ly per-ish; they will van-ish as smoke blows a-way. And the
 LORD comes the hope of the right-eous, and in troub-le de-fense for the meek; So the
 foes of the LORD will be scat-tered, like the flower of the field in a
 LORD saves them all from the wick-ed for in him their pro-tec-tion they
 day.
 found.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

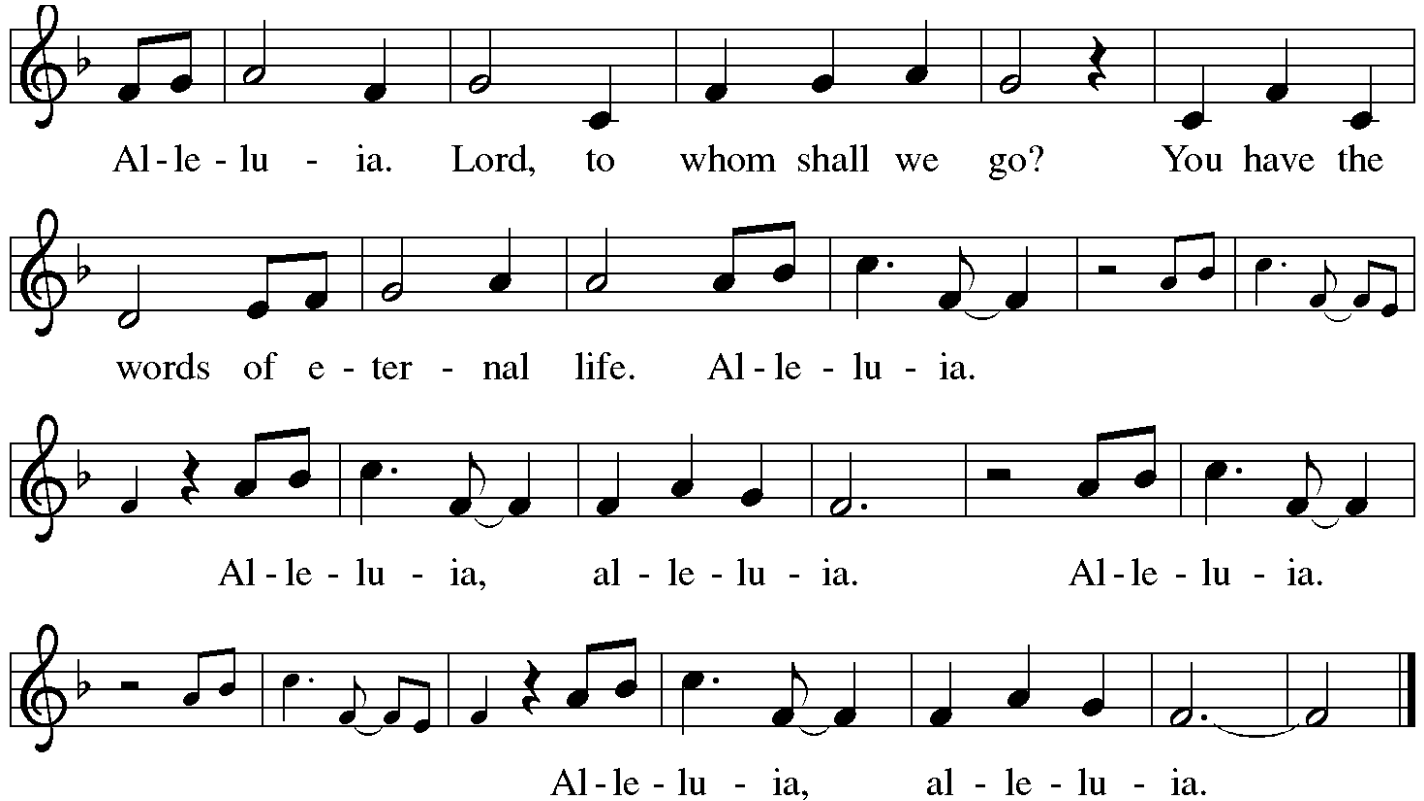
“The word is near you,

in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” 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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O God.**

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

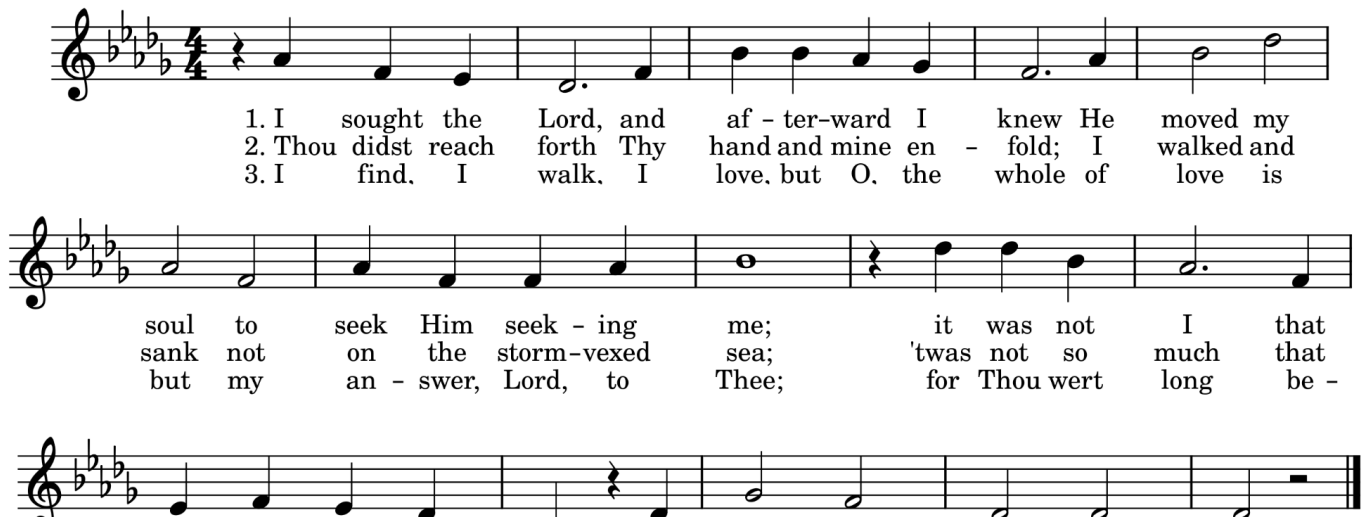
²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When

they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON - Pr Dee

HYMN OF THE DAY-I Sought the Lord



1. I sought the Lord, and af - ter-ward I knew He moved my
2. Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine en - fold; I walked and
3. I find, I walk, I love, but O, the whole of love is

soul to seek Him seek - ing me; it was not I that
sank not on the storm-vexed sea; 'twas not so much that
but my an - swer, Lord, to Thee; for Thou wert long be -

found, O Sa - vior true; no, I was found of Thee.
I on thee took hold, as Thou, dear Lord, on me.
fore - hand with my soul, al - ways Thou lo - vedst me.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer especially for Karen, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Scott F., Kim M. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY- The Storm Is Passing Over



1. Take cour - age, my soul, _____ and let us jour - ney on, _____
 2. The bil - lows roll _____ and thun - der shakes the ground, _____
 3. The stars _____ are gone, _____ and dis - tant lights are dim; _____



_____ for the night is long, _____ and
 _____ the light-ning's flash - ing, _____ and
 _____ I am so a - fraid _____ the



I am far from home. _____ Thanks be to God, _____
 tem - pest all a - round. _____ Je - sus walks the
 seas are break - ing in. _____ I hear God say, _____



_____ the morn - ing light ap - pears. _____
 sea, and calms the an - gry waves. _____ } The
 "Be ye not a - fraid." _____



storm is pass - ing o - ver, the storm is pass - ing o - ver, _____ the



storm is pass - ing o - ver, hal - le - lu - jah Hal - le -



lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, _____ the



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GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly

Lord God of hosts. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high -

est. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na

in the high - est.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI



SENDING HYMN- My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 23- Congregational Meeting After Worship

<u>Participating in Worship</u> Presiding/Preaching: Pr Dee Minister of Music and Liturgy: Daniel Alley Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer Lector: Communion Set-up/Clean-up: Worship Assistant: Flowers: Coffee Hour:	<u>Happening This Week at CLC</u> Today 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship 1:30 PM Greater Love Worship Monday 9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center 7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts Tuesday 7 PM Lady AA Meeting Saturday 6 PM Millennium AA Meeting Next Sunday 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship 1:30 PM Greater Love Worship
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Diane L. Lysle P. Mike S. The Vale Community Robin & Wendy George F. Louise O., Lucas, and El Cerrito High School Jimmy D. Vince	Laurie P. Carolina S. Karen H. Fred W. Chad B. TJ B. Carla L. Mark Thelma & Mike G.	Chris Phil C. Scott F. Kim M. Christine H.L. The family and friends of Julie Dienstein
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