

# Welcome to Anchorage Lutheran Church



**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 20, 2020**

**10:00 am**

**DIVINE SERVICE**

**Setting Two**

## OUR CALLING

**We exist** as a ministry because of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. As Christians, we seek to know Him and understand His purpose in our lives through the study of God's Holy Word, frequent worship, and reception of the Lord's Supper.

**We strive** to share the Good News of Christ's victory over death through proclamation in our worship services, Christian education programs in our community and support of missions in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and the World.

**We seek** to live as God's children, open to the leading of the Holy Spirit by witness and discipleship of Christ Jesus through the use of our time, talent, and treasures.

**The Lord's Supper:** The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. We celebrate this meal often in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice. Baptized adult Christians, understanding and seeking the mystery of this Holy Meal-the nourishing forgiveness and Real Presence of Christ-are invited to participate.

*Should you come to the altar and wish not to receive this sacrament, please cross your arms to receive a blessing. Children who have not yet been confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.*



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## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude – Fantasy on Rock of Ages by Hastings

### 682 God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons



1 God of the proph - ets, bless the proph - ets' sons;  
2 A - noint them proph - ets, men who are in - tent  
3 A - noint them priests, strong in - ter - ces - sors they,  
4 A - noint them kings, yes, king - ly kings, O Lord.  
5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of Your cross;



E - li - jah's man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast.  
To be Your wit - ness - es in word and deed,  
For par - don and for love and hope and peace,  
A - noint them with the Spir - it of Your Son.  
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.



Each age its sol - emn task may claim but once;  
Their hearts a - flame, their lips made el - o - quent,  
That, through their plead - ing, guilt - y sin - ners may  
Theirs not a jew - eled crown, a blood - stained sword;  
In - spired by You, may they count all but loss



Make each one no - bler, strong - er than the last.  
Their eyes a - wake to ev - 'ry hu - man need.  
Find Je - sus' mer - cy and from sin re - lease.  
Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a king - dom won.  
And stand at last with joy be - fore Your face.

### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

### Exhortation

LSB 167

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

### Confession of Sins

LSB 167

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

### Announcement of Forgiveness

LSB 167

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB 168

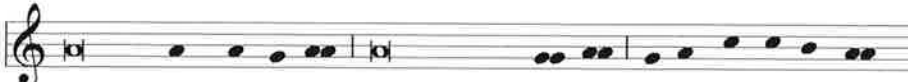
## Kyrie



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



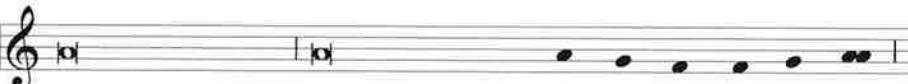
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# This Is the Feast

LSB 171



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



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



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



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



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

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

## **Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

<sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." <sup>10</sup>And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." <sup>11</sup>And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup>And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-26**

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

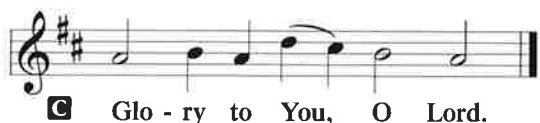
**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia and Verse**


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:7-15**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.




Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.



## 788 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness



1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,  
2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,  
3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,  
4 Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,



For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,  
For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,  
For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds;  
That gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,



For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,  
For Christ Your Son, and for each hu - man face  
For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways  
That knows no bar - ri - er of "yours" and "mine,"



While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:  
That shows Your mes - sage ev - er new and near.  
Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs:  
As - sured that on - ly what's with - held is lost.

5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,  
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,  
For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast  
And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:

6 Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,  
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;  
May thankfulness be days in service spent,  
Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.

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**Message: "Chariots of Fire" – Pastor Tony Schultz**





## Apostles' Creed

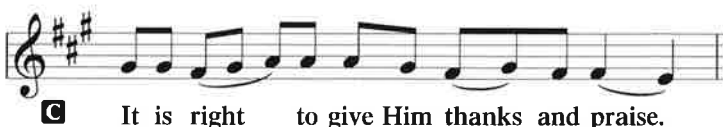
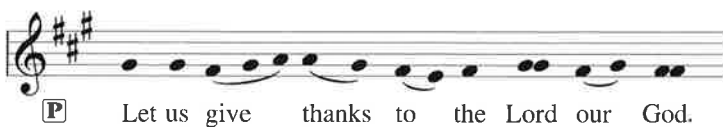
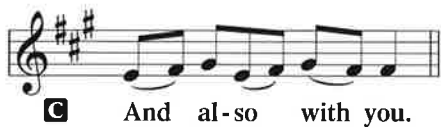
**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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 the People

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Preface

LSB 177



## Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 178

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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.**

## Words of Institution

### Agnus Dei

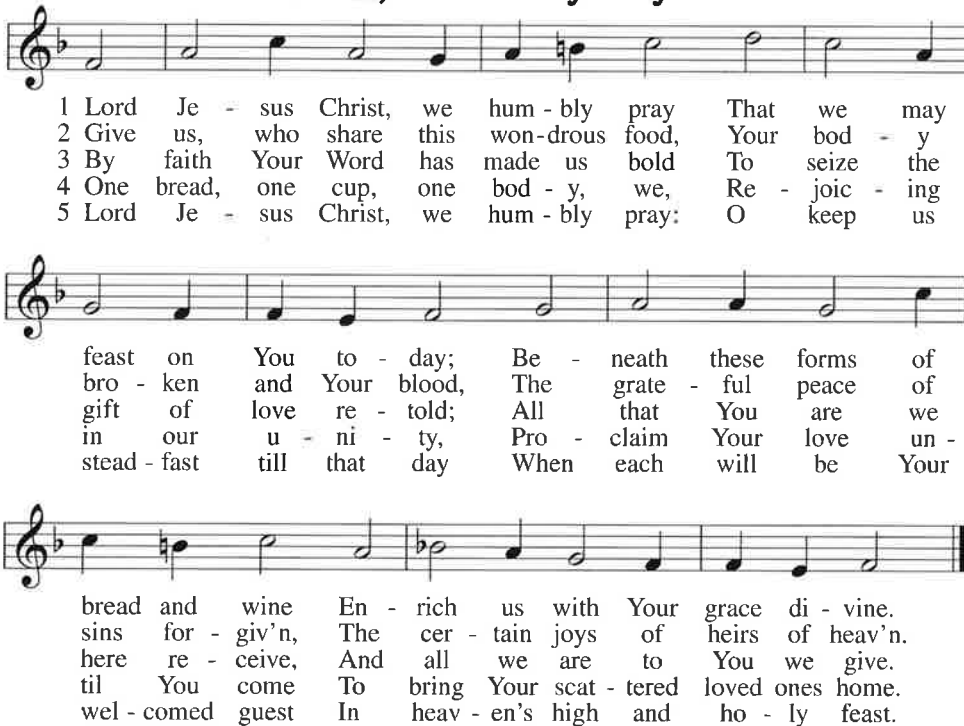
LSB 180



☐ 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, grant us peace.

## Distribution

### 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
2 Give us, who share this won-drous food, Your bod - y  
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us  
feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your  
bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

## 628 Your Table I Approach



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

## Thank the Lord

LSB 181



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re - calls His prom - is -



es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



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

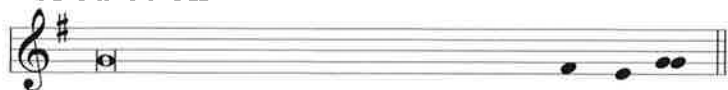
## Post-Communion Prayer

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

**Benediction**

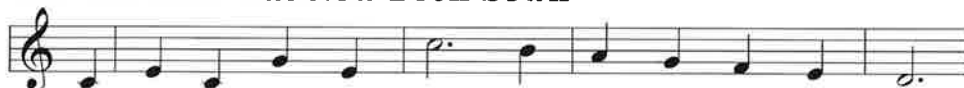


**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - - - men.

**921 On What Has Now Been Sown**



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
 3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
 Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
 May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
 es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
 low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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**Sending**

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

**Postlude – Postlude in G Major by Woods**

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**Opportunity to Pray**

**Those Who Need Our Ongoing Prayers**

Rose Diekelman, Jody Quinn, Carolyn Shepard, Christine Gill

**Comfort, Health, Recovery**

Nelda Hamilton, Gerd Krause, Tonya (Rick Funner's niece), Anna (Donna Dean's daughter), Forest Taylor, Matt Newton, Liz Millikan, Ann McCoy, Don Henry, Norman Alexie (Gwendie Gellerman's nephew), Norma Huseman, Julie Helms (Wayne & Bobbie Helms' sister in law), Tim (Dennis Koehler's nephew), Janet (Sherry Hartung's sister), our Sudanese sister Nyayop, Marriane Boyer, Elsie Nafzger, Audrey Grueb (Jerry Schonick's sister), Tina (Rick Funner's sister), Dick Mikkelsen, Joel Stratman, Chuck & Kent (friends of Doug Schroeder), Dana Hansen (Beth Parson's sister), Terry Callies

# Announcements & Weekly Calendar

\*\*\*We are streaming our Service via Facebook, 10am!\*\*\*

## ALC Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 20	10:00 AM	Worship Service - Traditional
Monday, September 21	10:00 AM	Zoom Women's Bible Study
	12:00 PM	ALANON Brown Bag
Tuesday, September 22	12:00 PM	ALANON Brown Bag
Wednesday, September 23	12:00 PM	ALANON Brown Bag
Thursday, September 24	12:00 PM	ALANON Brown Bag
	6:00 PM	Adult Praise Team
	7:00 PM	Youth Praise Team
Friday, September 25	12:00 PM	ALANON Brown Bag
Saturday, September 26		
Sunday, September 27	10:00 AM	Worship Service - Contemporary

## ALC Office Hours

Mon—Fri

9am-12:30pm

1:00pm-3:30pm

contact the office  
with any questions

907-272-5323

Would you like to receive

**TEXTS** from the Church?

Contact the office to  
register your number!

907-272-5323

## Opportunity to Thank

Ushers - Doug & Tyler Schroeder

## Altar Flowers

Given to the Glory of God  
by Mike and Lynn Boots  
in Memory of Pete Brautigam

## Current Finances

Income - \$57,371  
Expenses - \$70,279  
Difference - (\$12,908)

## Altar Flowers Sign-Up

There are dates available to sign-up

September 27th

October 11th and 18th

November 1st, 8th, 5th, and 29th

December 27th

Please contact the office by phone or email

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thank you  
**FOR JOINING US**

# Sermon Notes

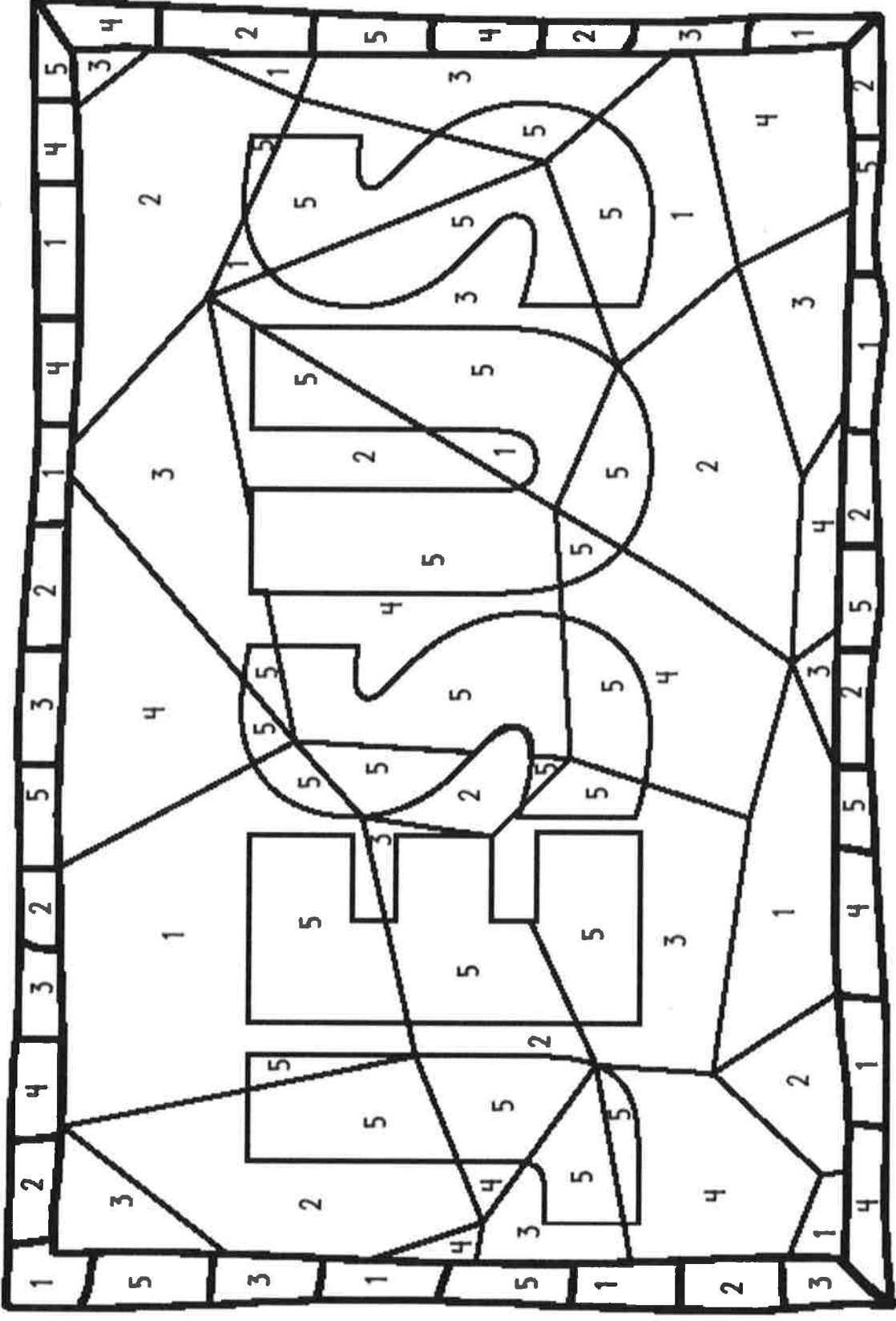



He who has ears to hear, let him hear. - Matthew 11:15

# My Best Friend . . .

Use the code to color the shapes and find a mystery word.

1: Blue 2: Green 3: Orange 4: Purple 5: Yellow



*I am with you always.*