

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

JULY 20, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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ON THE ONE THING NEEDED

Most would agree with Jesus' teaching that "Few things are needed" (Luke 10:42). We might want many things; but in reality, we only need a few things. However, Jesus said more. "Few things are needed—or indeed only one." We need water, food, clothing, shelter, friendship, etc. Yet, what Jesus said is true. Because only one thing—the gospel—can create and sustain the faith that makes one God's dear child and an heir of the everlasting kingdom. If you didn't have water, you would die in a few days; without oxygen, in a few minutes. But without Jesus speaking to us through his Word, there is no hope for eternal life in heaven. We literally need the gospel more than water or oxygen. So, let us listen to Jesus speak, giving him our undivided attention.

"As we enter the sanctuary,

please be mindful

of those who are preparing for worship

with prayer and Scripture and

keep conversations to a minimum.

Thank you, and may God bless our time

together!"

Order of Service

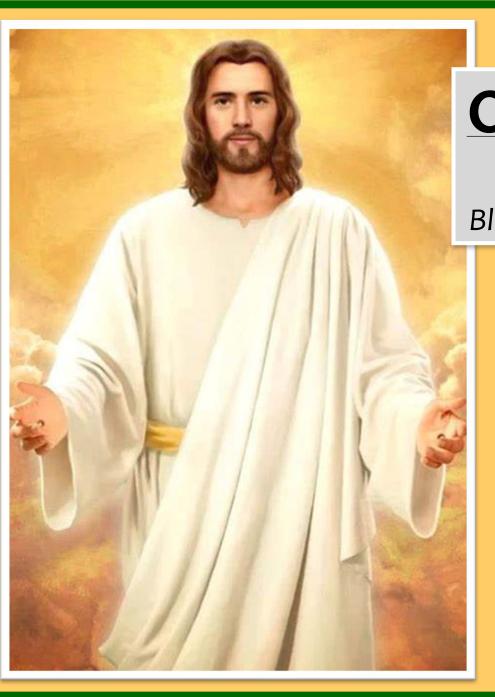
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TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1-14

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:1-14

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

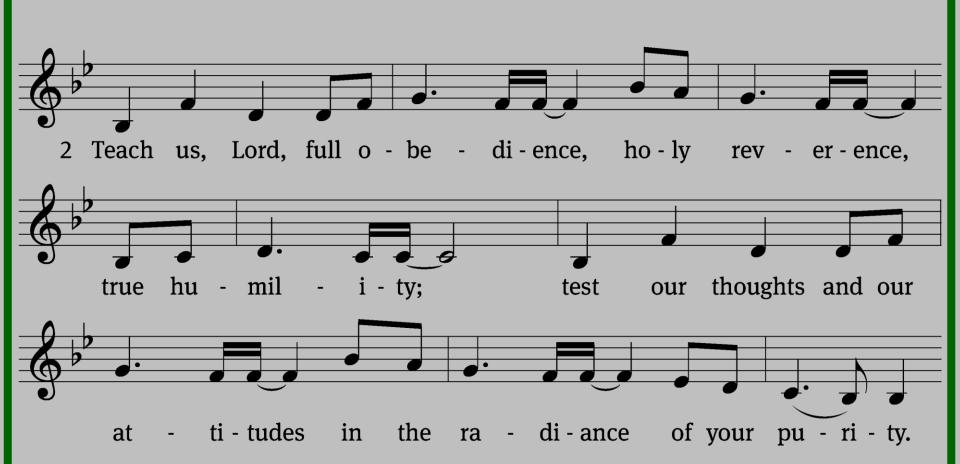


OPENING HYMN Speak, O Lord

Blue Christian Worship #633







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GATHERING

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

Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

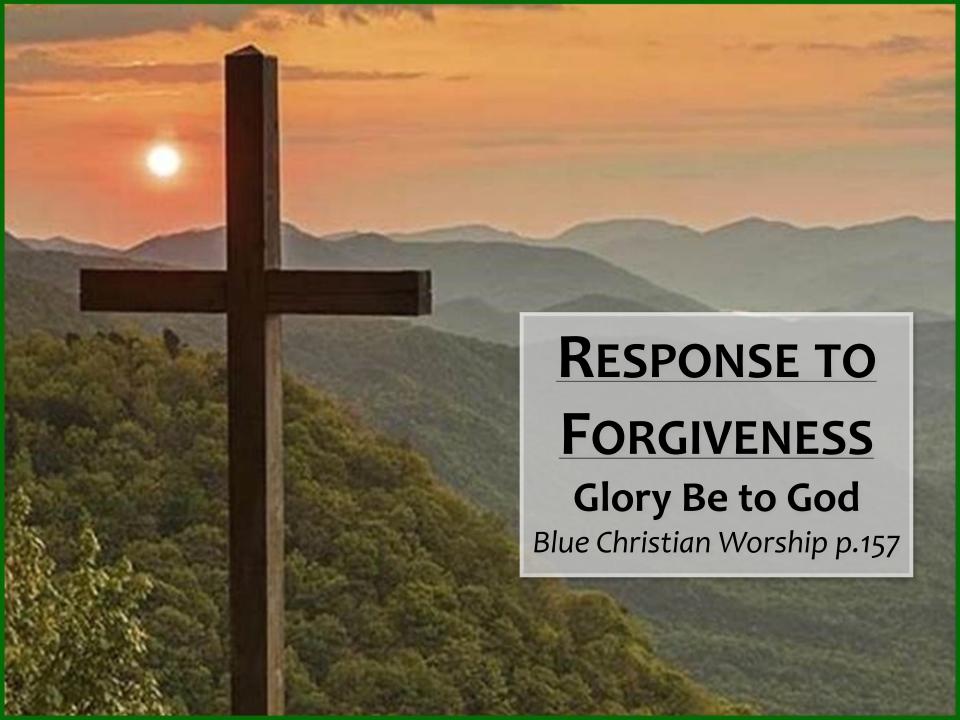
Lord, have mercy.

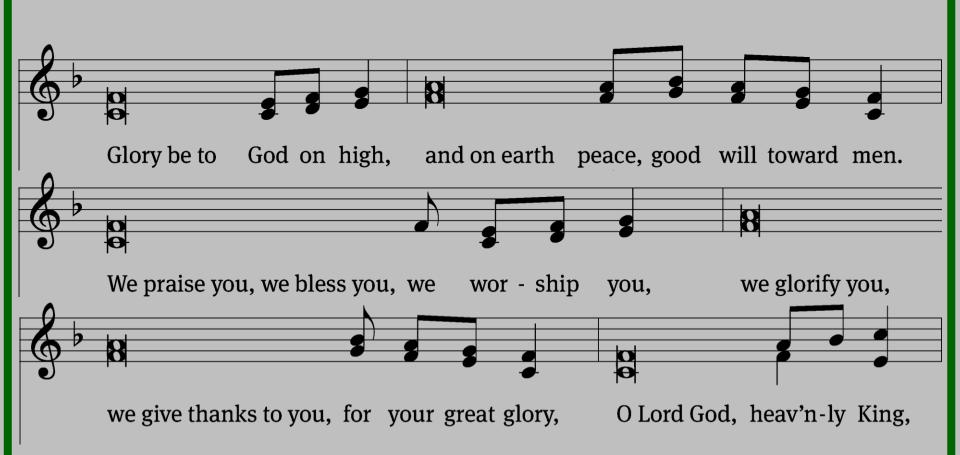
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.









The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



18 ¹The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.

² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³ He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread." ⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. 8 He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

- ⁹ "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said.
- ¹⁰ Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing.

12 So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY – 119 Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet

Pastor introduces refrain and sings italicized,
ALL sing bold and refrains



(Pastor)





Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.



Oh, how I / love your law!

I meditate on it / all day long.

Your commands are always / with me and make me wiser than my / enemies.

I have more insight than all my / teachers, for I meditate on your / statutes.

Refrain







I have kept my feet from every / evil path so that I might o- / bey your word.

How sweet are your words / to my taste, sweeter than honey / to my mouth!

I gain understanding from your / precepts; therefore I hate every / wrong path.



Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

(All)

Refrain

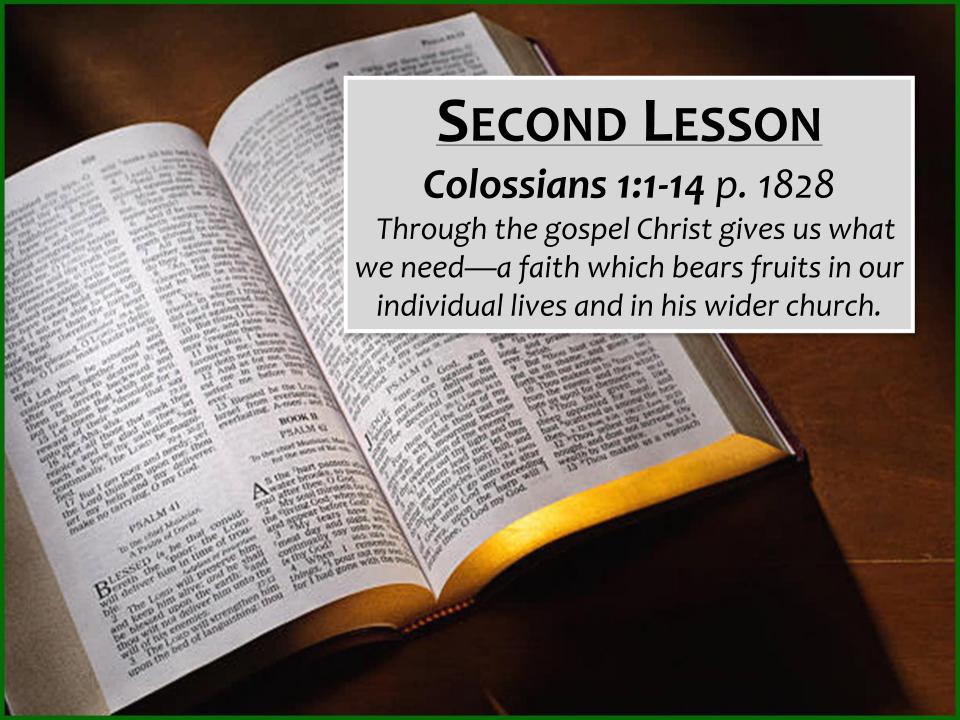


Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

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1 'Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel 6 that has come to you.

In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. 7 You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

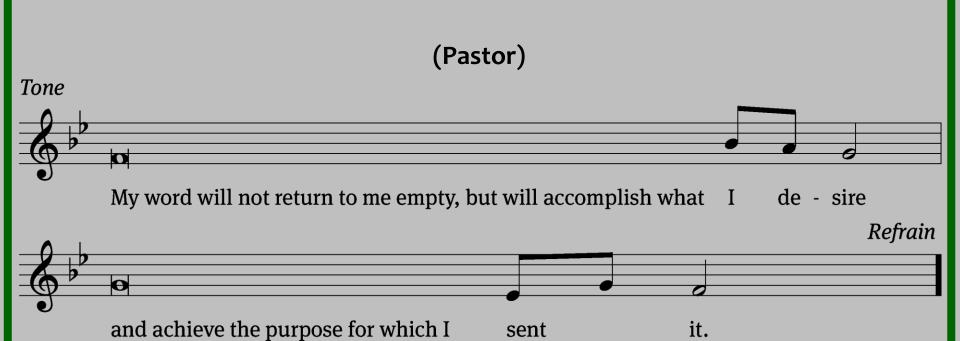
¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

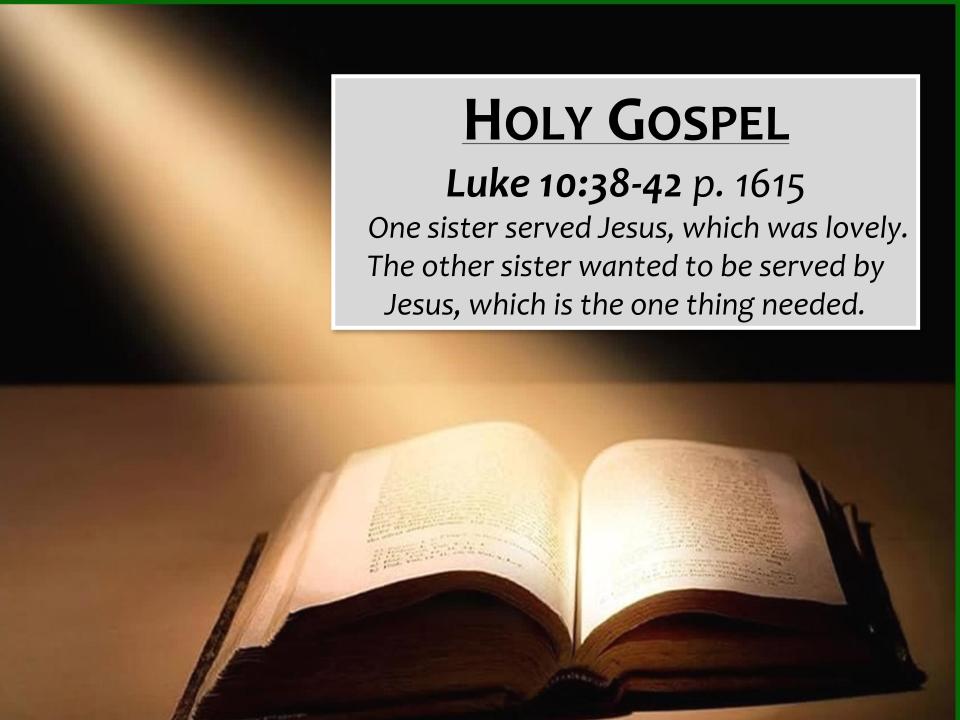
Thanks be to God.







(All) Refrain Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



10 ³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made.

She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" 41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!



HYMN OF THE DAY

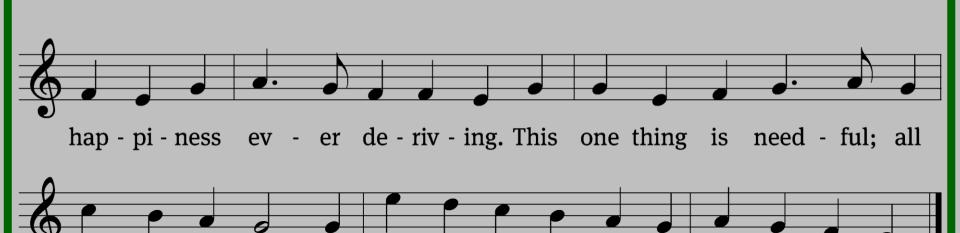
One Thing's Needful

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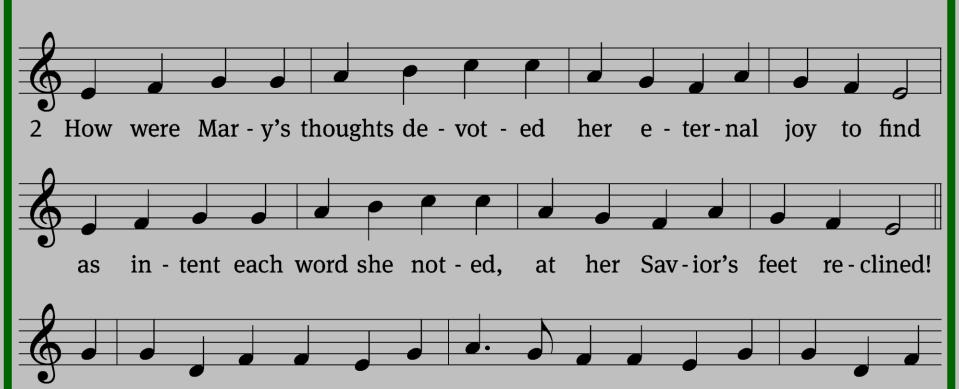




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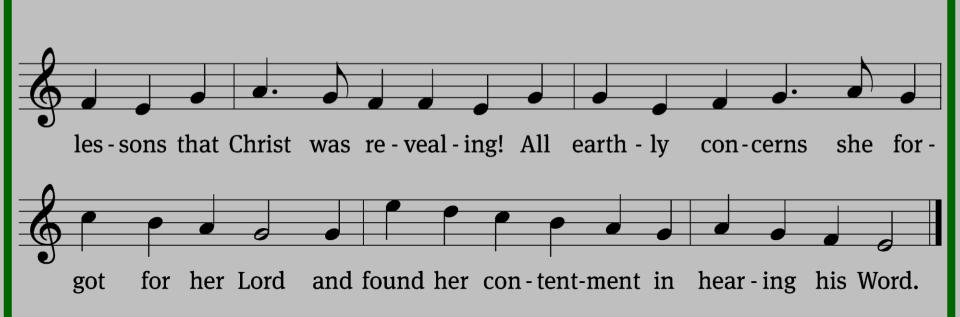


oth - ers are vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.



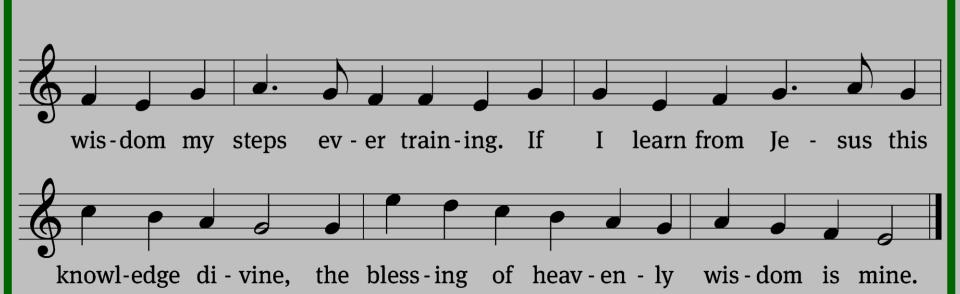
How kin-dled her heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, while hear-ing the

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Sermon:

"When God Visits, He Gives Us the Promises We Need to Hear" Genesis 18:1-14

APOSTLES' CREED

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word



I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.



We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offerings Giving Back to God

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

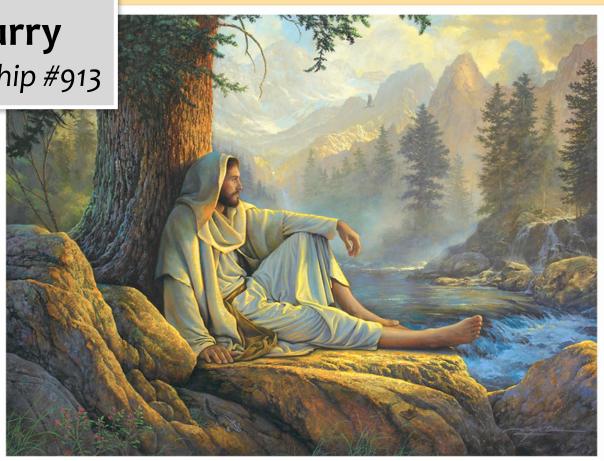
Luke 6:38

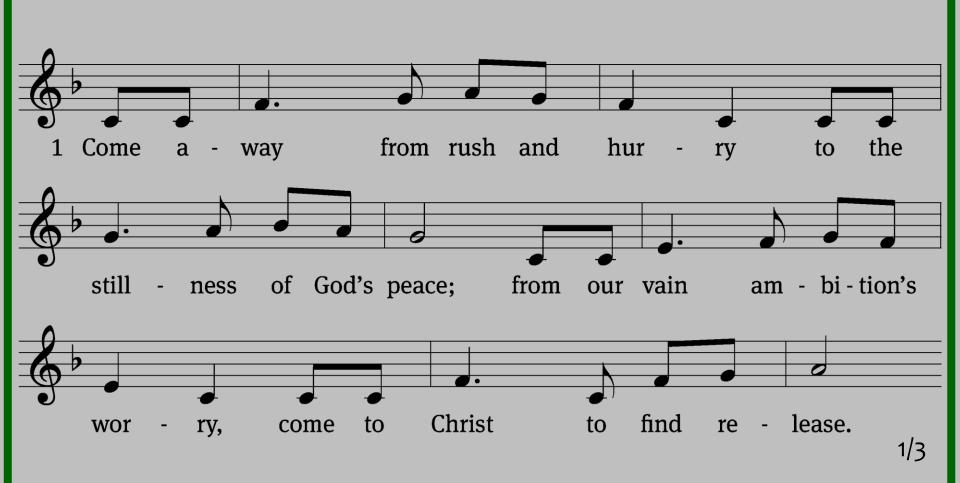
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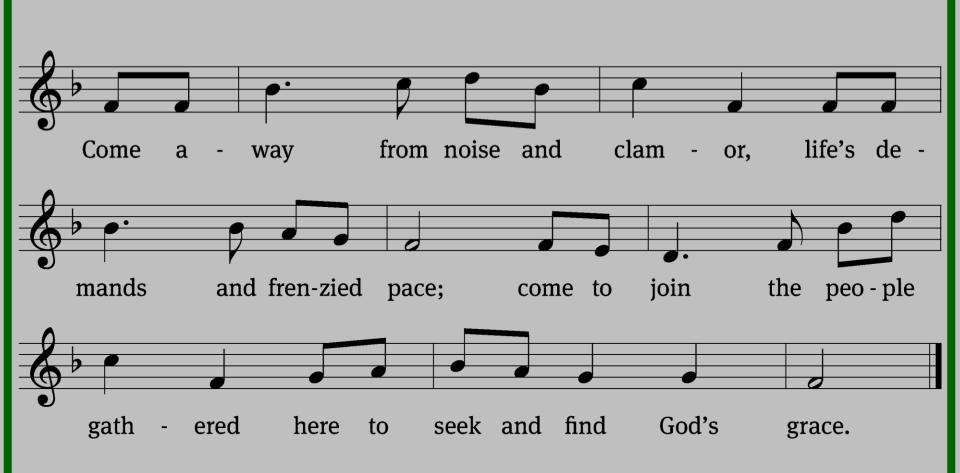
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Come Away from Rush and Hurry

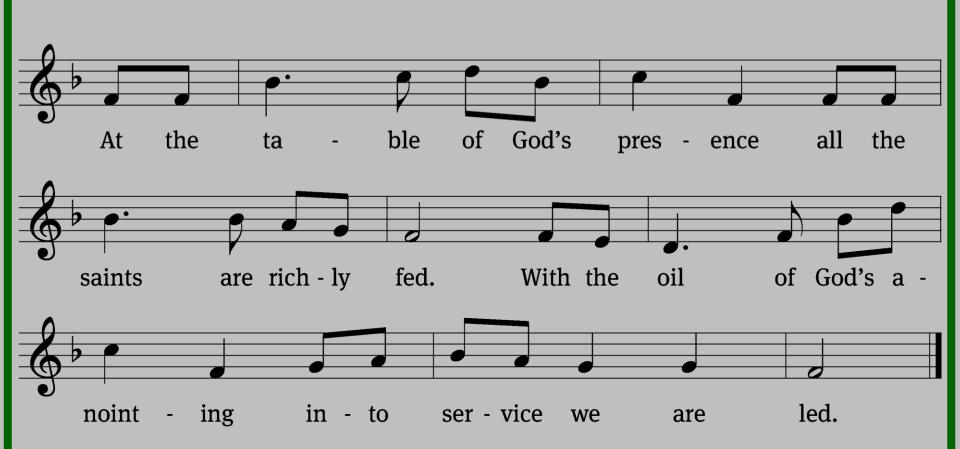
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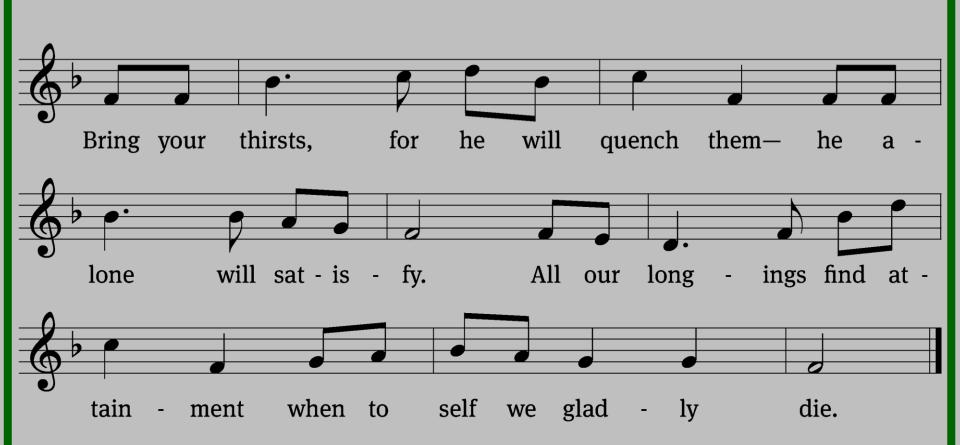












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PRAYER

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

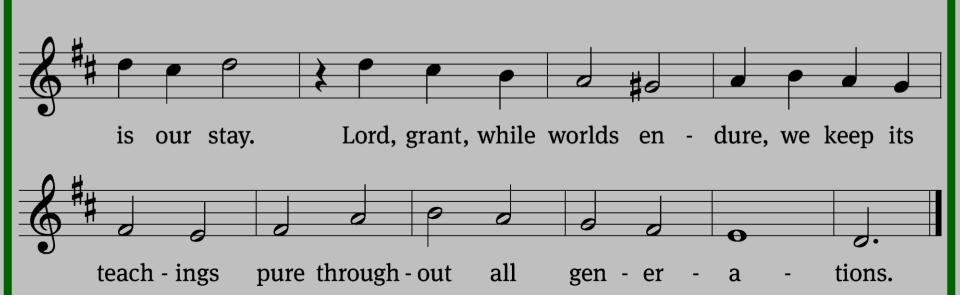
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN God's Word Is Our Great Heritage Rlue Christian Worship #640







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Hey, Folks! It's almost time for the annual Abiding Word



CHURCH PICNIC



GREAT FOOD!

GAMES & PRIZES
FOR KIDS & ADULTS!

(pro tip: wear comfy clothes & shoes!)

Sunday, July 20th 10:15 am - 12:30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Hosted by the Women's Ministry Team Abiding Word Lutheran Church, Highlands Ranch, CO

Today!!!

*Food provided by the Women's Ministry Team

Come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship!

Following the picnic lunch, there will be games with prizes for kids and adults!

And a "pie walk"!!

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REGISTER TODAY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!



August 1-3

Wellington Lake, Bailey, CO

Swimming, Fishing, Canoeing, Kayaking, Paddleboarding, Hiking

Campfires, Games, Crafts, Group Meals, Sunday Worship

Tent or RV: \$34/person (all ages)

Register & Pay:



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Announcements

Visit www.awlc.org for Church calendar

TODAY - Church Picnic – Food will be provided by the Women's Ministry Team. Following the picnic lunch, there will be games and prizes for kids and adults! And a "pie walk"!! Come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship!

July 29th (Tue) - Ladies' Book Club at Abiding Word at 6:30pm

 - "The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion" by Fannie Flagg books NOW available at reception desk

August 1st - 3rd (Fri-Sun) - AWLC Campout at Wellington Lake near Bailey

- see Communique for more information, registration and payment

August 9th (Sat) - Men's Breakfast Club & Bible Study at Abiding Word 8:30am

- "Noah – The Man, The Ark, The Flood"

August 16th (Sat) - Women's Bible Study at Abiding Word 9:00am

- "The Gospel of Luke"