Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 20 Sunday, October 6, 2024

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Sunday 9am Worship

Pastor Zachary Pudlo Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal



Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory

Welcome to our Worship Center

God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament.

As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

Worship Focus

Do we need better leadership or do we need better followership?

a worship series

THE NEED FOR

"We need better leadership!" Have you ever said that? Perhaps you were frustrated with the direction being taken by some elected official or by management at your workplace or by the coach of your favorite team. You were frustrated because you know that no matter how many resources an organization has, it will flounder if leaders do not lead well: providing direction, training, motivation, coordination, encouragement, and even grace. Leadership is extremely important. And so, there are times we lament, "We need better leadership!" Jesus Christ is the leader of our congregation, our home, our lives. And his leadership is perfect in every way. Therefore, when things are amiss in any of those arenas, what is needed is not better leadership, but better followership.

As we continue this eight week series, we ask Christ to empower us with his Spirit so that we might better follow his lead. May we better reflect the beauty of his life, better make his priorities our own, and better serve our God and neighbor. The upcoming services follow the following path:

Oct. 6 Followers of Christ Know How to Love Their Families

Oct. 13Followers of Christ Maintain Proper PrioritiesOct. 20Followers of Christ Make Selfless Sacrifices

Followers of Christ Know How to Love Their Families: Love can cause harm. Consider the wife whose husband wants little to do with church. She loves him and does not want to upset him. So, when her husband wants her and the children to stay home Sunday morning, she complies without protest. That wife's love for her husband hurts him, her children, and herself. Or consider the father who loves his child so much that he gives the child everything that child asks for. That father's love is toxic. It is shaping that child to be a selfish, entitled adult. In our families, it is not enough that there is love. We need to rightly love, to love in a way that leads to blessings for those we claim to love. This illustrates the need for followership. In Jesus we see perfect, self-sacrificial love. Jesus loves us as we are.

He also loved us too much to leave us as we are. So, in love he gave his life up so that we might be holy and blameless. His love for us shapes the way we love our spouse, our children, our parents. Today we see that followers of Christ know how to love their family.

VISITOR INFORMATION

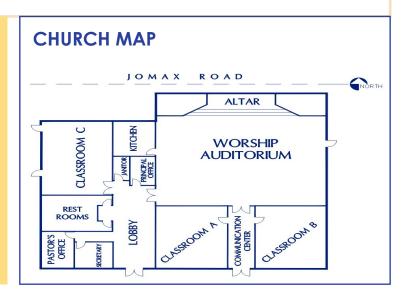
New to Cross of Glory? We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service to chat and join us for coffee time.

Would you like to learn more about us? We'd love to get to know you better as well. Connect with Cross of Glory by either:

- Using the friendship register at the end of each row to connect with us today.
- Emailing us at church. secretary@crossofglory.org

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult in Classroom A.
- Children in Church Program: Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. We encourage parents to guide their children through the service. We invite children to come forward for the Children's Message during the service. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!



Service of the Word and Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth CWH 505 of for 1 For the beau - ty the earth, the 2 For the won - der of each hour of the 4 For the of hu man love, broth joy er, di - vine, 5 For thy self, best gift to our the skies. the which glo of for love ry day and of the night; hill and vale, and sis ter, par ent, child, friends on earth, and world for free lv giv'n; that great, great SO birth lies: from our and а round us 0 ver tree and flow'r. sun and moon, and stars of light: mild: friends bove; for gen - tle thoughts and а all love of thine. heav'n: peace on earth and jov in Lord of grate - ful praise. all, to thee we raise this our hymn of this our hymn of grate - ful praise. Lord of all. to thee we raise Lord of all. thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise. to this our hymn of grate - ful praise. Lord of all. to thee we raise

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Greeting

- M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.



Hymn of praise, prayer, or reflection on the season of the church year.

We follow the advice of the Apostle Paul to "teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." (Colossians 3:16)



(Spoken Responsively)

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The greeting used by St. Paul perfectly summarizes Christianity.



"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. " (I John 1:9)

Christ said to his disciples, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven". The pastor speaks for God and announces God's forgiveness to those who made confession.



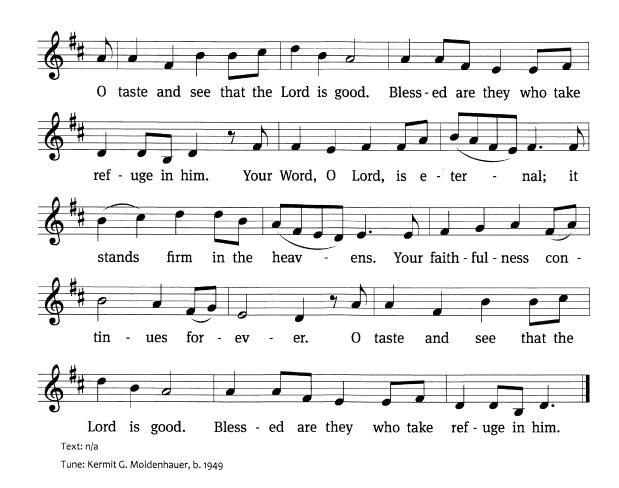
This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior. M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

(Sung by Congregation)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

- M: Loving God and Father, the blessings of marriage and family come from your gracious pleasure and careful design. Lead all who value these gifts to follow your path of wisdom so that they may enjoy the fullness of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.



The main thoughts of the day are collected or summarized in this short prayer.

First Reading

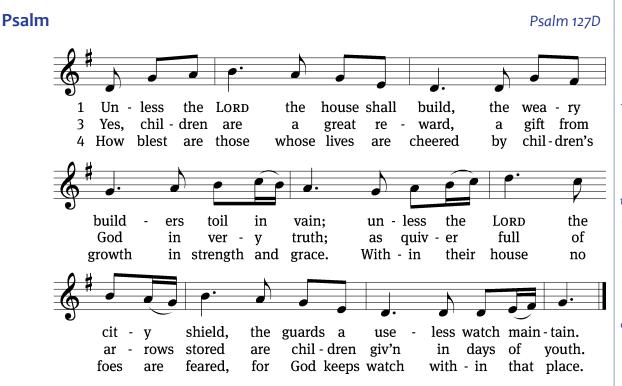
²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³²This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³"so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.



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St. Paul describes the various roles and responsibilities God has given to different people within a family, ways for them to demonstrate love not only for each other but also for Christ.



The Book of Psalms was the Old Testament hymnbook, prayer and liturgy book. It was used by worshipers at the temple. Many of the Psalms are the basis for our hymns and part of our liturgy is taken from the Psalms. The word "Psalm" comes from the Greek and means "a song sung to the accompaniment of a stringed instrument."

The Children's Sermon

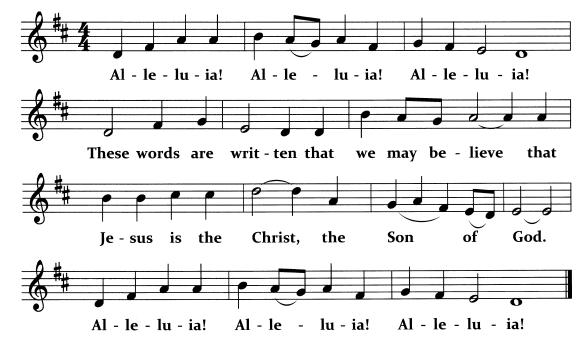
Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 5:2



A verse from the holy scriptures is usually spoken in preparation for the reading of the Gospel which is read as the second reading or as part of the sermon.

M: Alleluia. Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Alleluia.



Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

²Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

³"What did Moses command you?" he replied.

⁴They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

⁵"It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. ⁶"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

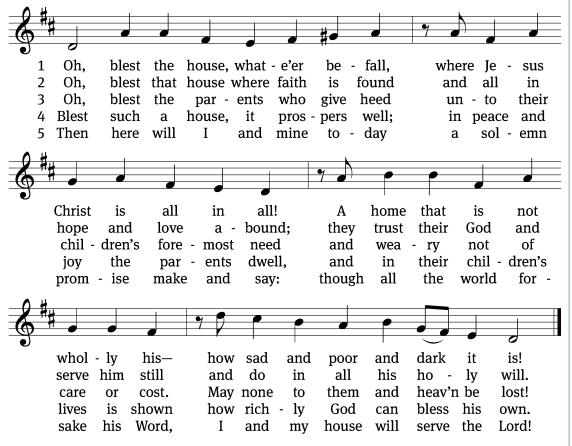
¹⁰When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹²And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the king-



Jesus explains that husbands and wives are to retain the bond of love, existing as one flesh. Jesus also teaches that God craves a loving relationship with children. dom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Sermon Hymn: Oh, Blest the House



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Sermon

Relationship Priorities

Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

CWH 760

This hymn follows the theme of the readings and sets the stage for the sermon.

In the sermon the Pastor proclaims God's Word and applies that word to modern life and problems. He stresses both what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel). ²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

²⁵Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Nicene Creed

After hearing the word of God, the worshiper

responds with this confession of faith.

The Nicene Creed was

written in 325 A.D. to

address false ideas about the divinity of

Jesus Christ. That ex-

plains why the second article of the Nicene

Creed is longer than its counterpart in the

Apostles' Creed.

(Spoken in Unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of the Season: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Soloist sings Vs. 1 & 2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3 & 4

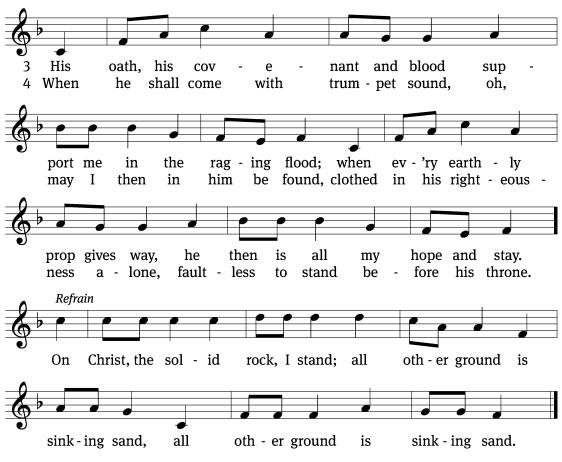
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare to make no other claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

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

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)

Congregation sings:



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CWH 564

This is a hymn selected for the current church season that is generally new to our congregation, usually introduced first by a soloist, and repeated for several weeks to assist the congregation in learning the hymn.



The gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings.

The apostle Paul encouraged young Pastor Timothy: " I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people ".

(I Timothy 2:1)

We speak to God as our Father as Jesus taught us. (Matthew 6)

The responsive reading from I Corinthians reminds the communicants of the necessity of the unity of faith and preparation required as we receive the body and blood of Christ.

Offering Prayer

If you brought a monetary gift today for the work of the church, please place your offering in the receptacle at one of the two entrances to the sanctuary either before or after the service.

Prayer of the Church

The 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.

Holy Communion

The Preparation

(Spoken Responsively)

- M: I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another,
- C: so that there may be no divisions among you, and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Cor. 1:10)
- M: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?
- C: And is not the bread that we break, a participation in the body of Christ?
- M: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body:
- C: for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:16-17)
- M: Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.
- C: A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. (1 Cor 11:26-28)

(Spoken by Minister)

(Spoken in Unison)

Communion Canticle: Just as I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as Ι am, with - out one plea but that thy blood was shed for me and that thou bidd'st me come to God. thee, 0 Lamb of Ι come. Ι come.

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Words of Institution

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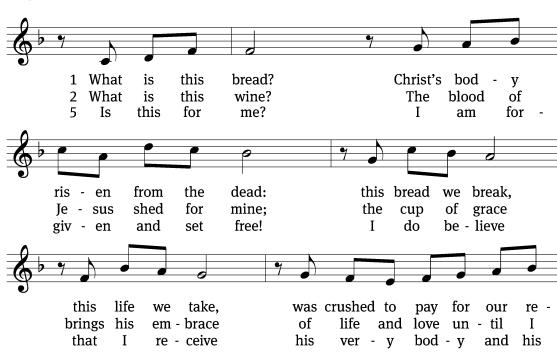
CWH 665

CWH 814

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. ~

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Sung Response: What Is This Bread



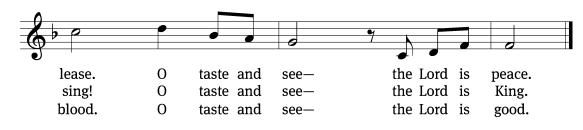
As we approach the Lord's table, we are reminded that we are invited only because of the price Jesus paid on the cross.



The pastor speaks the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted the Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room. With these words the bread and wine are consecrated, that is, set apart for God's use in this special meal.



This hymn of response perfectly describes the blessings of this Sacrament - forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.



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Distribution of Sacrament

We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register by checking the box in the attendance record book at the end of your row. Thank you for honoring our practice.

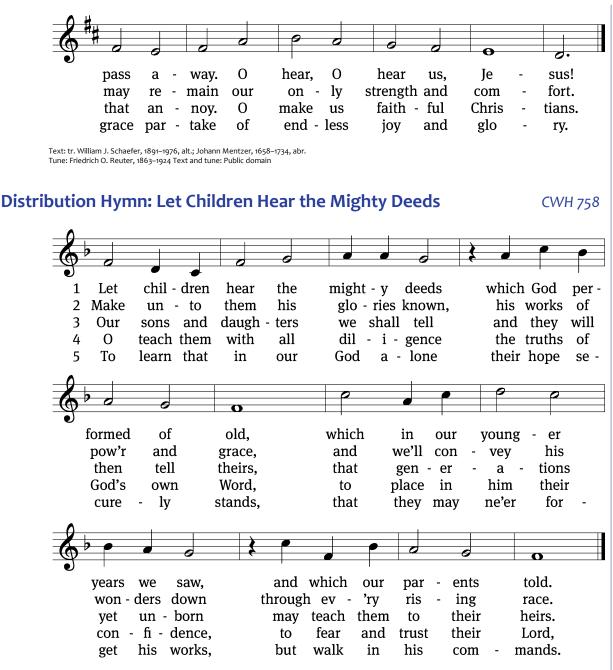
Distribution Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head **CWH 861** 1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, you her one founare 2 0 Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, your name a - lone con -Help us to serve you ev er - more with hearts both pure and 3 And for gos - pel let dare sac - ri - fice your us to all da tion; in vou she trusts, be - fore you bows, and waits for fess - ing, con - tin in your lov - ing ue care, true u ni --Word, that light di - vine, shine low - ly; and may vour on in trea - sure; teach us to bear your bless - ed find in cross, to your sal - va tion. Built this your Church on rock se - cure, pos - sess ing. Your sac ra ments, O Lord. and vour tv splen-dor ho - ly that we re pent - ance show, in faith you all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness in joy shall en - dure though all cay and all things the world de sav - ing Word to e'er pure tain; grant that they us re ev - er grow; the pow'r of sin de stroy and e - vils and dis - tress. Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, let us by

Gluten-free wafers are available. If you point at the tray of wafers, you will be presented with a tray of gluten free wafers which you are invited to take.

Alcohol-free white grape juice can be taken from the wine tray .

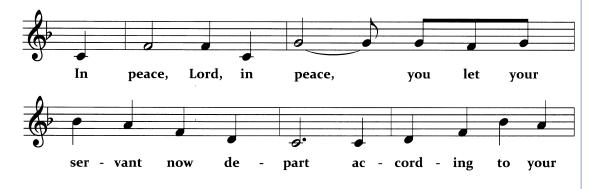


These hymns are sung by the congregation during the distribution of the Lord's Supper.



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Song of Simeon Nunc Dimittis





The Nunc Dimittis ("now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon" (Luke 2: 29-32). Through God's Word and Sacrament, we too have seen Christ, the Messiah. Like aged Simeon who held the Christchild in his arms as God had promised, we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.



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CWH 684

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Blessing

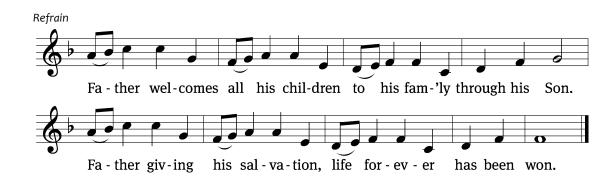
- M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
 - The Lord bless you and keep you.
 - The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 - The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
- C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Father Welcomes

word.

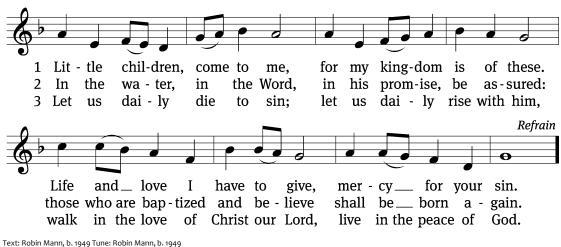
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The **Aaronic Blessing** is the blessing that Aaron and his sons were to speak over the people of Israel, recorded in Numbers 6:23–27. The pastor offers the same blessing to the congregation as they are about to conclude their worship.

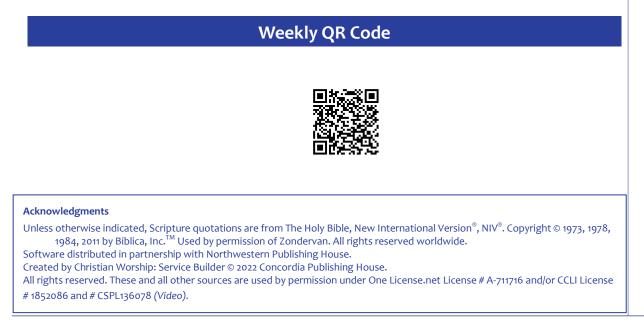


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Prayer Highlights for members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today we especially remember in our prayers...

Diane Lawrence, as the carcinoma has spread so she will be undergoing treatments to shrink the tumor in her eye.

Mary Lou Cannon, who has returned home.



Before Communing

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Worship	October	October	October
Volunteers	6th	13th	20th
Counters	Nancy Murphy	Joel Ditter	Nick Nicholai
	Harry Novak	Nancy Schirripa	Michael Ryan
Communion	Sharon		Andrea
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/Peterson	Kelley/Sterns	Coates/Simkauskas
Greeters	Carla Van Poppelen	Stacey Aguilar	Bill Brooks
	Patrick Van Poppelen	Drew Aguilar	Shannon Brooks
Ushers	Jon Naber	Dave Goelzer	Chris Patterson
	Rich Kugler	Karen Goelzer	Isaac Patterson
	Kelly Simpson	Michael Ryan	Grant Stern
Sunday	Kathy Collyard	Stacey Aguilar	Mary Berggren
Refreshments	Andrea Semmann	Karen Goelzer	Shannon Gullerud
A/V	Rene Koutia	Chris Patterson	Shannon Gullerud
	Gus Koutia	Isaac Patterson	Aaron Gullerud



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The continuing purpose of this congregation as a gathering of Christians is to spread to all people in God's world the glory of the cross of Christ, by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.