

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - August 11, 2024



The psalmist sang praises magnifying the Lord, while in the Old Testament scripture for today, Elijah fled the wrath of his enemy, Queen Jezebel. There will always be those who are hard hearted and will not believe in God. They may want to hurt us, but God is always with us. We are called as God's people to imitate his ways, putting aside anything that is false, so we might cling to God's promise of eternity.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and return our thanks in prayer and praise.
- ◆ All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join with us today.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

MUSICIAN: KAREN HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - Karen Hall

▲ HYMN - "BLESSED ASSURANCE" (Insert)

▲ LITANY - Adapted from **Psalm 1 (NLT)**

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

they are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.

Their leaves never wither,

and they prosper in all they do.

We worship you dear Lord, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

▲ GREETING

▲ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (Spoken)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him. **Amen**

▲ HYMN "AMAZING GRACE MY CHAINS ARE GONE" (Insert Available)

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see.**

**T'was grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed. *Chorus***

**The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures. *Chorus x 2***

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.**

Chorus: **My chains are gone I've been set free, My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love, amazing grace.**

▼ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▲ READINGS - **Acts 2:22-24 and John 3:16-20** (NLT)

PLEASE STAND FOR THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Acts 2:22-24, ²²"People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. ²³ But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. ²⁴ But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.

Our Gospel reading from John the 3rd Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁶"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge

the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. ²⁰ All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. John 3:16-20

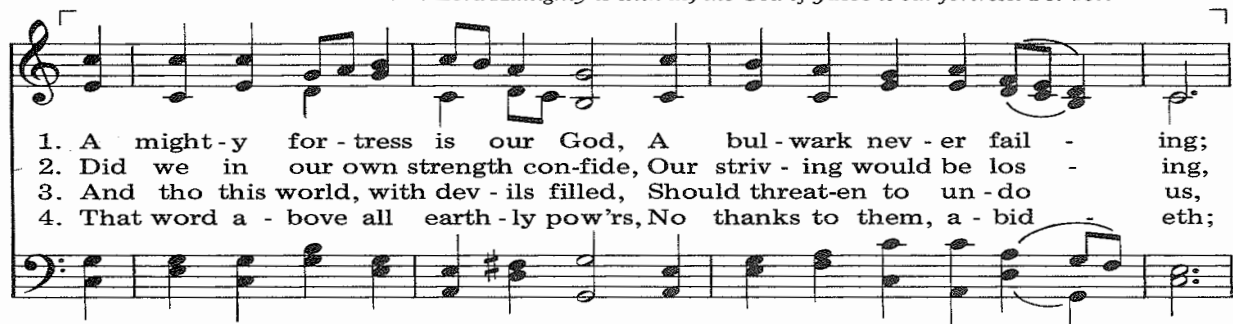
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

▼ MESSAGE - **THE STORY OF THE BIBLE: For the Whole World**

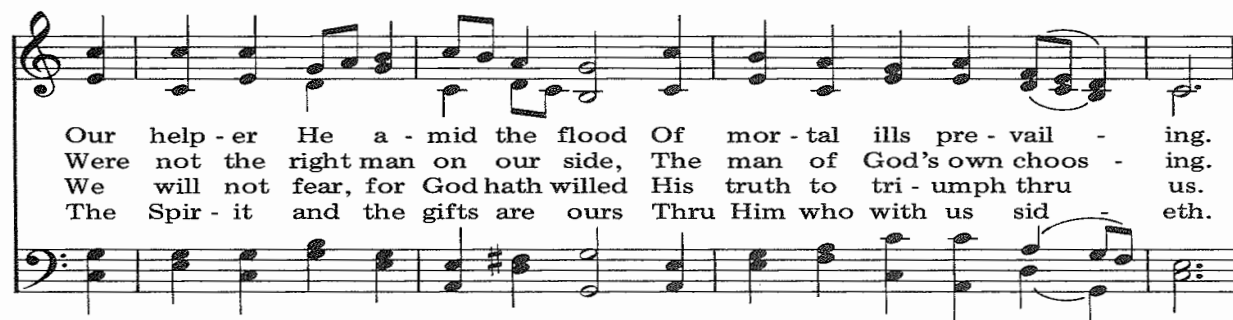
▲ HYMN - "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"

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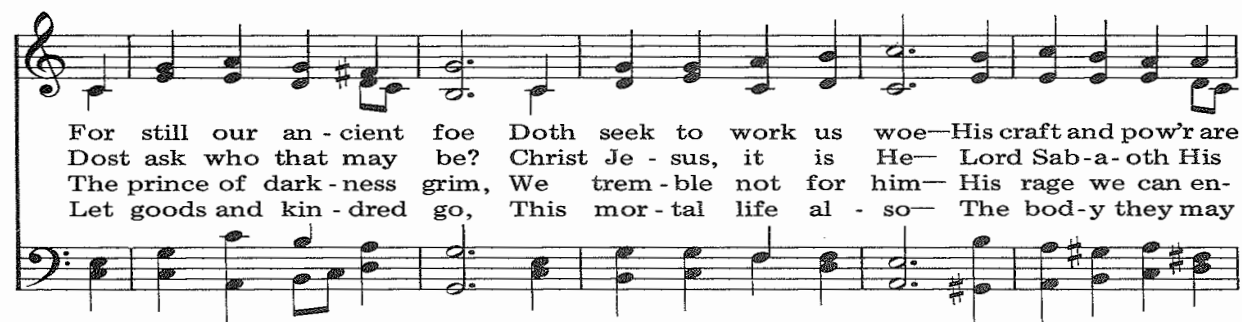
The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Ps. 46:7



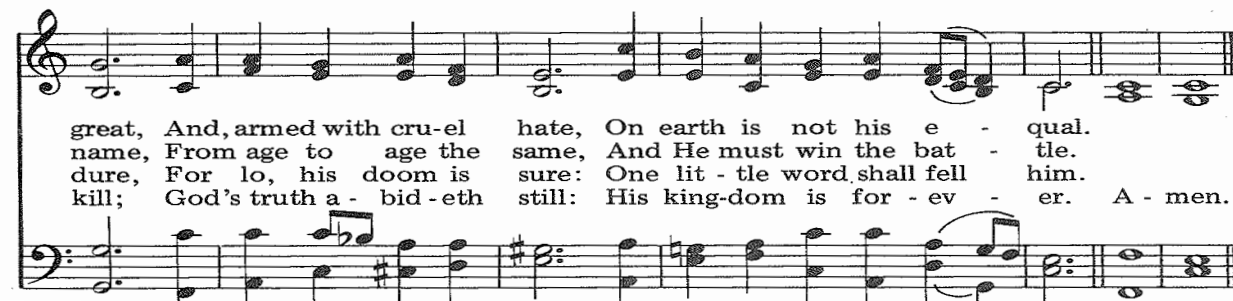
1. A might-y for-tress is our God, A bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv-ing would be los-ing,
 3. And tho this world, with dev-ils filled, Should threat-en to un-do us,
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly pow'rs, No thanks to them, a-bid-eth;



Our help-er He a-mid the flood Of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choos-ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph thru us.
 The Spir-it and the gifts are ours Thru Him who with us sid-eth.



For still our an-cient foe Doth seek to work us woe—His craft and pow'r are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is He— Lord Sab-a-oth His
 The prince of dark-ness grim, We trem-ble not for him— His rage we can en-
 Let goods and kin-dred go, This mor-tal life al-so— The bod-y they may



great, And, armed with cru-el hate, On earth is not his e-qual.
 name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat-tle.
 dure, For lo, his doom is sure: One lit-tle word shall fell him.
 kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still: His king-dom is for-ev-er. A-men.

▲ APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken)

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 PEOPLE

▲ OFFERING PRAYER (Spoken)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

▲ OUR RESPONSE (Sung)

Praise God from who all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

▼ THE LORD'S SUPPER

▼ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

▼ LORD'S PRAYER

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 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

▼ AGNUS DEI (Sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

▼ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join with us today.)

▲ COMMUNION BLESSING

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Spoken)

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

▲ BENEDICTION (Spoken)

May the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace in believing. So that by the power of The Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

▲ SENDING SONG - "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE" LBW #551

▲ DISMISSAL (Spoken)

Grow in faith! Love God. Serve others. Share Christ. **Impact the world!**

POSTLUDE