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***Our mission is to share the Good
News of grace and love with all
through worship, service, and
fellowship.***



Our Vision:

***Joy is a spiritual community
sharing the love of Christ in a
challenging world.***

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

—Luke 6, 27—



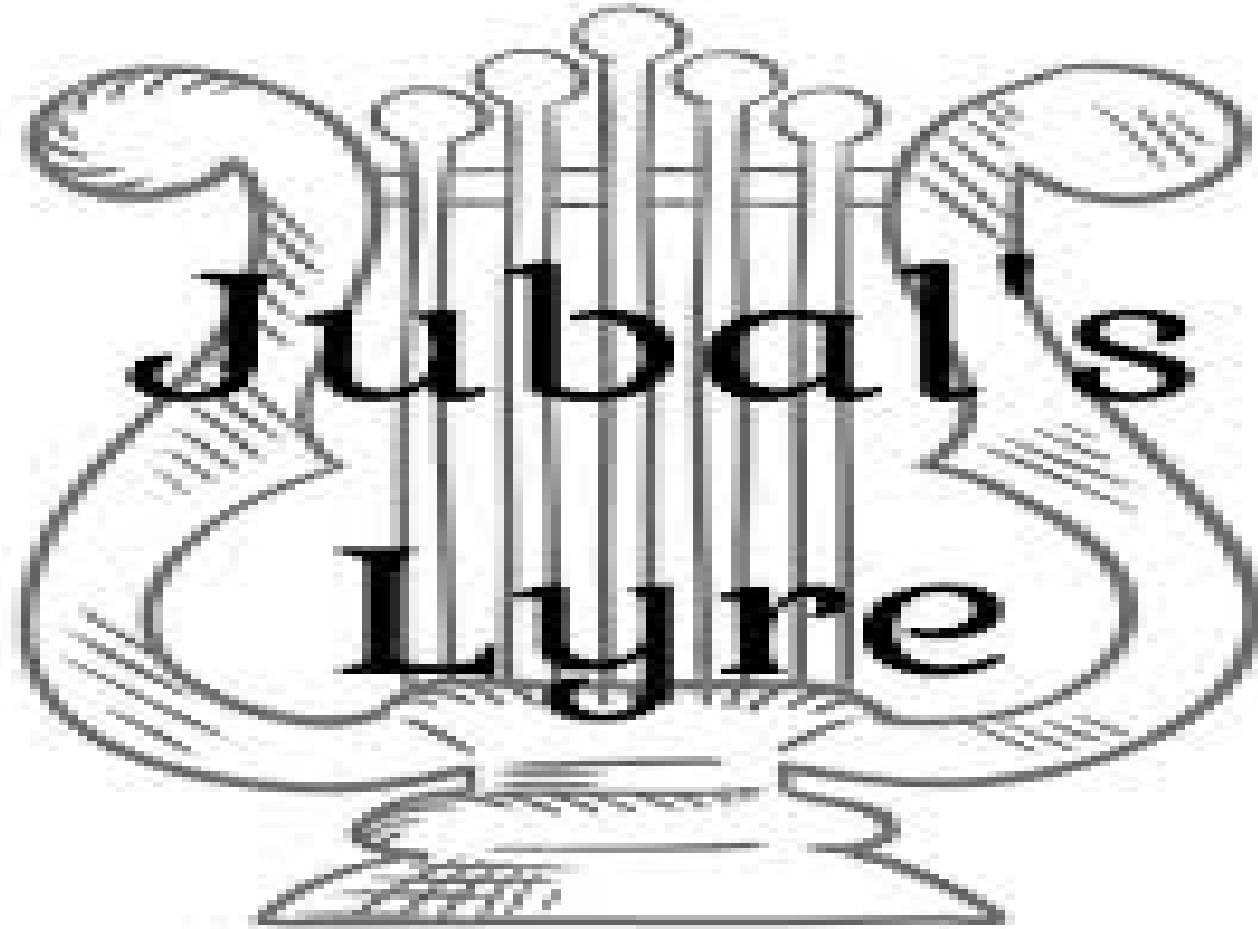
***Seventh Sunday After Epiphany
February 23, 2025***

PRELUDE: 8:15 AM



Arr. Marianne Kim

PRELUDE: 11:00 AM



“Oh! Had I a Jubal’s Lyre”-com. GF Handel-Bev Kriner

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our creator, our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting that God receives our words and the
meditations of our hearts, let us confess our
sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P Merciful God,
C you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;**



C we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.



P God proclaims these words of assurance:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”
In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

C AMEN.

GATHERING HYMN:

ELW # 835-“All Creatures Worship God Most High”

**1 All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



**2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



**3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



**4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



**5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



**6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GREETING

P The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of
God.**



Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**2 Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**



Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**3 Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**



Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun
his reign. Alleluia.**

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

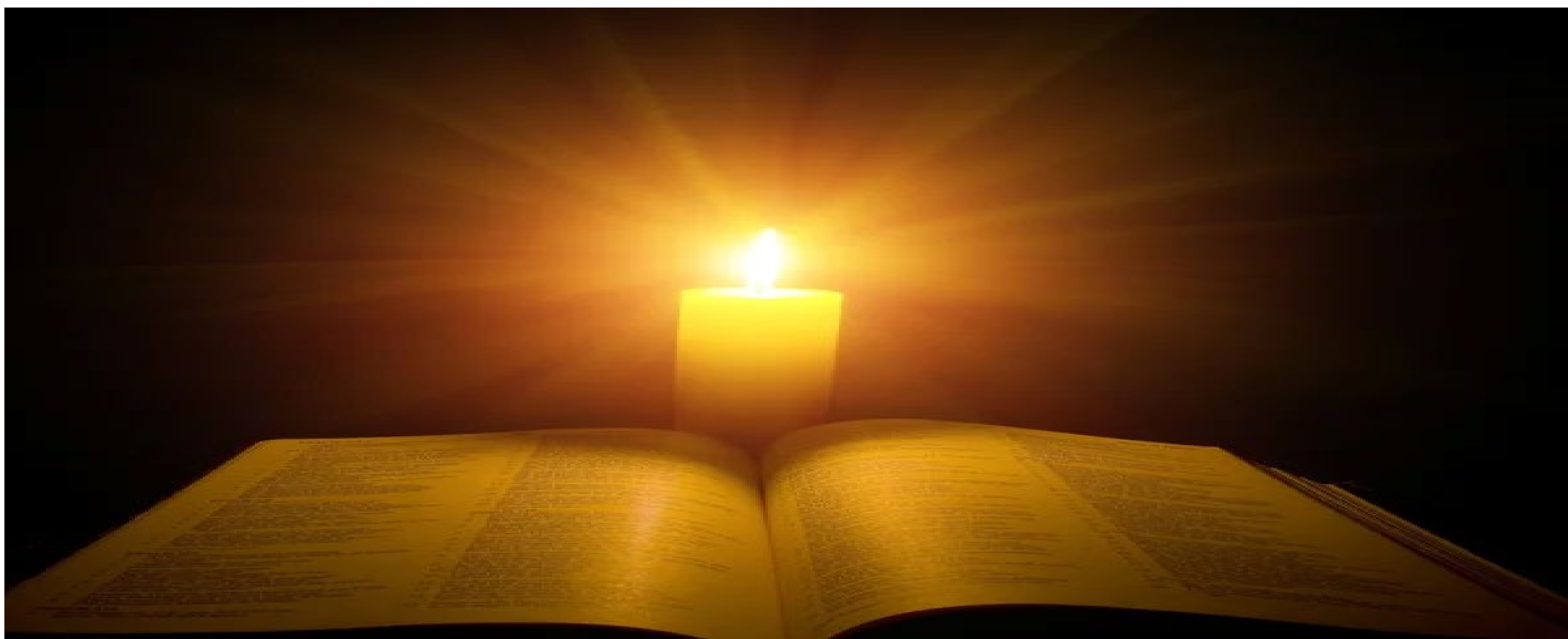
P Let us Pray.

C O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Genesis
45:3-11, 15

*Joseph
forgives his
brothers*





P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- 1. Why should I vex my soul,
and fret to see the wicked rise?
Or envy sinners waxing great,
by violence and lies?
My God shall break their bows and burn
their persecuting darts,
Shall their own swords against them turn,
and pierce their stubborn hearts.**



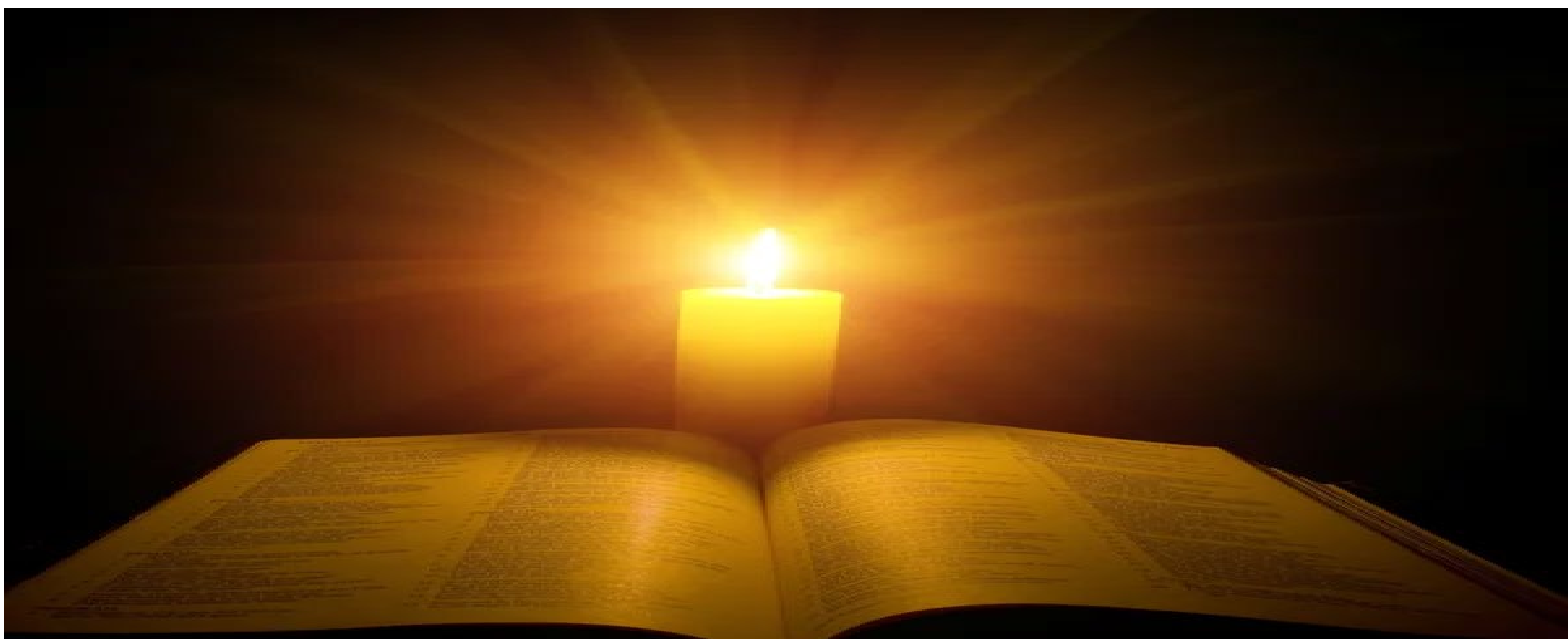
**2. Then let me make the Lord my trust,
and practice all that's good;
So shall I dwell among the just,
and he'll provide me food.
The meek at least the earth possess,
and are the heirs of heav'n;
True riches, with abundant peace,
to humble souls are giv'n.**

BUT SOMEONE WILL ASK,
“HOW ARE THE DEAD
RAISED? WITH WHAT KIND
OF BODY WILL THEY
COME?”

- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:35

**1 Corinthians
15:35-38,
42-50**

***The mystery
of the
resurrection
of the body***



P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: 8:15 AM



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Balm of Gilead

“There is a Balm in Gilead”-arr. Lloyd Larson

SPECIAL MUSIC

11:00 AM



JOY CHOIR

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:– *“Alleluia”-ELW Page 142*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

P The Holy
Gospel
according to

**Luke
6:27-38**

C Glory to
you O Lord.

(Gospel is Read)





P

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

C

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.



***TODAY'S
MESSAGE
GIVEN BY***

***INTERN
BOB BONOMO***



Luke 6, 27-38

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

Hymn of the Day: ACS # 1062- "Build a Longer Table"

**1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room
for all.**

**Feasting together, stranger turns to
friend,**

**Christ breaks walls to pieces; false
divisions end.**



**2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will
not fail.**

**For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all
inside.**



3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.

Love protects all people, sparing no expense.

When we embrace compassion more than fear,

Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.



**4 When we lived as exiles, refugees
abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign
of God.
So must our tables welcome those who
roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a
home.**

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE



Passing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(Share the sign of peace in the manner you feel most comfortable.)



OFFERTORY

He Hideth My Soul

Com. William J. Kirkpatrick



CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY:

ELW # 677-"This Little Light of Mine"

**1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it
shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it
shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it
shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**



**2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**



**3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it
shine;**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it
shine;**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it
shine,**

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and
generosity, now and always.

C Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

“It is indeed right...”



SANCTUS: “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” – ELW Page 144

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



THE 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 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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION



- P** The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.
- C** AMEN.

***ALL baptized Christians are welcome to
receive the Lord's Supper.***

***Gluten-free wafers (distributed by Assistant Minister) and grape juice (Clear juice in
center of tray) are also offered, if desired.***

“LAMB OF GOD”

ELW Page 146

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

ELW # 462-"Now We Join in Celebration"

- 1 Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.**



**2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.**



**3 Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.**

ELW #614-"There is a Balm in Gilead"

Refrain

**There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.**



**1 Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.**



Refrain

**There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.**



**2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all."**



Refrain

**There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.**



**3 Don't ever be discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend.**



Refrain

**There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.**

ELW # 781-"Children of the Heavenly Father"

**1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**



**2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.**



**3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**



**4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.**

ELW # 715-“Christ Be Our Light”

**1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**



Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.



**2 Longing for peace, our world is
troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.**



Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.



**3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**



Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.



**4 Longing for shelter, many are
homeless.**

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

**Make us your building, sheltering
others,**

walls made of living stone.



Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.



**5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.**



Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

COMMUNION BLESSING: *(Please Stand)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the
world. In the name of Christ we pray,
- C** Amen.

BLESSING:

P The Spirit of the triune God
✝ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C Amen

Refrain

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

**1 God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.**



Refrain

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

**2 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.**



Refrain

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

**3 May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of friend and neighbor.
As I live from day to day,
love will be my finest labor.**



Refrain

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

SENDING:

- A** Go in peace.
Live in hope.

- C** Thanks be to God.

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“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” arr. Thomas Keesecker

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

—Luke 6, 27—

