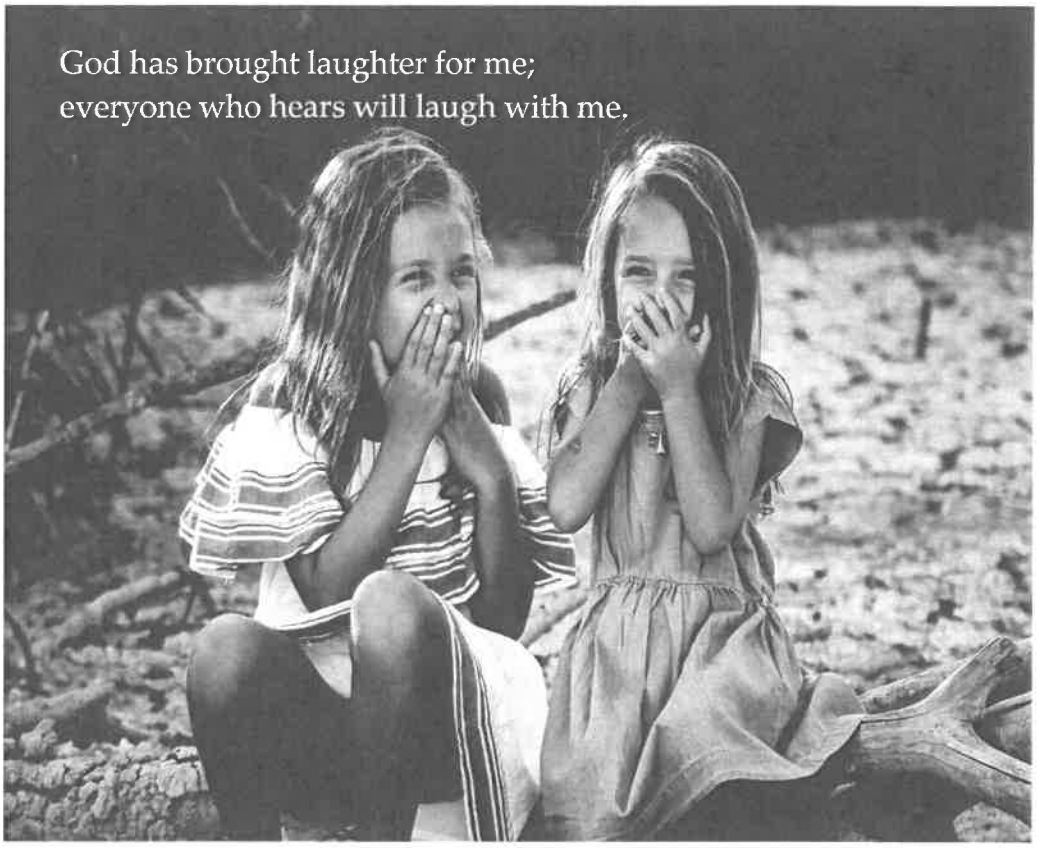


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Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Mount Kisco, NY

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Gathering

September 17, 2023

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A Welcoming Community Making Christ Known Through Worship and Service

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

- **Breathe**
- **Ponder:** Whom did you bring with you on your heart today? For what or whom are you feeling thankful? What is making you anxious today? What do you need to confess today?
- **Be still,** empty your hands, empty your mind, let sounds pass you, wait upon God.

Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregational responses are indented and in bold.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ☩ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

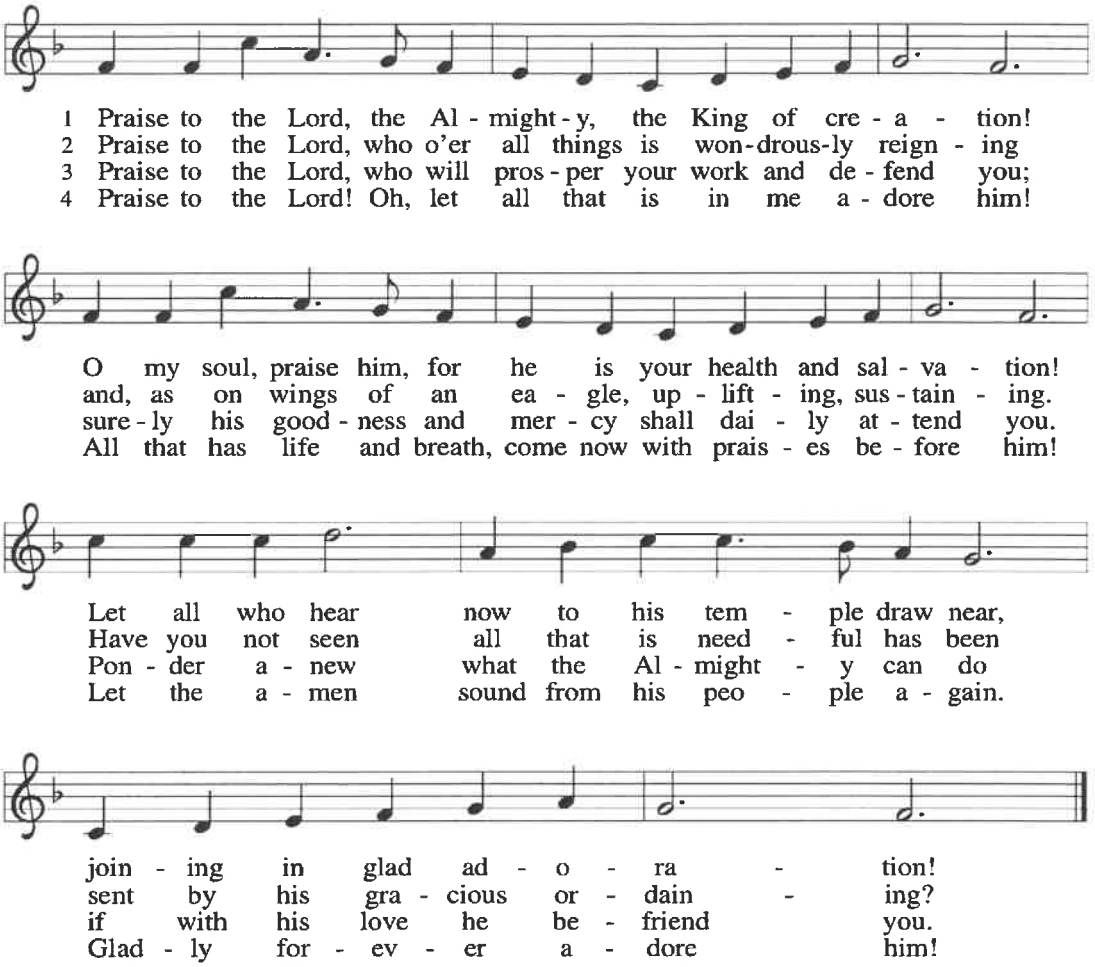
Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In ☩ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of promise, Abraham scoffed and Sarah laughed when they were told of your plans for them and their family. Yet you remained faithful to your promise, and gave them a son, Isaac. Help us to trust in your promises for our lives, and to live according to your will.

Amen.

Word

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
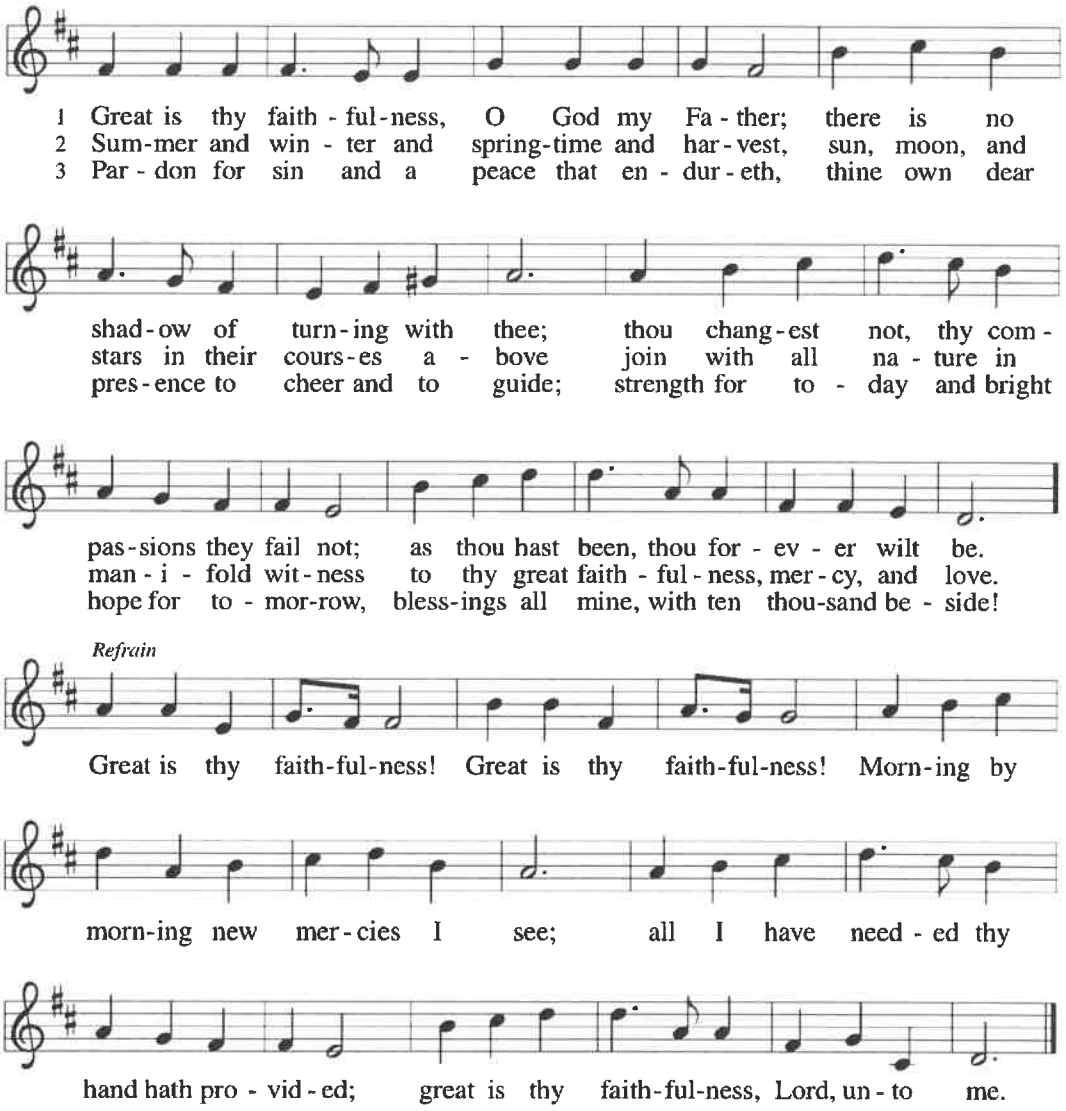
For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

READING: Genesis 18:15-20 & 21:1-7

[1]The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat
of the day. [2]He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the
tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. [3]He said, "My lord, if I find favor with
you, do not pass by your servant. [4]Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest
yourselves under the tree. [5]Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that
you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." [6]And
Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice
flour, knead it, and make cakes." [7]Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave
it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. [8]Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had
prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.
[9]They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." [10]Then one said, "I will
surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at
the tent entrance behind him. [11]Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to
be with Sarah after the manner of women. [12]So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown
old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" [13]The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah
laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' [14]Is anything too wonderful for the
LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." [15]But Sarah
denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."
[1]The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. [2]Sarah
conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to
him. [3]Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. [4]And Abraham circumcised his
son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. [5]Abraham was a hundred years
old when his son Isaac was born to him. [6]Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone
who hears will laugh with me." [7]And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah
would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."
The Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

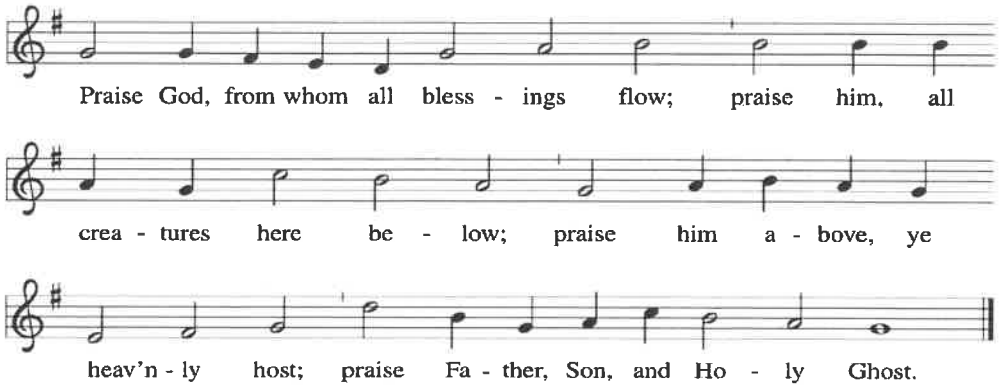


PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Response: **Receive our prayer.**

Meal

OFFERING *The giving of our time, talents, and money to the work of Christ's Church is an act of worship. As God has blessed us, let us return thanks to Him.*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, …

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 forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist. Grape juice is also provided for those who prefer it.

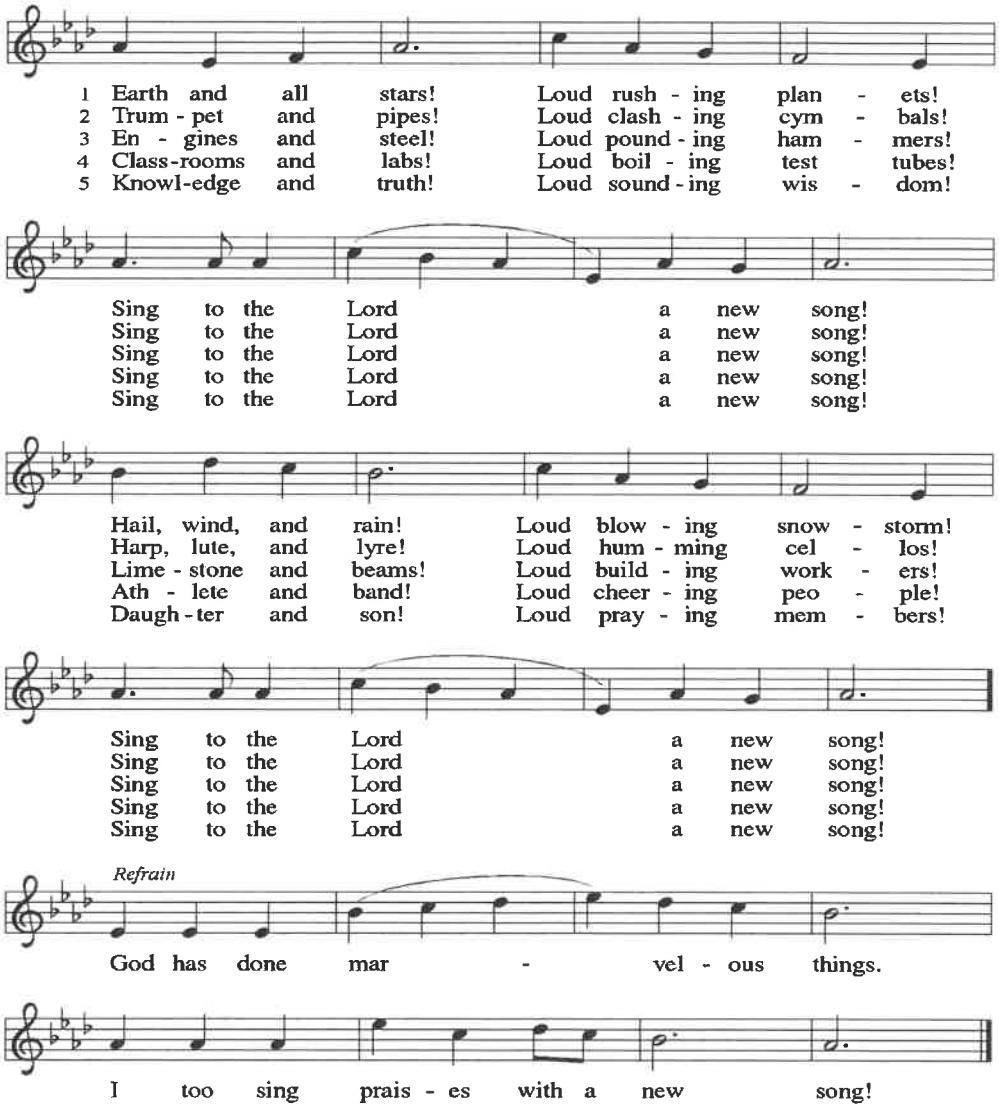
Sending

BLESSING

The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Earth and All Stars!



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST

Grieving
The Hurowitz Family

Strength
The Carroll Family
Al Burkhart
Paula Cogut
Lynn Dagata
Janet Delgado
Gabe DeMaria
Jason Haley
Miles Hartnett
Marty Massey
Dr. Les Prusnofsky
Brian Tarner
Annette Vasel
First Responders and Healthcare Workers

Serving in the Armed Forces
Bryan Bennett
Carmen Green
Nicole Hetzer
Jim Oliveto
Justin Ortega
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