

Prelude

Marsha Gullickson

*“Jesus Loves Me” with
“Jesus Loves the Little Children”*

Arr Paxton/ Bradbury/Root et al



Welcome to Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

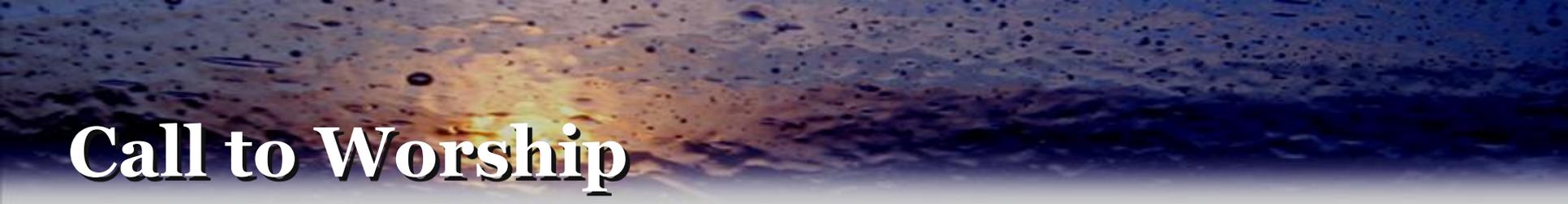


“Touching Lives with the Love of God”



COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

- 1) Nurture the community*** within our congregation
- 2) Encourage the community*** within our neighborhood
- 3) Transform the various communities*** where our members live and work with the love of God



Call to Worship

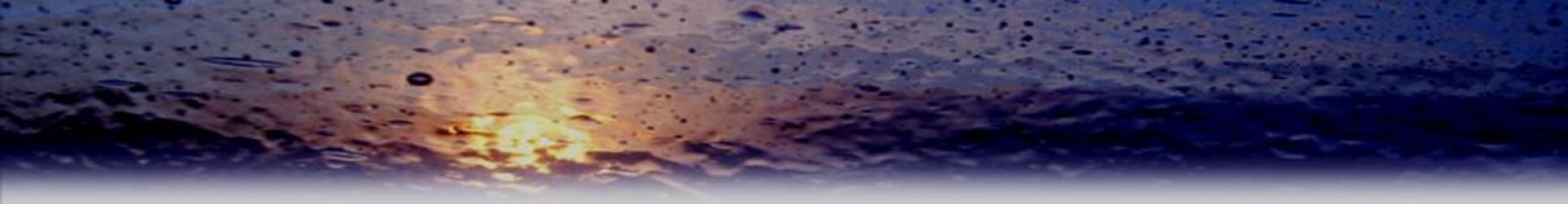
P: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn

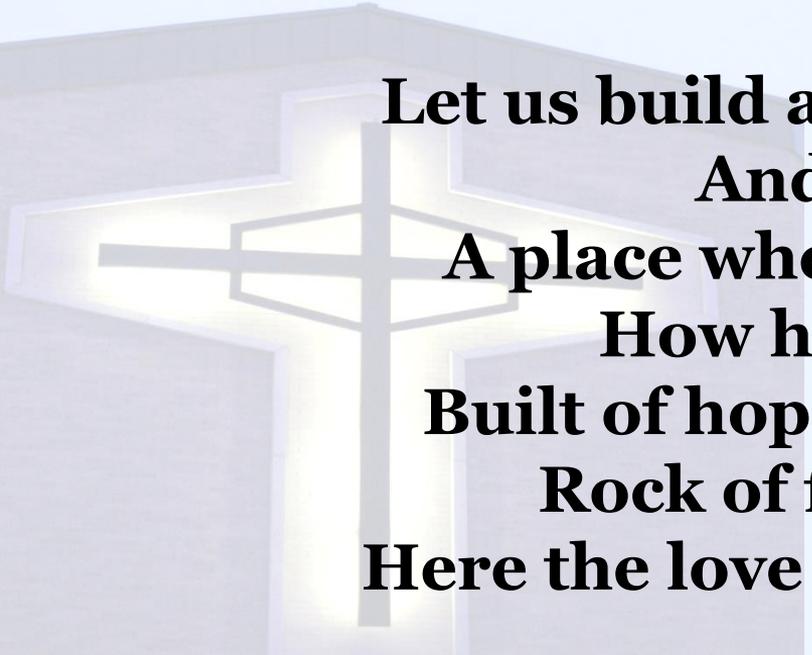
“All Are Welcome”

ELW #641



All Are Welcome

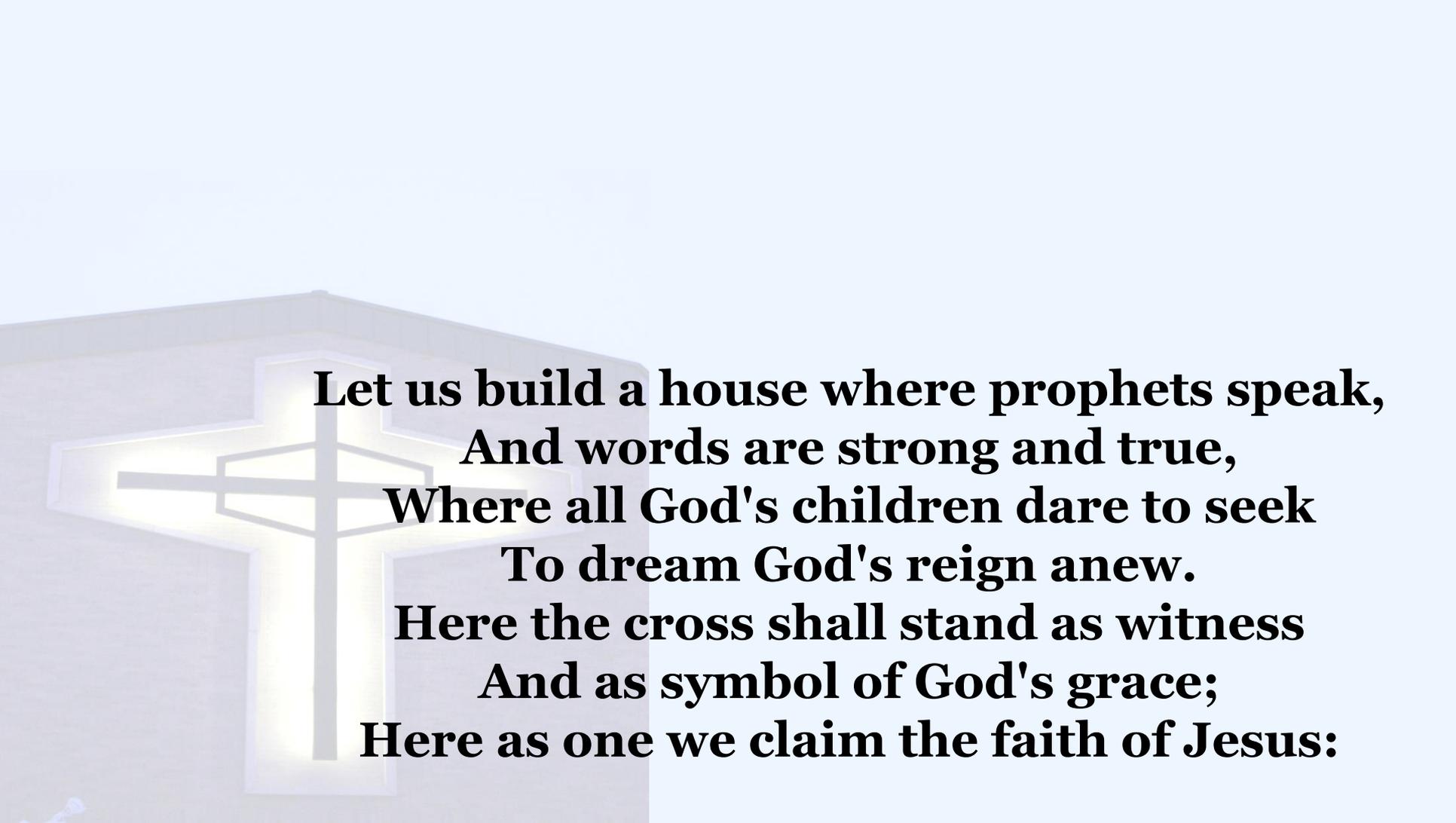
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**Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**



**All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**



**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:**



**All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**



Greeting

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

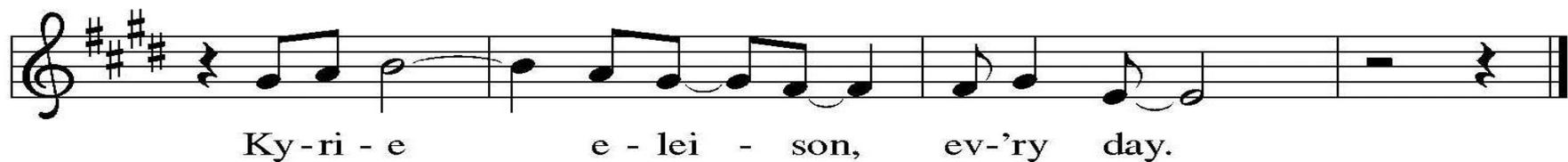
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



→ For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



→ u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



→ this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain S 187

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

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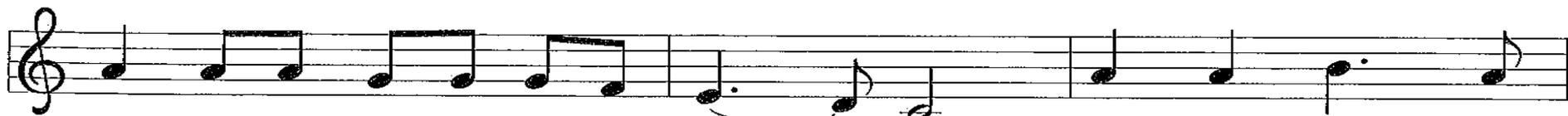
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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me,

Yes, Jesus loves me,

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.



Children's Sermon

Presenter: Terry Peterson





First Lesson

Jeremiah 11:18-20



It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!” But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.



L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Second Lesson

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a



Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.



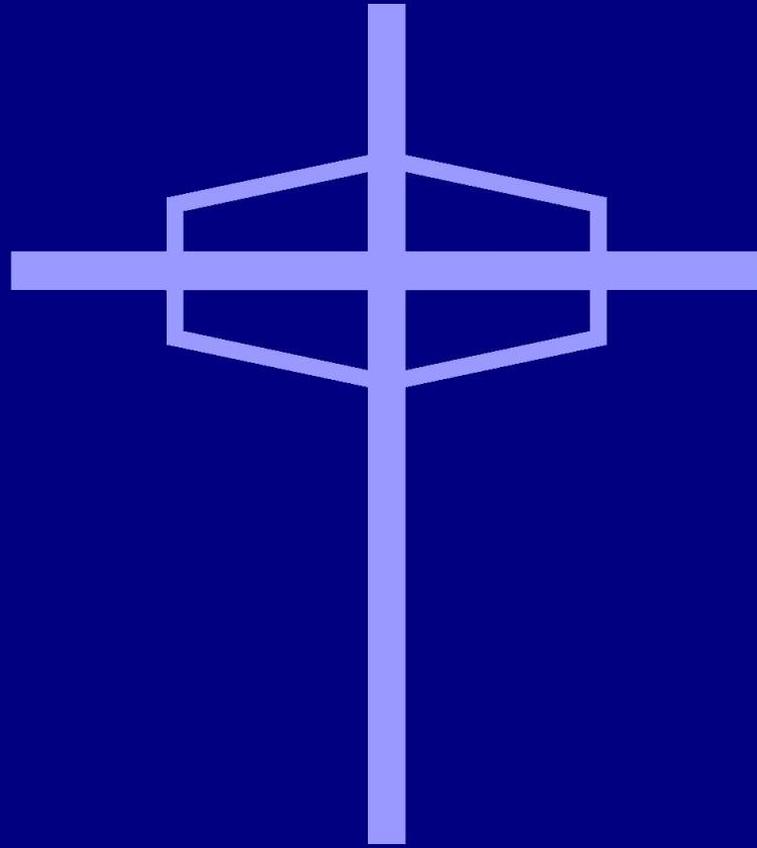
But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder.



And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.



L: Word of God. Word of life.
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Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”

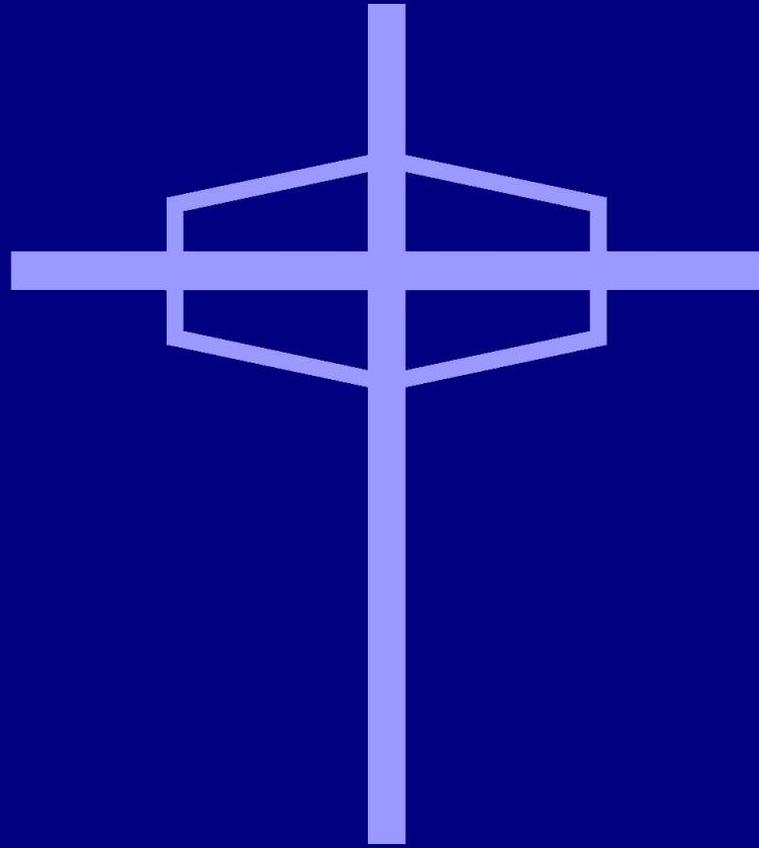


But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.





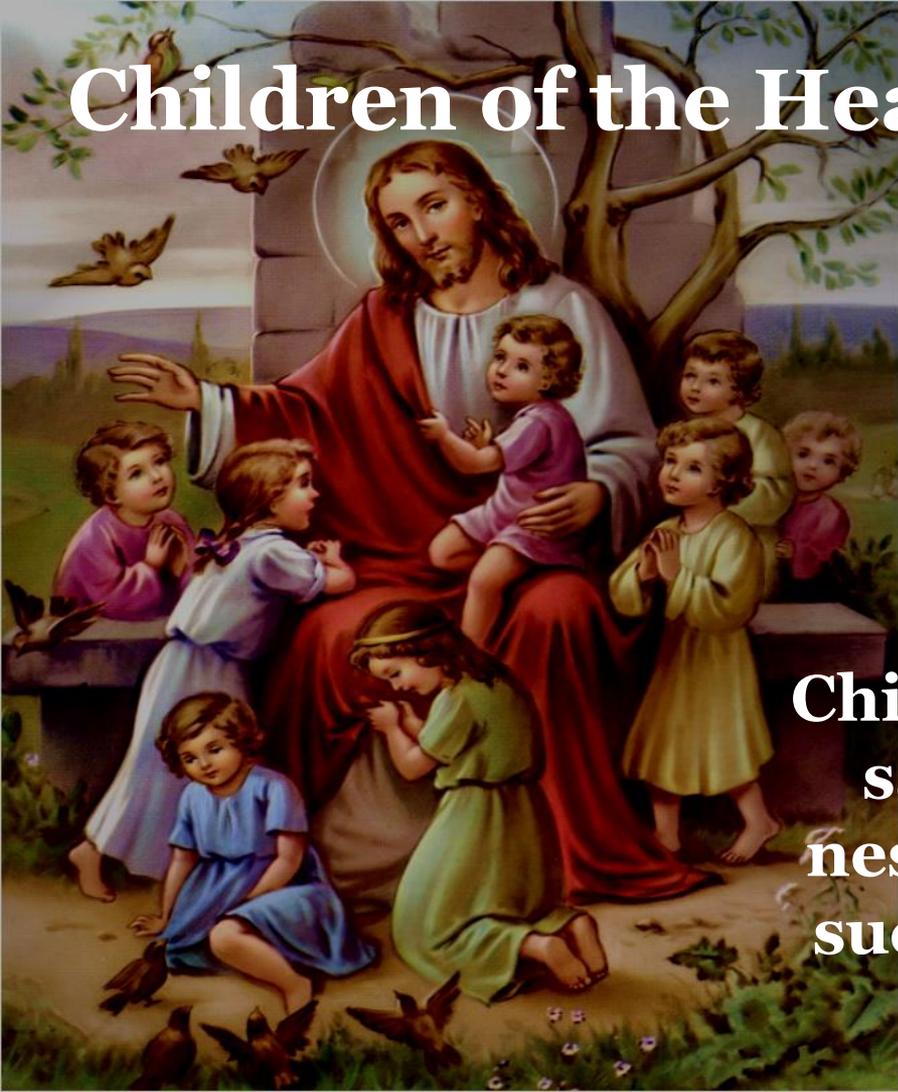
Hymn of the Day

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

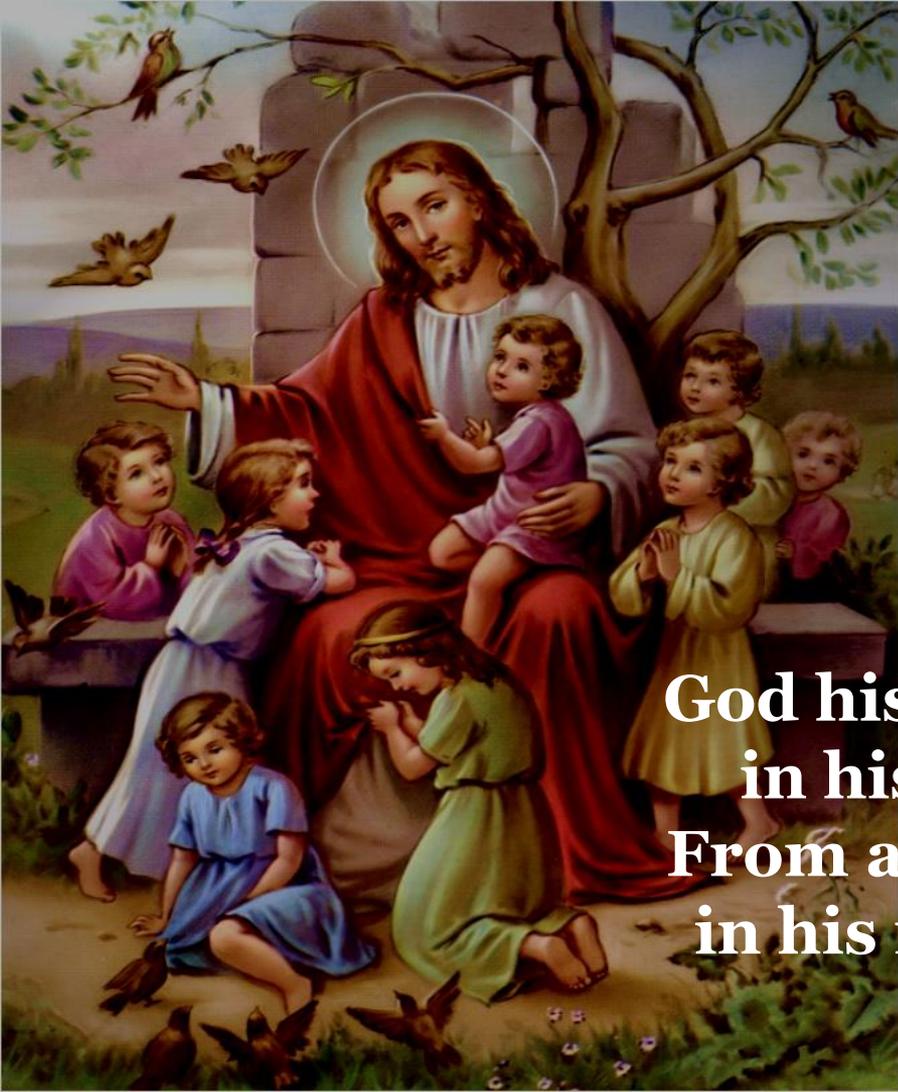
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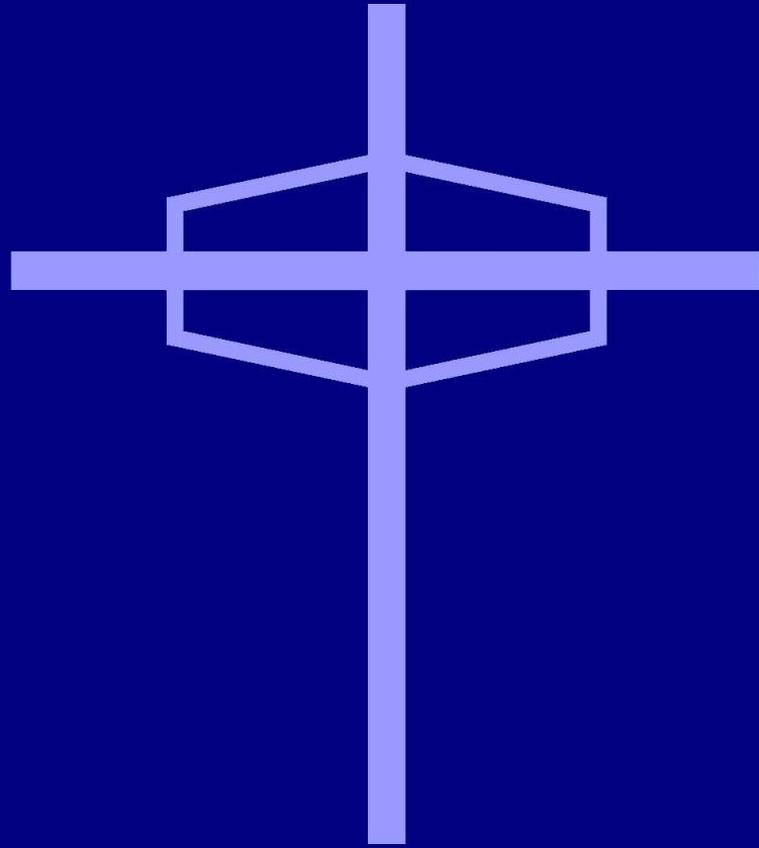
Children of the Heavenly Father



**Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird or star in heaven
such a refuge ne'er was given.**



**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.**



Offering

Chancel Choir & Sandy Knight

“Canon in D”

By Pachelbel, arr. Noel Goemanne



Offertory

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW #184



Offertory



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



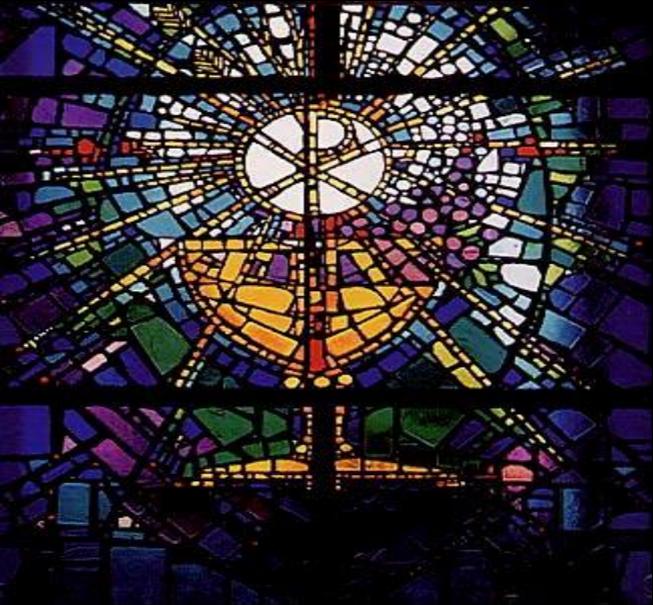
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Prayers

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.



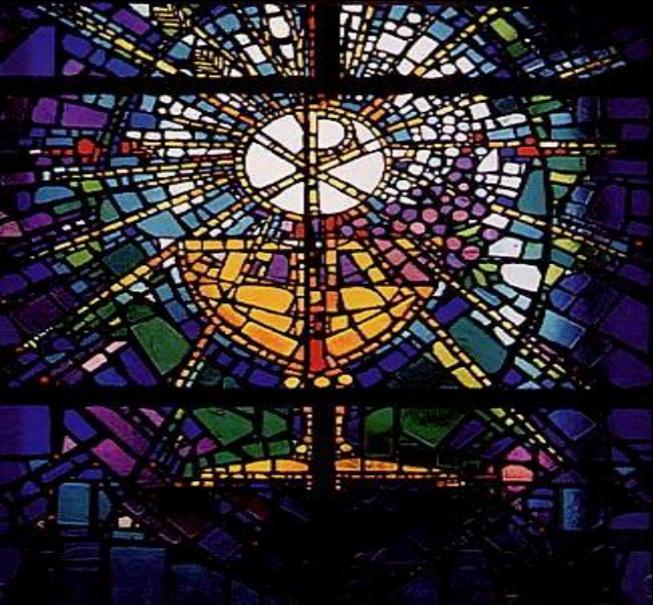
Words of Institution



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples to eat, saying: “This is my body given for you.

“Do this in remembrance of me.”

Words of Institution



Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin.

“Do this in remembrance of me.”

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.**



Distribution

(wait for instruction from Pastor Erik)



Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

ELW #207



Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

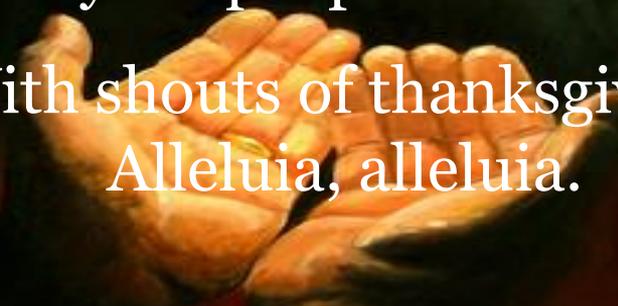
ELW #207

Thankful hearts and voices raise;
Tell ev'ryone what God has done.

Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord
Rejoice and bear the name of Christ.

Send us with your promises and
lead your people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.



Pastor Erik's 15th Anniversary Blessing



Blessing / Benediction

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

C: Amen.

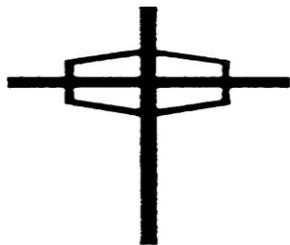
We are all called to be ministers - (CCLC Mission Statement)

Welcomed by the love of Jesus Christ,

Nurtured in faith by the Holy Spirit,

Sent to share God's promises with others.

Touching Lives



with the

Love of God

P: Go in peace to touch lives with the love of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

Prayer of the Heavenly King (Sending Hymn)

“There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy”

ELW #588

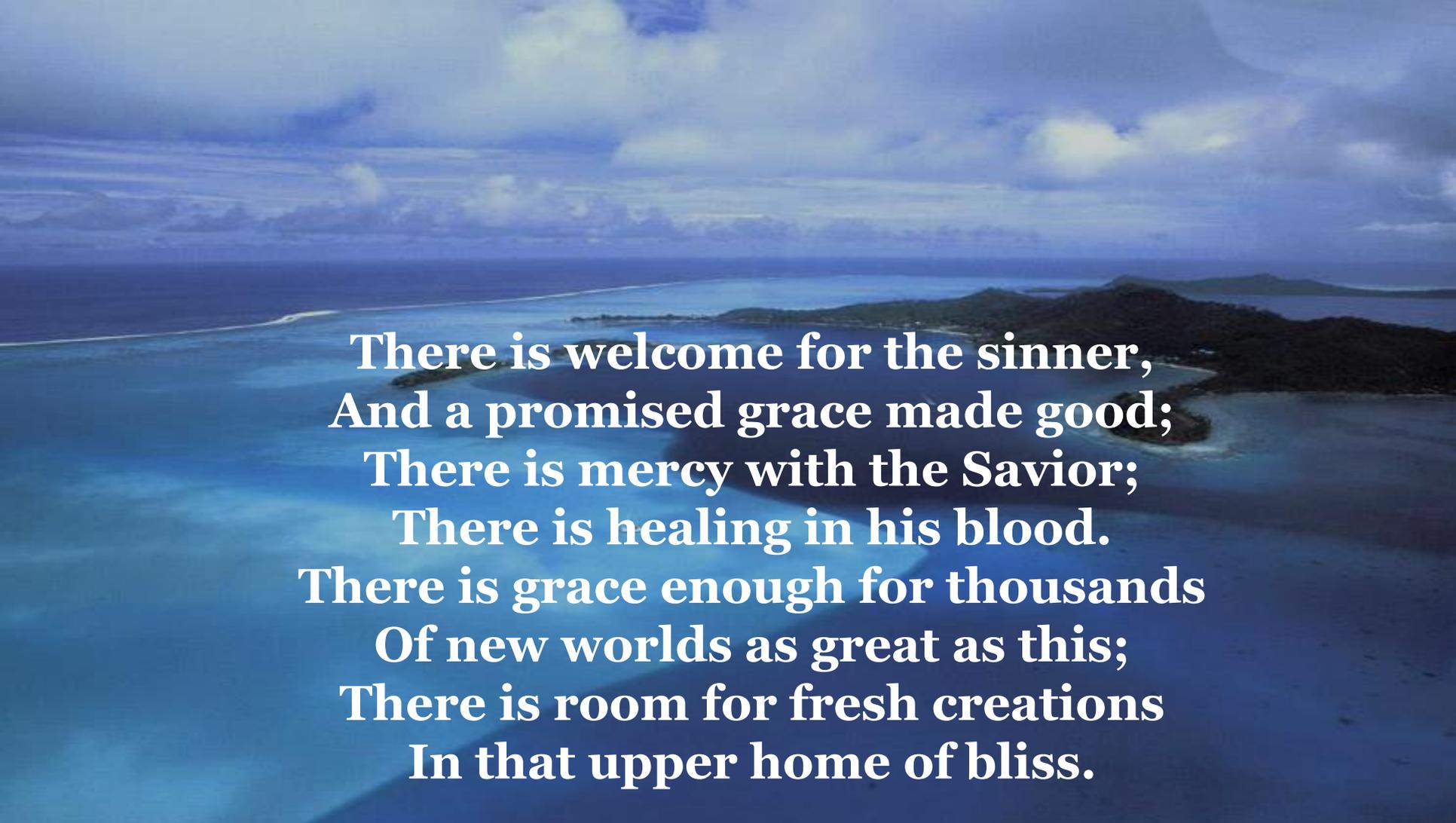


There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

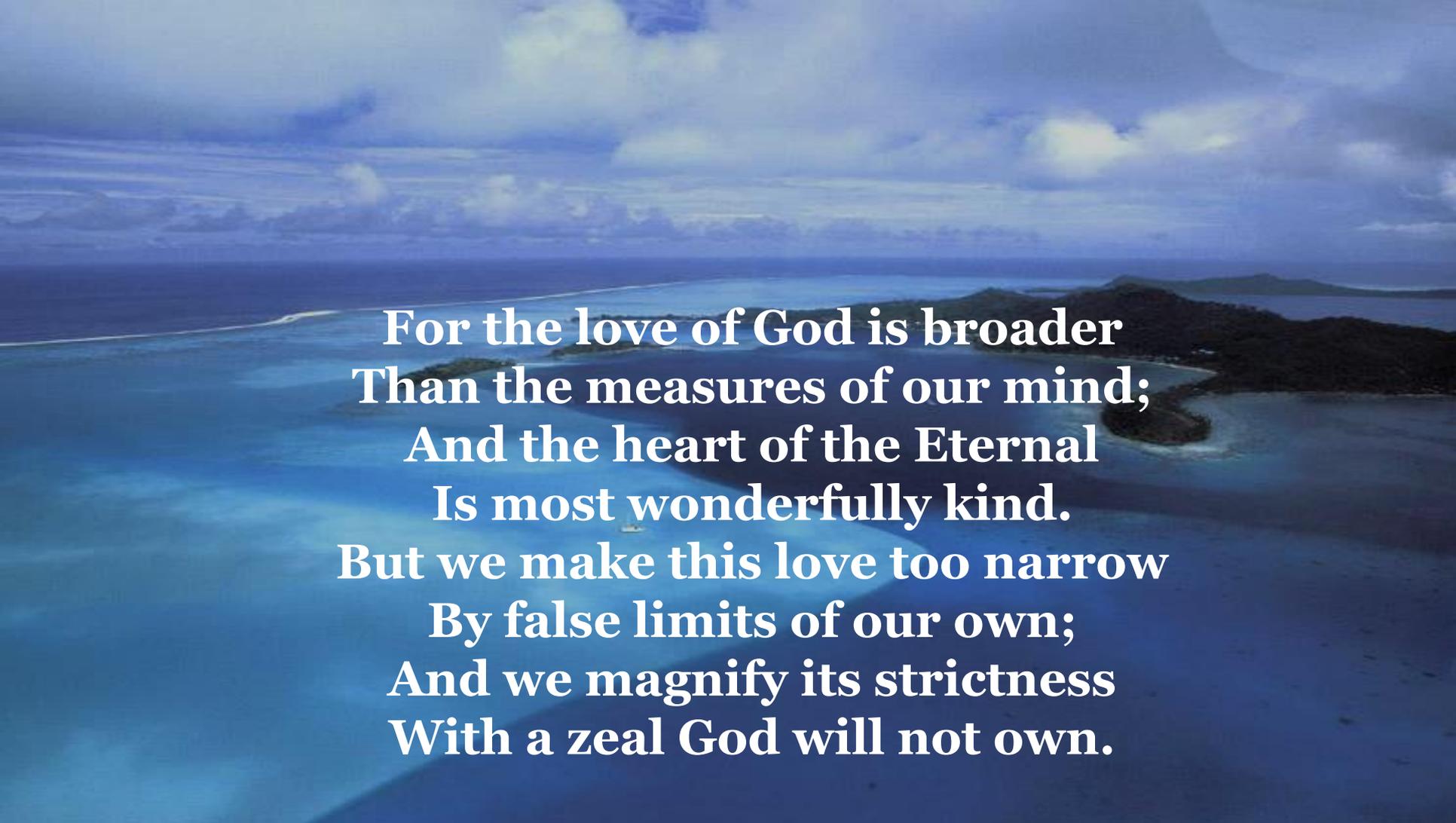
ELW #588

**There's a wideness God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice
Which is more than liberty.**

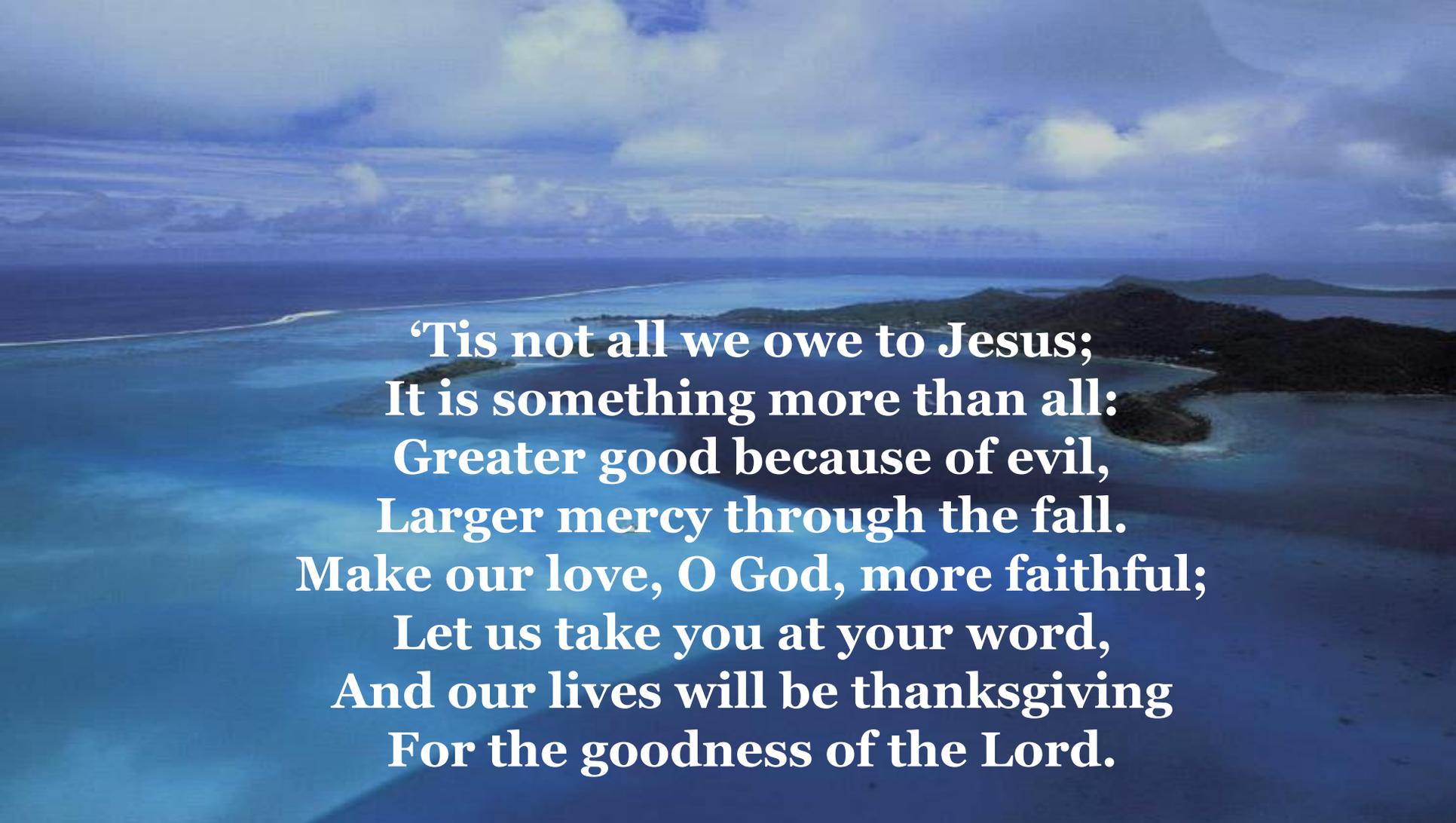
**There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment giv'n.**

An aerial photograph of a tropical island. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a deeper blue as it meets the horizon. The island is lush with green vegetation and has a white sandy beach. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, serif font.

**There is welcome for the sinner,
And a promised grace made good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.**



**For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify its strictness
With a zeal God will not own.**

An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The water is a vibrant turquoise, transitioning to a deeper blue as it meets a dark, forested island. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the overall scene is serene and beautiful.

**‘Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
It is something more than all:
Greater good because of evil,
Larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
Let us take you at your word,
And our lives will be thanksgiving
For the goodness of the Lord.**

Postlude

Children of the Heavenly King (Pleyel's Hymn)

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