

ISAIAH REASSURES THE KING

Sunday, November 20, 2022

9:30 am

PRELUDE

Hymn Medley

+ Gathering +

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

O God of Every Nation (ELW 713)



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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GREETING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty,
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things,
sustaining life in this community, nourishing and delighting us.
We bless you for these gifts of water:

Lake Michigan, the Chicago River, and the Skokie Lagoons.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power:

Noah and the animals survive the flood,
Hagar discovers your well.

The Israelites escape through the sea,
and they drink from your gushing rock.

Naaman washes his leprosy away,
and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through the water of baptism
joined to your life-giving Word:

your well of mercy and cleansing flood,
your sea of deliverance from death into life,
your healing river washing sin away,
your living water springing up to eternal life.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love.

Clothe us and all your people with grace.

Embolden us to do justice. Bless us to love mercy.

Guide us to walk humbly with you,
whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

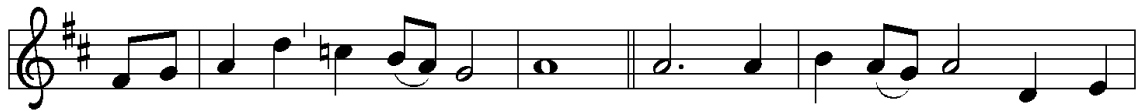


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



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

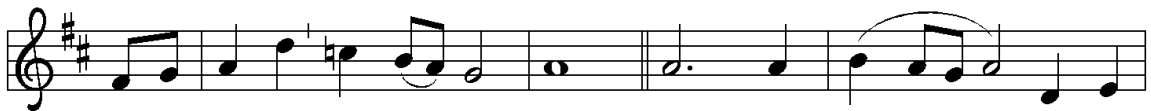


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

God of deliverance, you promised prosperity and peace to the exiles of Jerusalem. Grant us to prosper, not for riches, but for faith, so that our lives may be a blessing to all. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ Word +

THE BIBLE STORY

I

Isaiah 36:1-3, 11-21; 37:1-7, 33-35

In keeping with the oral tradition of scripture, the Bible Story is presented verbally. You are invited to receive the story with open ears, minds, and hearts, joining with our ancestors in faith who have received these narratives through oral storytelling for thousands of years. For those who are hard of hearing, the text is provided on page 15.

Word of God, word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 56

Antiphon:

Refrain Em Cmaj7 D Bm7 B7 Em Fine

In my day of fear, I put my trust in you, God Most High.

Psalm Tone:

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- ¹Have mercy on me, O God, for people are | hounding me;
all day long they assault | and oppress me.
- ²**My enemies hound me all | the day long;**
truly there are many who fight against me | from high ground.
- ³Whenever I | am afraid,
I will put my | trust in you.
- ⁴**In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not | be afraid,**
for what can flesh | do to me? Antiphon
- ⁵All day long they dam- | age my cause;
their only thought is to | do me harm.
- ⁶**They band together; they | lie in wait;**
they spy upon my footsteps; because they | seek my life.
- ⁷Deliver them o- | ver to trouble;
O God, in your anger, cast | down the peoples.
- ⁸**You have noted my lamentation; put my tears in- | to your bottle;**
are they not recorded | in your book? Antiphon

⁹Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be | put to flight;
this I know, for God is | on my side.

**¹⁰In God, whose | word I praise;
in the LORD, whose | word I praise—**

¹¹in God I trust and will not | be afraid,
for what can mortals | do to me?

**¹²I am bound by the vow I made to | you, O God;
I will present to | you thank-offerings;**

¹³for you have rescued my soul from death and my | feet from stumbling,
that I may walk before God in the light | of the living. Antiphon

SERMON

Pastor Allison Bengfort

HYMN OF THE DAY

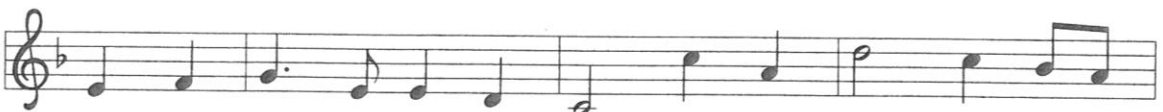
All My Hope on God Is Founded (ELW 757)



1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 Great thy good-ness, e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,
4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,
tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,
pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at - tend thee,
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing



on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, God a -
tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by
beau - ty spring - ing out of naught. Ev - er - more from thy
for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and



lone, call my heart to be thine own.
hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; para. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: Herbert Howells, 1892–1983
Music © 1968 Novello & Co, Ltd., London

MICHAEL
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THE 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

I invite you to assume a posture of prayer. You may sit, stand, or kneel; fold your hands or turn them upward; close your eyes or lift them to the altar.

We are surrounded with stories:
good news stories,
bad news stories,
true stories, rumors.

We are surrounded with rumors:
rumors quickly dismissed,
rumors which cause questions,
rumors which destroy people,
institutions, nations.

We pray for all who are suffering or who continue to suffer
as the result of the thoughtlessness of others.
May they take some shade of comfort
in knowing that you know the truth.
We pray for healing of heart and reputation.

God of grace,
we pray for those
who know that they have hurt others,
sometimes unaware of their actions before it is too late.
May they know that the past cannot be undone,
but the future can be different.

Lord, may we turn words from weapons to wisdom,
our actions from hurt to healing.
May we change the rumours attached to people and places
to bring about positive change
in a world that needs it so desperately.
For your love's sake we pray. **Amen.**

From *Spill the Beans: Worship and Learning Resources for All Ages*, Issue 13.
Adapted by Pr. Allison Bengfort.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.

+ **Meal** +

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Grounded in God's covenant, it is our active love that reveals who we worship. As the plate is passed, you are invited to commit to giving of your whole selves. Together, we give of our talents and material resources to the church, with the expectation that they be used to further God's dream for our world.

By Tim Graves, adapted by Pr. Allison Bengfort.

OFFERING

We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's! Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



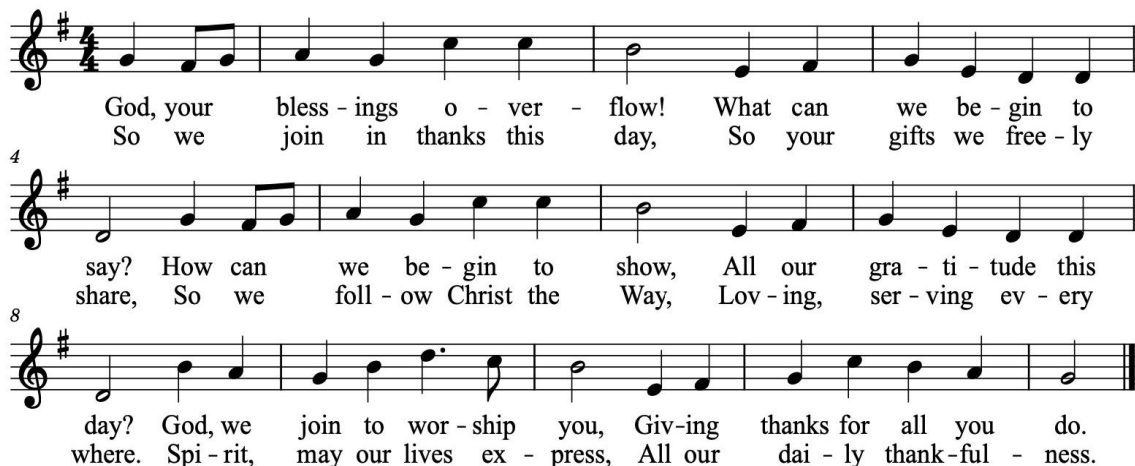
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"I Dream a World"

André J. Thomas

OFFERTORY VERSE

God, Your Blessings Overflow



God, your bless - ings o - ver - flow! What can we be - gin to
So we join in thanks this day, So your gifts we free - ly
say? How can we be - gin to show, All our gra - ti - tude this
share, So we foll - ow Christ the Way, Lov - ing, ser - ving ev - ery
day? God, we join to wor - ship you, Giv - ing thanks for all you do.
where. Spi - rit, may our lives ex - press, All our dai - ly thank - ful - ness.

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Music: DIX 777777
Conrad Kocher (1838)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

All that we have is yours, O God.

**We offer you our whole selves
symbolized by these gifts lain before you.**

**Take them all, seen and unseen,
and use them for the building of your kingdom
here on earth, today and always.**

Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Those worshipping online are invited to raise their bread and wine along with the pastor to be blessed.

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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to commune at Christ's table! If you are online, serve yourself or those worshipping with you by saying, "The body of Christ, given for you," and, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are communing in person, please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher, maintaining social distancing. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please step forward and then remove your mask to eat in front of the altar. A glass of wine (dark colored) will be placed on the table next to you, or you may request grape juice (light colored). You may drink and then place the empty glass in the basket. Please re-mask before returning to your seat. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.

COMMUNION SONG

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (ELW 678)



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
 O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

God of the abundant table,

you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road

that we might serve our neighbors with joy;

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

+ Sending +

BENEDICTION

God, whose breath enlivens all things,
whose promise is everlasting,
and whose love overflows to all,
bless you with truth and peace,
in the name of the Creator, † the Christ, and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O God, Our Help in ages Past (ELW 632)



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: St. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, confident in Christ's love.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in G Major”

attrib. to J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 Commitment Cards

Thank you so much to all who participated in Sunday's Commitment Card Procession! We received 29 cards total - thank you for your generosity! Your ongoing support of the church makes it possible for us to continue cultivating sacred connections with God, with one another, and with the world. If you have not yet submitted your card, please do so by postal mail, by placing it in the offering plate, or by completing it online. Remember, we have an anonymous donor who has promised to donate an additional \$500 for every card received above 50. Let's get to 50 and beyond!

Advent Buffet

Next Sunday, November 27, is the first Sunday in Advent. Our theme this year is "From Generation to Generation." To help you on your Advent journey, a "buffet" has been prepared for you in the gathering space by the fellowship hall. You will find Advent calendars, a devotional, and an Advent study. Also available are Advent wreath coloring sheets with extra votives and candles if you need them. Take some time to look over buffet and help yourselves to the items you would like to use.

Thanksgiving Multifaith Service: Call for Singers

On Tuesday, November 22, the New Trier Multifaith Alliance will be holding a Thanksgiving service at 7:30 pm at Winnetka Congregational Church (725 Pine Street, Winnetka). All are invited to attend! They are also inviting any singers or choir members from local churches to participate in the choir for the service. There will be a rehearsal that night at 6:30 pm, followed by the service. Music can be sent out ahead of time. If you are interested, please contact Luke Duroc-Danner (luke@stjohnswilmette.com) to receive more information or to register to participate.

Save the Date!

On Sunday, December 18th at 3pm St. John's will be hosting the Lakeshore Brass Quintet for a special Christmas concert. Come join us ring in the season with a selective of festive tunes! This concert is supported by the Aylesworth Music Fund at St. John's. More information about the program and reserving seating will be coming soon.

Holy Family Christmas Giving Tree

Holy Family is again asking if we would participate in their gift program for the children. They are asking for \$25 gift cards to Target. **The cards have already been purchased** and if you are interested in supporting the students in this manner, please send a check to church for \$25 or multiples of \$25. Make the checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and in the memo please put "**HFM Gift**". *You may also buy the cards on our website for \$26 (this includes a \$1 processing charge).* Deadline for the collection is **December 11**. Our goal this year is 24 cards. Although not as much fun as picking out a gift for one of our wonderful and hard-working HFM students, this is the safest way to still say we love you to the children in their care. The Holy Family *Christmas Giving Tree* program has been a part of St John's for many years, and we don't want to miss blessing the boys and girls of Holy Family at this joyous holiday season. Thank you so much.



Seeking Children's Church Volunteers

We are fortunate to have a very vibrant Sunday School program going this year, and we are looking for volunteers who would be interested in teaching or assisting with Children's Church. If you're interested, please sign up using the link in your E-news. If you would like to learn more information about the

curriculum and what a typical lesson looks like, please reach out to the Youth Ministry Team (Luke & Erin Rasmussen and Jason Shutters).

Support St. John's through your Online Purchases

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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY

Isaiah 36:1-3, 11-21; 37:1-7, 33-35

¹In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, King Sennacherib of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. ²The king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem, with a great army. He stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field. ³And there came out to him Eliakim son of Hilkiyah, who was in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph, the recorder.

¹¹Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to the Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it; do not speak to us in the language of Judah within the hearing of the people who are on the wall." ¹²But the Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me to speak these words to your master and to you, and not to the people sitting on the wall, who are doomed with you to eat their own dung and drink their own urine?"

¹³Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! ¹⁴Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you. ¹⁵Do not let Hezekiah make you rely on the LORD by saying, The LORD will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.' ¹⁶Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make your peace with me and come out to me; then everyone of you will eat from your own vine and your own fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, ¹⁷until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. ¹⁸Do not let Hezekiah mislead you by saying, The LORD will save us. Has any of the gods of the nations saved their land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? ¹⁹Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? ²⁰Who among all the gods of these countries have saved their countries out of my hand, that the LORD should save Jerusalem out of my hand?'"

²¹But they were silent and answered him not a word, for the king's command was, "Do not answer him."

¹When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. ²And he sent Eliakim, who was in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests, covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. ³They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of distress, of rebuke, and of disgrace; children have come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring them forth. ⁴It may be that the LORD your God heard the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to mock the living God, and will rebuke the words that the LORD your God has heard; therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left."

⁵When the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah, ⁶Isaiah said to them, "Say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me. ⁷I myself will put a spirit in him, so that he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.'"

³³Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city, shoot an arrow there, come before it with a shield, or cast up a siege ramp against it. ³⁴By the way that he came, by the same he shall return; he shall not come into this city, says the LORD. ³⁵For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David."

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**