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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 16, 2026

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* - Kevin Hildebrand

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* (ELW 865)**



- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
- 3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
- 4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais-es sing.
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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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.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *Let the Whole Creation Cry* (ELW 876) VS 1&3



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"

3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



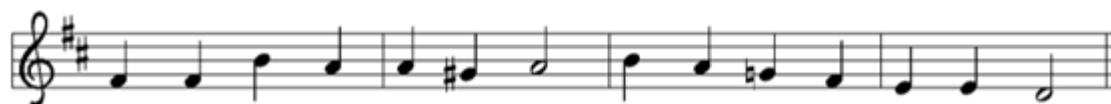
Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"

and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;

from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.

"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

¹ May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known | upon earth,**
your saving health a- | mong all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,**
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought | forth its increase;**
God, our own | God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans.

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

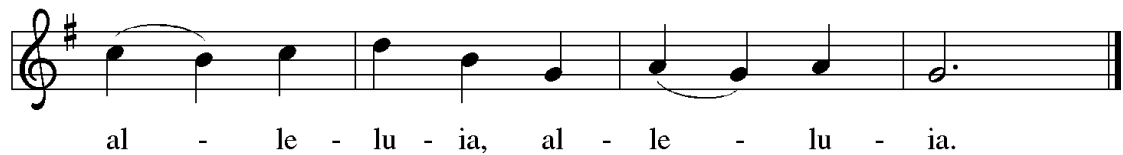
[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

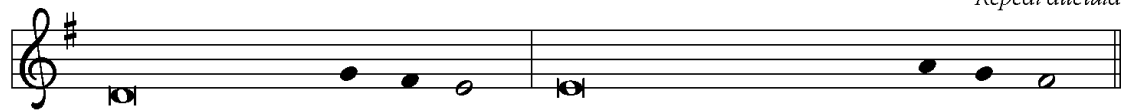
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)



Repeat alleluia



***GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

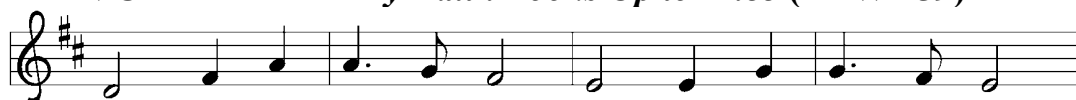
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev. Julia Brown

*Please stand as you are able for the final verse.

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (ELW 759)



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***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 CHURCH** (Please respond.)

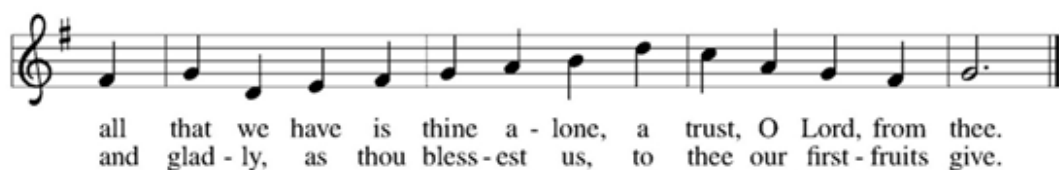
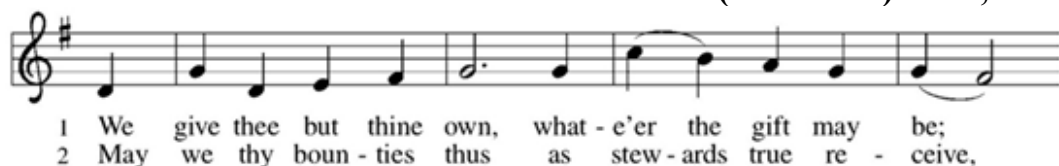
P: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

***OFFERTORY** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (ELW 686) VS 1,2



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

***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.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 108)



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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

COMMUNION SONG *Come to the Table* (ELW 481)



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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COMMUNION Time for quiet meditation

*COMMUNION BLESSING

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

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

*BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

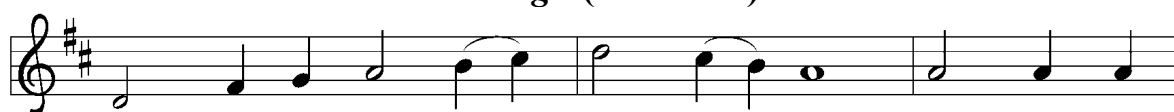
✠ one God,

bless, heal, and hold you

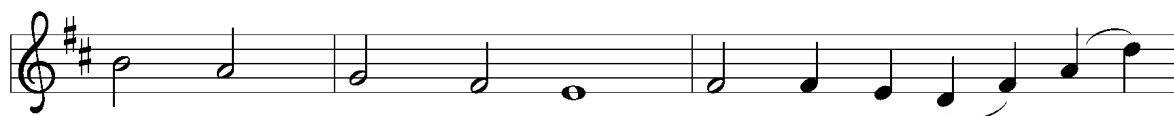
today and always.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG *Jesus Shall Reign* (ELW 434)



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

*DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES/SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE *Recessional on "Hymn to Joy"* - Jacob B. Weber

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Communion Bread	Frances Reichard
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the glory of God in memory of Nellie Hess given by Mark, Sally, Abby, and Joy.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Any pastoral care or concerns can be addressed to Pastor Julia Brown by email to pastor@solomonslutheran.org or phone 703-434-9220.

Prayer requests for the following: *Denny Helman, Phil Johnson, Betty Amt, Nancy Marshall, Marie Dovey, Amy Eichelberger, Paul Steiding, Dennis Hose, Sam Brooks, Kaitlyn Dovey, Patsy Wildeson, James Bersch, Kristen Hardman, Charles Carl, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Becky Ensinger, all the Homebound, and our world & country. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

Please Be Aware: *We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.*

Attention members – Monday, August 24 at 6:30pm Bishop Herr will be here to discuss and answer any question on leaving the ELCA.

Attention all members - please plan to attend our first meeting on September 13 after worship to vote on leaving the ELCA.

Weekly Calendar Reminders:

August 18 - Property 1pm

19 - Bible Study 10am

On Sunday, October 11, Worship and Music will be sponsoring a luncheon following worship to celebrate Solomon's 260th Anniversary. Pastor Michael Allwein will serve as pastor on this special day. We hope to have a display of memorabilia of years gone by at Solomon's, from the log church to our present facility. Please look through photos and other materials regarding Solomon's that you would like to have displayed. Photos would include wedding, baptism, catechism, members, and church activities. Please contact Bonney Coldsmith or any member of Worship and Music if you are willing to share items. Let's make this a special day of remembrance and fellowship. More information will be coming.



Bible Study - Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the fellowship center conference room.

“God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday is Rally Day September 20. Solomon’s is participating with thousands of other congregations across the country to serve our communities on “*God’s Work. Our Hands*” Sunday. Join Social Ministry immediately following worship to assemble the world relief personal care kits.

Rally Day - Sunday, September 13. Breakfast (sausage egg casserole, sticky buns, almond bars, bacon, fresh fruit, coffee, tea & water) is at 9:30 a.m. in Solomon’s Fellowship Center followed by speaker David Rudy from Joy El Ministries from 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Qigong/Tai Chi Class is cancelled for this session due to unforeseen circumstances.

Good News Camp is still in need of the following supplies: pencils, paper towels, crayons/coloring pencils, Lysol wipes, toilet brushes, 13/40 gallon trash bags, Lysol disinfectant spray, Graham crackers, cases of water. **Christian Ed will deliver the items.**

During the months of June, July, and August, Social Ministry will be collecting items for personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Kits will be assembled on Rally Day, September 13th. Display of items needed will be in the sanctuary. Anyone wishing to give a monetary donation can make a check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and mark personal care kits on memo line.

You are invited to attend a fellowship lunch with Solomon's UCC every month on the fourth Thursday at 12:00 PM. August's luncheon will be on August 27. Please RSVP to Marvin Shew at marv_joyce@yahoo.com so that he can update you when a restaurant is chosen.

If you are not taking your altar flowers home, please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

The 2026 sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday School room. Please sign up for as many as you can.

The 2026 Chart for Altar flowers is on the table in the Sunday School room. The cost of the two vases will be \$60.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$60.00 with the bulletin information.

Music Notes

Our gathering song this morning, "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven," was written by Henry Lyte, one of England's greatest hymnists. For 23 years he served as a pastor at a local church in Brixham. Despite frail health and weak lungs, Lyte established a Sunday School for 800 children in Brixham. In addition to preaching and serving his church, Lyte wrote hymns and ministered to sailors on the docks. In 1884, he published a small book that included this hymn, based on Psalm 103. Queen Elizabeth II used this hymn for her wedding hymn in Westminster Abbey on November 20, 1947. In his early fifties, Lyte realized his lung issues had deteriorated to tuberculosis, and after preaching his last sermon on September 4, 1847, he walked over the grounds of his home and worked on his hymn, "Abide with Me." He died on November 20, 1847, and is buried in Nice. (Then Sings My Soul: Robert J. Morgan; page 63).

The words to our hymn of the day, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," were written by Ray Palmer, while teaching at a private girls' school in New York. He had been through a difficult year of illness and loneliness and wrote these verses one night after meditating on a German poem depicting a sinner kneeling before the cross of Christ. He wrote the words into a notebook which he later shared with Lowell Mason, the composer of the tune to this hymn. Mason told Palmer that he (Palmer) would be best remembered as the author of "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." A hymn of prayer, Palmer is quoted as saying, "The words for these stanzas were born out of my own soul, with very little effort. I recall that I wrote the verses with tender emotion. When writing the last line, "O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul," the thought that the whole work of redemption and salvation was involved in those

words brought me to a degree of emotion that brought abundant tears.” Palmer is considered to be one of America’s best 19th century hymn writers. He became an ordained pastor, serving churches in Maine and New York. He also published several volumes of poems and hymns, and his complete poetical works were published in 1876. (Hymnary.org)

The organ postlude this morning is based on our Canticle of Praise, “Let the Whole Creation Cry,” which uses the tune *Hymn to Joy*, written by Ludwig Van Beethoven. This tune has been used with texts of various hymns, not only in our ELW, but in countless other hymnals.

As a result of discussions at Worship and Music on August 3, we will not be singing a hymn during distribution of communion to allow for quiet meditation during this time.