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**North American Lutheran Church (NALC)**

**North Texas/Oklahoma Mission District**

*Bringing Joy to the  
Heart of Rockwall*

We are a community of faith, formed  
in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's  
sure and unfolding promise to mend  
His creation through the life, death  
and resurrection of His Son, Jesus  
Christ, and in the power of the Holy  
Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of  
Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms  
of Christian worship, fellowship and  
service to others.

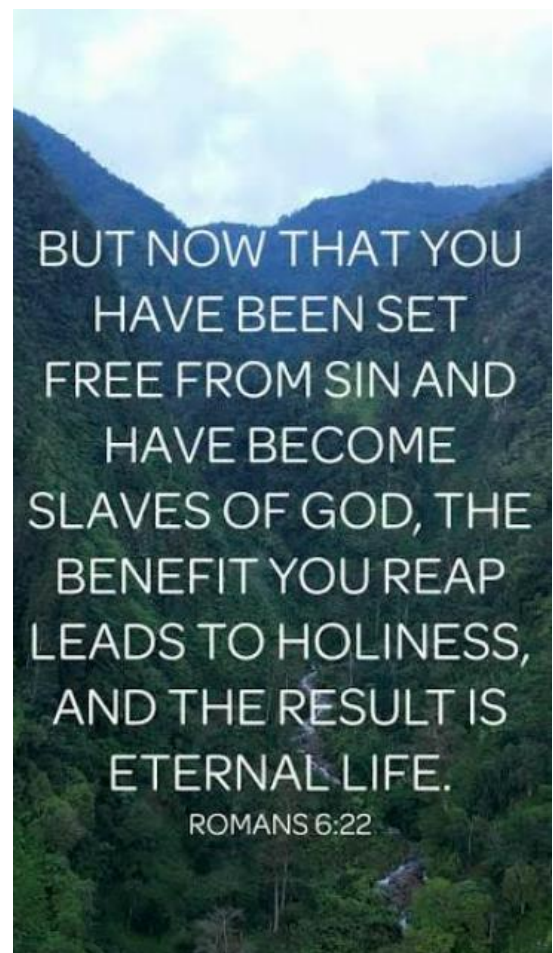
*COME SHARE THE JOY!*

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**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR A)**

**JUNE 21, 2026**



### **Our Members, Guests and Visitors**

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Please contact us if we can be of help in any way.

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### **Prelude**

*You may use this time to prepare your heart for worship*

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service. May the love of Christ comfort you, and the love of His people encourage you!
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.
- Children in worship are a blessing! A worship bag (filled with coloring pages and crayons, children's bulletin, etc.) is available at the back of the sanctuary to use during worship. Ask an usher if you need assistance.
- We've started an Artists' Gathering, which includes drawing, painting, crafts, etc., every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come join us in the Fellowship Hall.
- Ladies Bunco Night is Wednesday, June 24th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and \$5 to play; Rhonda White, the hostess, is providing a dessert.
- Men's Gathering at Paul Manak's home (2125 Clubview, Rockwall) on Wednesday, June 24th at 6:30 p.m.
- Joy's 2026 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be June 28th after worship. Please plan to attend this short but vital meeting.
- Interested in becoming a member of Joy? Please contact Pastor Martin.
- Please remember to review the Blessing Board to volunteer for various ministries.

“O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.” (Psalm 96:9)

*Please stand*

PROCESSIONAL ~ “A MIGHTY FORTRESS” (Red P. 504)

504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross † may be made in remembrance of our baptisms.*

Pastor (P): "In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

**Congregation (C): Amen**

(P): "Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord." **(C): Amen.**

(P): "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

(P): "Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another." ...

(P): Most merciful God,

**(C): We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

(P): In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

**(C): Amen**

## 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 ~ (Red, P. 147)

(P): "In peace, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord."  
(C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord." (C): **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "THIS IS THE FEAST"

*Marking: mezzo*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All  
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and  
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

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

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

(P): The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

(P): For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**(C): Amen**

*Please be seated*

### HOLY WORD

*(God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song)*

#### FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 20:7-13

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

(R): The Word of the Lord

**(C): Thanks be to God!**

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 91:1-10

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,\*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>**He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,\*  
my God in whom I put my trust."**

<sup>3</sup>He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter\*  
and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup>**He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his  
wings;\***  
**his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

<sup>5</sup>You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,\*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

<sup>6</sup>**Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,\*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid day.**

<sup>7</sup>A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,\*  
but it shall not come near you.

<sup>8</sup>**Your eyes have only to behold\*  
to see the reward of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,\*  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**There shall no evil happen to you,\*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

<sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

<sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup>and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your

members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. <sup>20</sup>For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(R): The Word of the Lord

(C): **Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ "ALLELUIA"



### THE HOLY GOSPEL

(P): The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th Chapter.

(C): **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

<sup>5a</sup>These twelve {disciples} Jesus sent out, instructing them,

<sup>21</sup>"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. <sup>24</sup>A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. <sup>26</sup>So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one

of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

(P): The Gospel of the Lord.  
(C): **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

HOMILY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**THE FREEDOM THAT ENSLAVES AND THE SLAVERY THAT FREES**

"But I was bound not by anybody else's irons, but by my own iron will. The enemy possessed my wanting, and from it he had constructed a chain for me and constricted me in it. Inordinate desire arises from a twisting of the will; and in the course of slavery to this desire, habit forms; and through lack of resistance to this desire, a certain inevitability emerges. With these links, as it were, interconnected (and that is why I've called this a chain), a harsh slavery held me tightly in check."

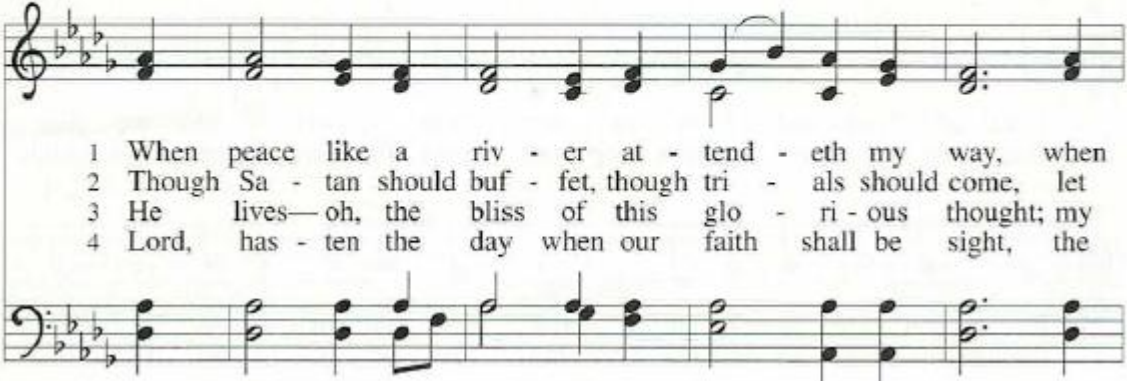
-Augustine, *Confessions*, (5.5)

*Please stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER" (Red, P. 785)**

TRUST, GUIDANCE

**785** **When Peace like a River**  
*It Is Well with My Soul*



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

*Please Remain Standing*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

(P): "With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed."

**(C): I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

(P): Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

(P): ... Lord in your mercy. **(C): hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

(P): Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **(C): Amen**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

(P): "The peace of the Lord be with you always." **(C): And also with you.**

(P): "Let us share that peace with one another."

*Please be seated as the gifts and offerings are collected*

### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*Please stand as the gifts and offerings are brought forward*

*Please be seated [after sharing the peace - ushers will collect offering]*

### **GATHERING & PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

*As the gifts are brought forward to the altar,  
we will sing the Offertory Response*

*Please stand.*

*"LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL"*

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

(P): Let us pray.

(C): Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please remain standing*

THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(P): The Lord be with you. (C): And also with you.

(P): Lift up your hearts. (C): We lift them up to the Lord.

(P): Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (C): It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## THE PROPER PREFACE

(P): "It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

### SANCTUS - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

*Please remain standing.*

### HOLY MEAL

*(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(P): 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.

(P): 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.' For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

**(C): Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

(P): Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**(C): Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

(P): Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**(C): Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

(P): Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**(C): Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

(P): Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**(C): 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**

*Please be seated*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(P): Come, for all has been prepared.

### AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

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

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

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

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We invite all baptized believers to come forward and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children are invited to come with arms folded across their hearts to receive a blessing from the pastor. Both the elements of wine and grape juice are offered. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

*Please stand*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

(P): May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. (C): Amen

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(P): Let us pray: "We give you our thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord."  
(C): Amen

*Please remain standing*

## SENDING

*(God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.)*

## BLESSING

(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

SENDING HYMN ~ "BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS" (*Red, P. 656*)

656                      **Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne we pour our ar-dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu-tual woes, our mu-tual bur-dens bear,  
4 From sor-row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u-ni-ty of heart and mind is like to that a-bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.  
and of-ten for each oth-er flows the sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.  
and per-fect love and friend-ship reign through all e-ter-ni-ty.

**DISMISSAL**

(P): "We are called by Christ"

(C): **To JOYfully share Jesus and ourselves with our neighbors.**

(P): "Go in peace. Share the good news."

(C): **Thanks be to God.**

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**OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING:**

Greeter:	Marcia Matarelli
Ushers:	Paul & Linda Manak
Altar Care:	Sandra Lacroix
Lector & Communion Assistant:	Rhonda White
Acolyte:	Matthew Chubbs
Music Monitor:	Rhonda White
Facebook Live:	Reilly Mahoney
Hospitality:	Rhonda White
Offering Count Team:	Denise Moore & Paul Manak
Altar Flowers:	Inez Roach