

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

October 21, 2018

10:30 am



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

His Work Is Our Rest

AS WE GATHER

Imagine yourself on vacation. Perhaps you are staying at a nice hotel with people you love, enjoying your favorite activities, and savoring some much-needed rest. Now, notice something: while you are resting, others are working. They are cleaning rooms, making beds, preparing your food, serving your drinks. Someone else's work enables you to rest. So it is with God. Today your gracious Father invites you to enter into His rest, His Sabbath, through the saving work of Jesus. He has already done the work—savor it! Rest in His presence as He serves you with His living and active Word and as He prepares His Table of grace for you to enjoy.

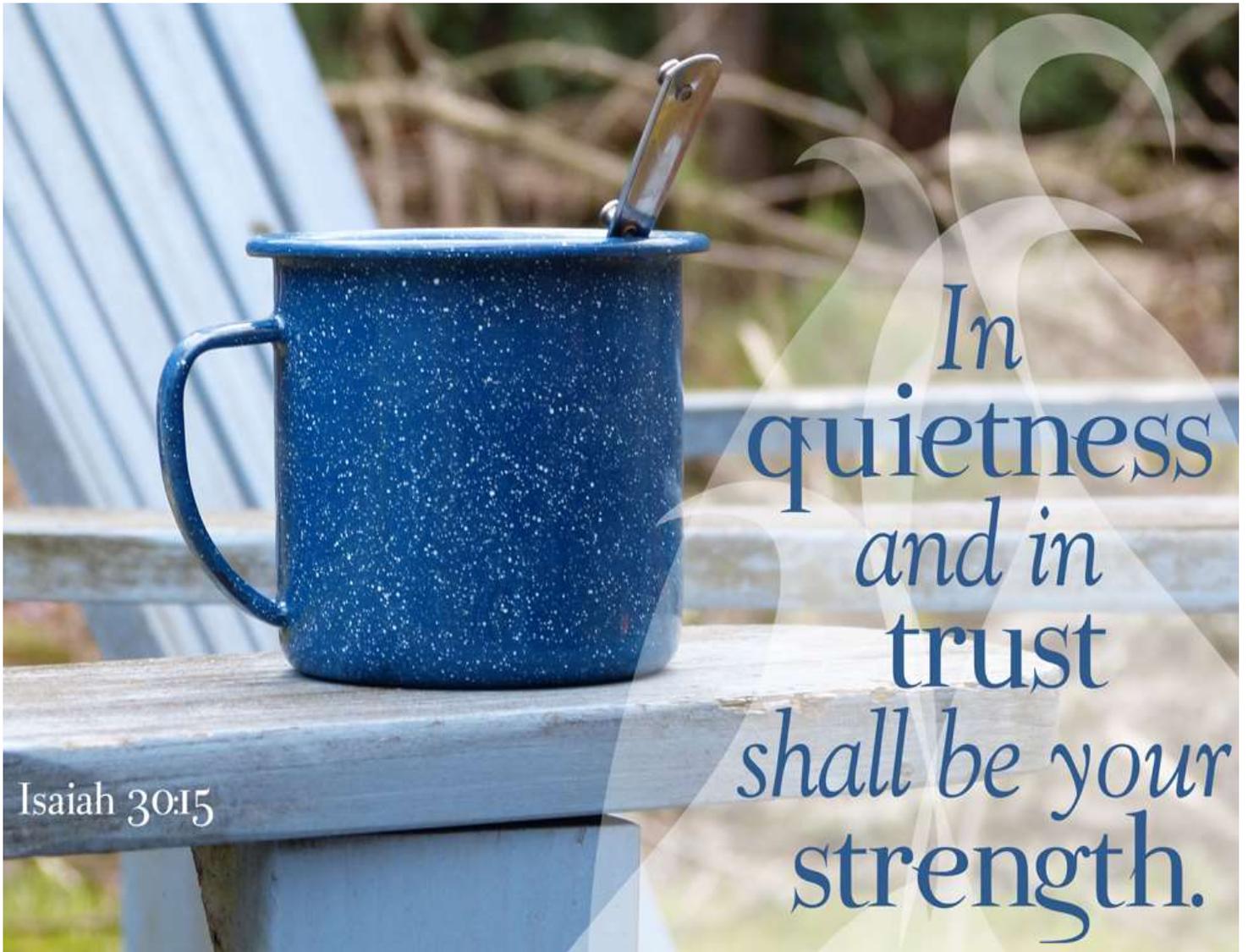
GATHERING SONG

LET IT RISE

Davis

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise.
O, let it rise. O, let it rise.



Isaiah 30:15

*In
quietness
and in
trust
shall be your
strength.*

✘ PREPARATION ✘

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING SONG THE WAY (NEW HORIZON)

Smith/Bashta/Barrett

Through every battle Through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance
I believe That You are my fortress
Oh, You are my portion
And You are my hiding place, oh I believe You are

CHORUS: The way, the truth, the life
I believe You are The way, the truth,
the life I believe (You are)

Through every blessing Through every promise
Through every breath I take
I believe That You are Provider
You are Protector
And You are the One I love,
I believe you are **CHORUS**

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts, they can all come too
Because they can't stay long when I believe (You are) **CHORUS**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✘ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Hebrews 4:9–10*

Pastor: There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,
People: **for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 11:28*

Pastor: Today our Father invites us to enter into His presence and experience the gift of His rest. Let us come before Him in repentance and faith.

(Silence for meditation upon God's Word and our need for Christ's forgiveness.)

Pastor: Holy God, merciful Father,

People: **too often we pull away from the peace You promise to Your children. Forgive us for the ways in which our thoughts, our words, and our actions go against Your will for our lives. For our neglect of You and Your gift of grace, we ask for mercy. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose work on the cross has secured our place in Your kingdom, renew us and lead us that we may rest in Your presence. Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus says, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Receive the rest for your souls that only Jesus' work has secured. As your pastor, I announce God's saving grace to you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

(We rejoice and rest in the gifts of God.)

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them? The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep. I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner, or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when he has a son there is nothing left for him. Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand. This too is a grievous evil: As a man comes, so he departs, and what does he gain, since he toils for the wind? All his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger. Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him--for this is his lot. Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God. He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



EPISTLE: Hebrews 4:1–13

(There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.)

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said,

"So I declared on oath in my anger, `They shall never enter my rest.' "

And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world. For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "And on the seventh day God rested from all his work." And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest." It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before:

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.

Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation, please rise for the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:23–31

(How difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the

eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!"

"I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Larson

SONG OF THE DAY

WHERE I BELONG

Ingram

Sometimes it feels like I'm watching from the outside.
Sometimes it feels like I'm breathing, but am I alive.
I won't keep searching for answers that aren't here to find.

**CHORUS: All I know is I'm not home yet. This is not where I belong.
Take this world and give me Jesus.
This is not where I belong.**

So when the walls come falling down on me,
and when I'm lost in the current of a raging sea,
I have this blessed assurance holding me. **CHORUS**

When the earth shakes, I want to be found in You.
When the lights fade I want to be found in You. **CHORUS**

All I know is I'm not home yet.
This is not where I belong.

Take this world and give me Jesus.
This is not where I belong,
Where I belong, where I belong,
where I belong, where I belong.

SERMON "The Best Thing About Money"

Pastor John Larson
TEXT: Mark 10:17-27

NICENE CREED

Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

*We share the Lord's peace with one another, saying,
"Peace be with you."*

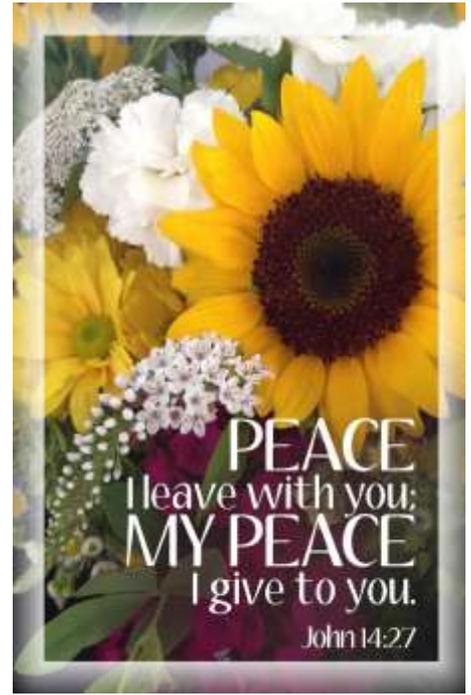
OFFERING **BETTER IS ONE DAY** Redman

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

**CHORUS: Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere,
Than thousands elsewhere.**

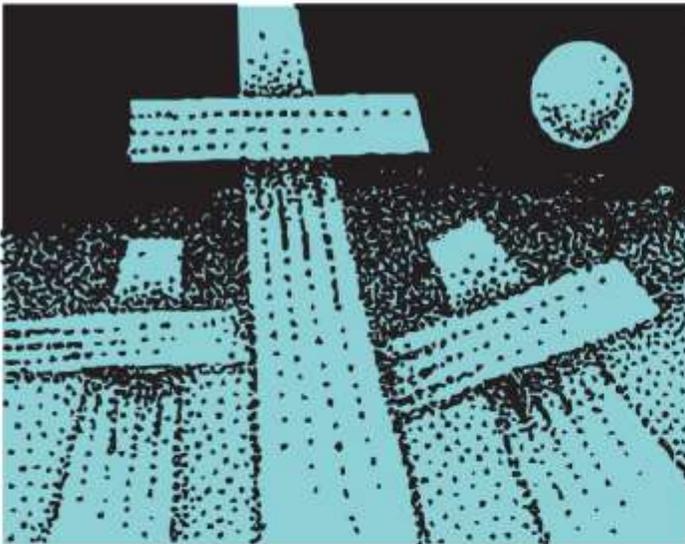
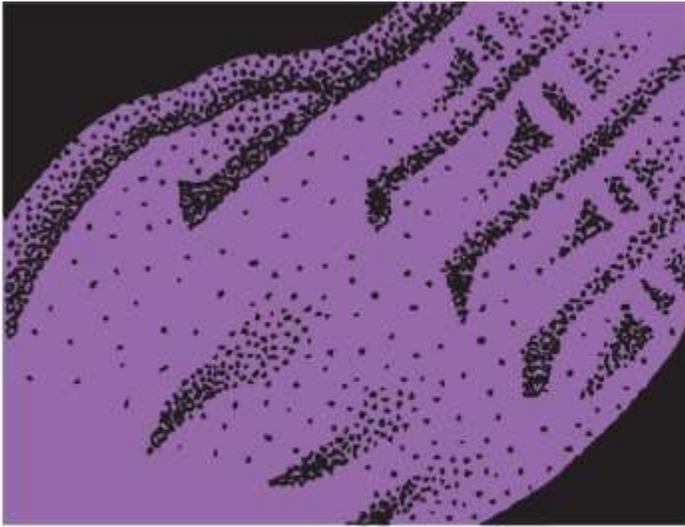
One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty,
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty,
to find You in the place Your glory dwells. **CHORUS**

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the Living God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted, and I've seen. Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You. I will draw near to You, to You. **CHORUS**



HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.



GIVEN FOR YOU

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

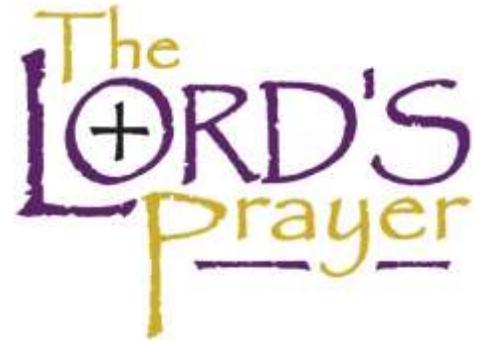
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LORD’S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13) Text found in the back of the Hymnal.*



DISTRIBUTION SONGS

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Lemmel

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.

COME TO THE TABLE

Sidewalk Prophets

We all start on the outside The outside looking in
This is where grace begins We were hungry, we were thirsty
With nothing left to give Oh the shape that we were in
Just when all hope seemed lost Love opened the door for us, He said:

**CHORUS: “Come to the table Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior Sit down and be set free
Come to the table”**

Come meet this motley crew of misfits These liars and these thieves
There's no one unwelcome here So that sin and shame that you brought with you
You can leave it at the door Let mercy draw you near **CHORUS**

**Come to the table Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior Sit down and be set free Whoa...
Sit down and be set free Come to the table Come to the table
Sit down and be set free Come to the table**

ABOVE ALL

LeBlanc—Baloche

Above all powers, above all kings,
above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
there's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,
You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION *Hebrews 4:9–10*

Pastor: There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

People: for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.

Pastor: in His presence, we continue our day and begin our week with His blessing:

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

SHOUT TO THE LORD

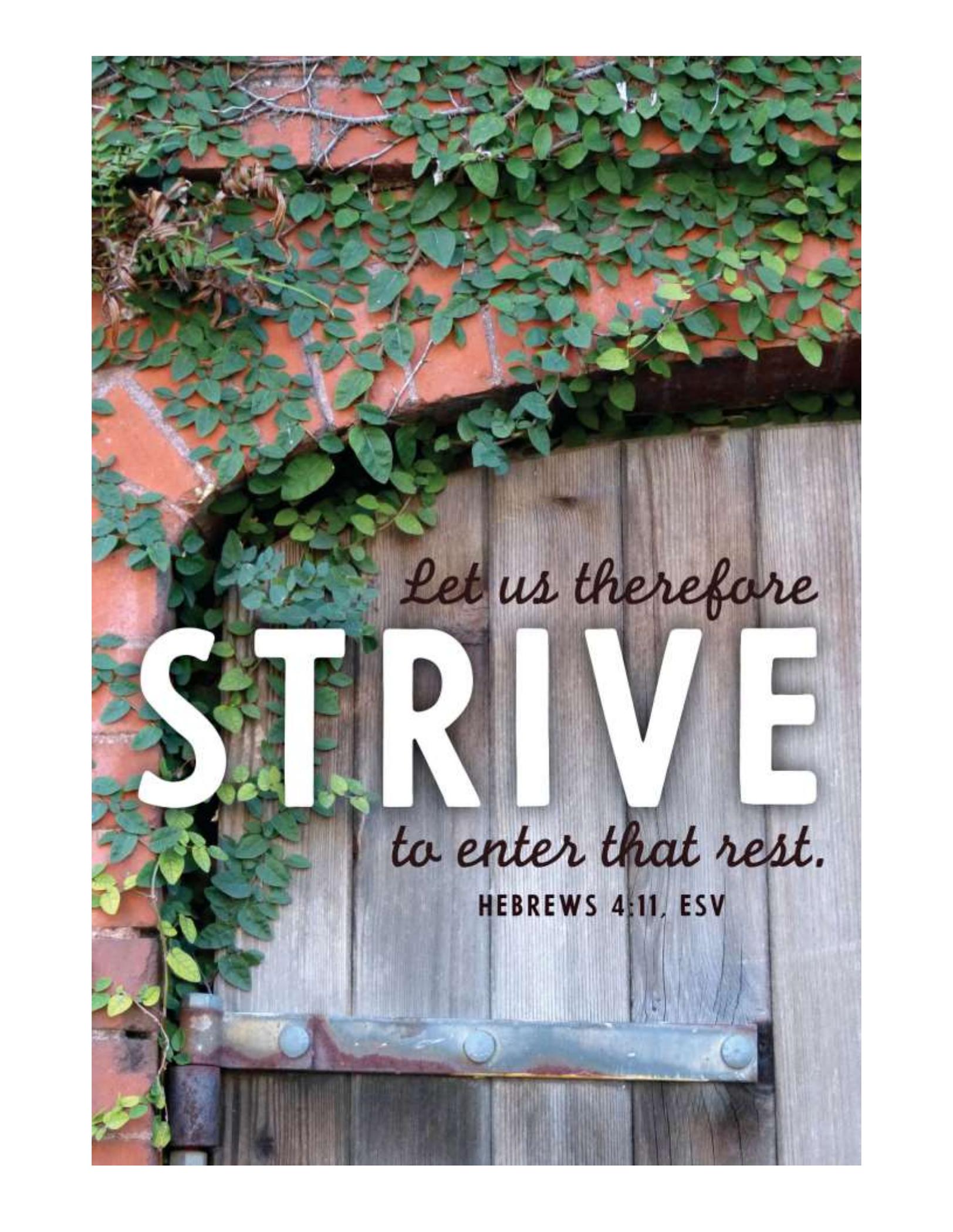
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My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You,
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love:
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS



Let us therefore
STRIVE

to enter that rest.

HEBREWS 4:11, ESV

Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
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YOUTH PRAISE BAND

Pastor John Larson
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Diana Gaide
Ashley Boeding, Brooke Boeding, Larry Boeding, Lilly Brinkman, Brian Johnson, Christa Kirschner, Will Kopriva, Bob Shiflet

ELDER 8:00
10:30

Scott Luethy
Don Loptien

LECTOR 8:00
10:30

Dana Thom
Margo Pasha

ACOLYTE 8:00
10:30

Ann Ranisate
Soraya Rivera

USHERS 8:00
10:30

Clyde Wiggins, Members of the
Congregation

SERVER 10:30
ALTAR GUILD

Jason Dierking, Members of the
Congregation

FLOWERS

Collin Brinkman
Shelia Beu, Joyce Dowdy, Charmaine Rohde

Laurel & Joel Shurtleff & Julia Brent, in
loving memory of Virginia Maurer.

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