



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bill Kleckley by Darlene and Heather Kleckley.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Jess Thomas-Harewood
Prayers	Ann Berlam
Communion Assistant	Jay Vaclavik
Cantors	Bob and Sheryl Schirmer
Acolyte	Madelyn Fagala
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Mark Allen Heather Fanning Teresa Harrington
Nursery	Anne Harmon
Praying for Possibilities	Donna Potts
Greeters	Mark Allen Frank Hawkins Harry Hawkins Lindsay Hawkins Pattimarie Janssen Tara Miller Nell Orscheln Vicki Rubenstein
Ushers	Richard Delap Carol Elliott Calvin Harmon David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	Leah and Chris Sommerville
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

TEMPLE TALK

First Fruits

Duke and Chris Barsody

HOLY BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In baptism our gracious heavenly parent frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Presentation

We present Javier Ursus for baptism.

Angie and Emily, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have this child baptized in Christ?

Response:

We do.

As you bring Javi to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Javi grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response:

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Javi and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Please stand as able

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. Christ sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your children, no longer slave and free, no longer lonely and isolated, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Water is poured on the child's head, as the presiding minister says:

Javier Ursus,

I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble staff with a vocal line and a bass staff with a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized." The second system also has a treble staff with a vocal line and a bass staff with a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Javi with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Javier Ursus Hager, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let us welcome Javi into our church family.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Those gathered at the font share the peace before returning to their seats

**We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.**

**And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.**

**In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is raised from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. . . Amen**

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of love and light, you proclaim that the last will be first and the first will be last and we feel uncomfortable. This truth makes us squirm. Where, we wonder, does this leave us? Do we still have a place in your kin-dom? Remind us that you are always expanding boundaries, making space, welcoming more and more people into your kin-dom. Empower us to join you in this work. Inspire us to make your dream of radical inclusion a reality, not just in the life to come, but right now, in this time and place, in this world you so love and sent your child to save; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

A reading from first Jeremiah.

¹⁸It was GOD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But 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 them off from the land of the living,
so that their name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O GOD 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.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm
 Refrain

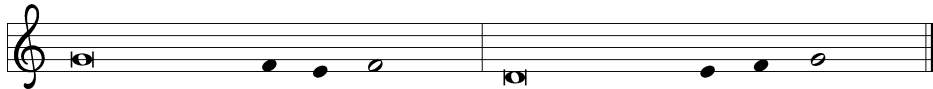


God is my help - er; it is the



Lord who sus - tains my life.

Psalm
 Tone



- ¹ Save me, O God, | by your name;
 in your might, de- | fend my cause.
- ² **Hear my | prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words | of my mouth.
- ³ For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
 those who have no re- | gard for God.
- ⁴ **Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life. R
- ⁵ Render evil to those who | spy on me;
 in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.
- ⁶ **I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.
- ⁷ For you have rescued me from | every trouble,
 and my eye looks down | on my enemies. **R**

A reading from James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But 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. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You 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. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and the devil will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

The Word of God for the people of God.

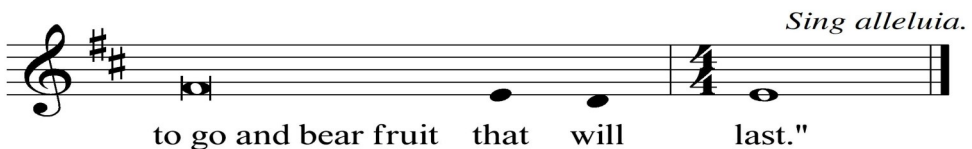
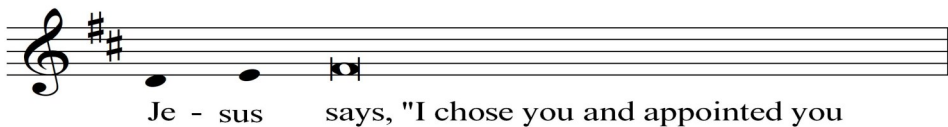
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Ladder

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for 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.” ³²But the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when Jesus was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵Jesus sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then Jesus took a little child and put the child among them; and taking the child in his arms, said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

God's Dream of Radical Inclusion

Please stand as able

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain

***My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.***

**Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy
will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very
name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will
show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

**From the hall of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

**Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. *Refrain***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together through the power of the Holy Spirit with praise for the gifts God has given us, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation. God of all good gifts,

Hear our prayer.

Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Instill in us a desire to educate ourselves on sustainability practices and models and grant us the courage to do the work of cleaning and saving your planet. God of all good gifts,

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations, especially in Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Syria, Sudan, Myanmar, and all areas of conflict; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. As we sometimes successfully approximate your justice, bring us even closer to truly living out your plan for your people and your world. God of all good gifts,

Hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you draw near to all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism, generational poverty, sexism, and queerphobia. God of all good gifts,

Hear our prayer.

Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings anxiety, it also brings hope and life. Continue to change us. Bring us ever closer to you by filling these pews with those who may not look, act, live, or love like us, but in whom you so clearly see your image. God of all good gifts,

Hear our prayer.

Generous God, fill us with a spirit of generosity and compassion, that we may reach out to those in need and share the abundance of your blessings with all. Shepherd us when the way and the work seems too hard and we become overwhelmed. Inspire us to walk your path which is all but overgrown with love, generosity, and wisdom. Help us to sow seeds of justice and peace, using the gifts you have given us to work with you to create a world where all people may flourish and thrive. God of all good gifts,

Hear our prayer.

Mothering God, we give you thanks for the baptism of Javier Ursus Hager. Having passed through your waters, he begins his lifelong journey as a follower of Jesus. We pray that he may never go a day without feeling the power of your radical love. As you have clothed him in Christ, so clothe him in abundant grace to share with the world. Strengthen family, chosen family, and friends who strive to raise Javi in the faith. Bless and strengthen Emily and Angie to be faithful parents, so that their family might bear witness to your inclusive love for all people. God of all good gifts,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. God of all good gifts,

Hear our prayer.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

ANTHEM

Be Strong, Fear Not
by Thomas Keeseker

Adult Choir

Refrain

Be strong, fear not. Here is your God, who comes to save us. (Isaiah 35:4)

Strengthen the hands that are feeble, Make firm the knees that are weak,
Say to those hearts that are frightened: Be strong, fear not. *Refrain.*

The eyes of the blind be opened, The ears of the deaf be cleared.
The broken will dance forever, The silent will sing. *Refrain.*

Climb to the highest mountain, Walk in the path of light,
All nations shall join together, Rejoice and sing! *Refrain.*

The wolf shall befriend the small lamb, The leopard shall rest with the kid.
The calf and the lion shall follow The child who guides. *Refrain.*

The desert shall bloom with flowers, The rivers flow freely again,
The earth be abundant and fruitful, All glory shout out! *Refrain.*

The poor will be judged with justice, The lowly be lifted high,
The hungry will laugh in gladness, In freedom cry out! *Refrain.*

Please stand as able

OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

#182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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.

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, generous and merciful God,
through the one who gave his own life for us, our Savior Jesus Christ.

You placed us in a well-watered garden
and have entrusted us with its care.

You bless us with abundance,
though we often only choose scarcity.

At the right time, and as the greatest gift of all,
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to show us the ways of your love.

He commanded us to bear fruit for the sake of your kin-dom.

By his death and resurrection,
we have been set free to serve the world,
and granted eternal life in you.

And so with earth and sea and all their creatures,
with each breath you have given us,
resting in the peace and comfort of your promises,
we praise your name and join the unending hymn of heaven:



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



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

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

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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.
Gluten free wafers are available.*

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the bread into the wine to receive Communion by intinction.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

As Saints of Old

#695

**As saints of old their first fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
so we today first fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.**

**A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.**

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.**

**O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me. With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love. God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

#401

**Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.**

Refrain

***Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.***

**Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. *Refrain***

**Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. *Refrain***

**Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. *Refrain***

Bring Forth the Kingdom



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



salt for the king-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
light for the cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
bring forth the king-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
bound for the king-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the king-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the king-dom of peace; bring forth the



king-dom of jus - tice, bring forth the cit-y of God!

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**God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost
descend! Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send! Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!**

**God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your
purpose purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body,
let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice,
kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!**

**God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from
lethargy! Break the chains of sin asunder,
for earth's healing set us free! Crumble walls that still divide us;
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!**

**God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's
restlessness! Where the people cry in anguish,
may we share your heart's distress. Rouse us from content with evil;
claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!**

Please stand as able

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others,
to share the gifts you have so generously given us,
and to extend your peace to the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

#677

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
Be brave.
Be bold.
Make space.
Be kind.
Give yourself the same grace you try so hard to give to others.
Do everything in your power to make God's dream come true.

Thanks be to God.

*Everyone is invited to gather on the front lawn
following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

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Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

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