

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

October 8, 2023 9:30 AM - 19th Sunday after Pentecost



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WELCOME

to Holy Trinity

Reconciling in Christ

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—



regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.

October Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Nina Opderbecke, Faith Bygd, Denise Burbank, Hannah Mei, Hazel Larson, Trixie Williams, Isabella Clemmons, Betty King, Jean Klein, Franklyn Vosburg, Lois Laurence, Lara Scammon, Frank Getchell, Kelly Rouleau, Nancy Gilmore, Jacob Reny, Holly Scammon, Aggrin Sihombing, Jon Koelker.

Happy Anniversary!

VJ & Craig Strehl, George & Carol Saulfey, Frank Getchell & Janet Maleski, George Koch & Elyse Demers, Bruce & Lynne Clement, Dave & Carol Arrington, Paulette & Rick Sirois, Tom & Michelle Bernth.

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today!

Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

We love having children worship with us! At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

Prayer Requests: Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

Church Office: Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm

Pastor's Office: Tuesday afternoons & Wednesdays 11am-2:30pm

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and we will connect you with our Pastor as soon as possible. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

Donate to Holy Trinity: You can place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, Bob Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson. Homebound: Carol Saufley, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein. Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends: Dave Bly (Sue Althof's brother), Cinda DeWerff (Rich Wilcox's sister), Kathy Wyrick (Linda Marshall's friend), Jacquelynn & Richard Murray (Jessica Feeley's sister and brother-in-law), Rich Conway & Karin Otero (Lois Laurence's friends), Carol & Charlie Dunican (friends of Bobbie Febbo), Scott Andrade (Bobbie Febbo's friend)

Prayers will be listed for at least 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46; Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19

Next Week: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14; Exodus

32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Judy Evans, Jon Koelker, and Dick Topping

Choir Director: Jon Koelker

Sound System: Mark Donahue and Franklyn Vosburg

Counters: Phyllis & Barry Philbrick

Altar Guild: Julie Moore

Lector: TBD

Liturgical Deacon: TBD

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, October 11

9:30 AM: Bible Study
THURSDAY, October 12
8:30 AM: Property Team
SUNDAY, October 15
9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

11:00 AM: New Member Class - Class # 1

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

 Sunday, September 24:
 107 (In-Person) + 25 (Online) = 133
 Offering: \$4,794.90

 Sunday, October 1: (9:30)
 45 (In-Person) + 27 (Online) = 72
 Offering: \$4,109.85

 Installation Service (4:00):
 140 (In-Person) + 41 (Online) = 181
 Offering: \$992

Offering from the Installation Service will go to support the Pastor's Discretionary fund.

Announcements

Social Ministry Guest Speakers: Today, we welcome LaTonya Williams, Communications Director for the NH Community Loan Fund. As a church, we gave our hem an \$8000 interest free loan, which is renewed every two years. On Sunday, October 15, Tammy Joslyn of Operation Blessing will speak to our congregation about how they support individuals and families in need. On Sunday, October 22, Marguerite Ferrer will speak about Dover Friendly Kitchen.

Youth Confirmation Classes with Pastor Luther: Youth and their parents who are currently in the confirmation program or who are interested in joining are invited to attend a short (twenty minute) organizational meeting on Sunday, October 8, immediately after church in the Sanctuary. Pastor Luther will outline the calendar and curriculum for the coming season at the meeting.

New Member Classes: For those of you who are new to the church and/or are interested in becoming a member of Holy Trinity, Pastor Luther will be offering a three-session "New Member Orientation" on the third Sundays of October, November and December, right after church. Those dates are October 15, November 19, and December 17. If you are interested in enrolling, please email or contact Mark in the Office.

Indonesian Cooking Class returns this November 5th! The class we held last Spring was successful, we decided to do it again. This time, we're calling it the "Noodle Cooking Class". For this event, we will have 8 people learn how to make an Indonesian Chicken Noodle Meatball Soup, and 8 others will learn how to make a Taiwanese Rice Noodle Meal. Additionally, if you don't feel like cooking but still want to eat, we will allow up to 15 eaters for a nice meal after the cooking class has finished. Sign-ups in the Gathering Area

Thanksgiving Baskets and Mitten Tree: Once again, HTELC will be assisting Operation Blessing with procuring items for Thanksgiving Baskets. Items can be placed in the Narthex and will be delivered to them to Operation Blessing. The items being requested are canned vegetables, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy (no glass jars, please), pie crust mix (no filling) and brownie mix. They are also asking for gift cards to Hannaford's, Market Basket and Aldi's. These are to be used to specifically purchase ready-made rolls and butter.

We will be collecting for the Mitten Tree during the four (4) weeks immediately preceding Advent. The "Tree" will be in the Narthex from November 6 -26. All sizes of mittens, gloves, hats and socks are greatly appreciated. To this I will add Gisela Wemple's yearly reminder that adult sized work gloves are always needed. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Tables of Eight: It's been a great hospitality ministry! Over the past 15+ years, members of Holy Trinity have gathered in Tables of Eight to share fellowship and enjoy more than 600 delicious meals. Friendships were formed or deepened, recipes were exchanged, and a good time was had by all! And now it's time to move on. Please watch for new fellowship and hospitality opportunities in the near future. In the meantime, if you are loathe to give up your Tables experiences, please feel free to form your own group and continue the tradition. Bon appetit!

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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

—Please stand as able—

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- 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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
 - Silence is kept for reflection—
- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C: Amen.

God Is Here!



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Greeting

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

First Reading

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 19

- L: ¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- C: ²One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- L: ³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- C: 4their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,

where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

L: ⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

C: 6It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

L: ⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

C: 8The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

L: ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

C: ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

L: ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

C: 12Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

L: ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

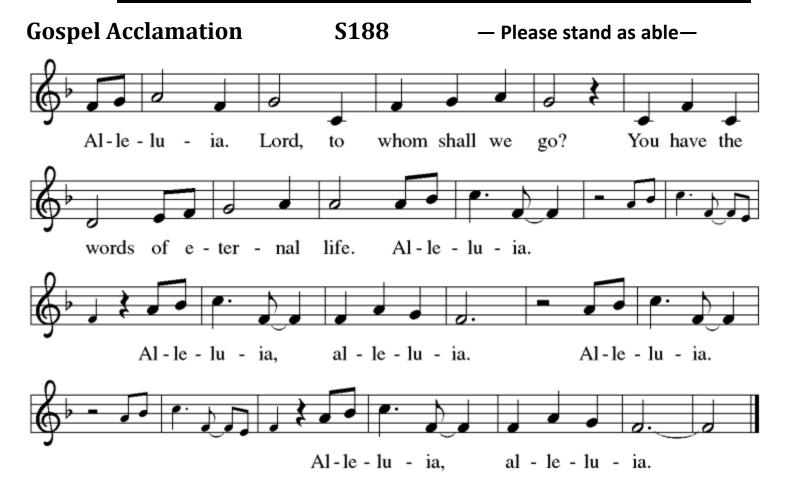
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C: ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Children's Message

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.



Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 21:33-46

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This

is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes'?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please be seated—

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

LD: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

— A brief silence—

LD: God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — A brief silence— God of Grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance, and Camp Calumet. God of Grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

- LD: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C: Amen.

The Sharing of God's Peace

- P: May the peace of the Lord be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

MEAL

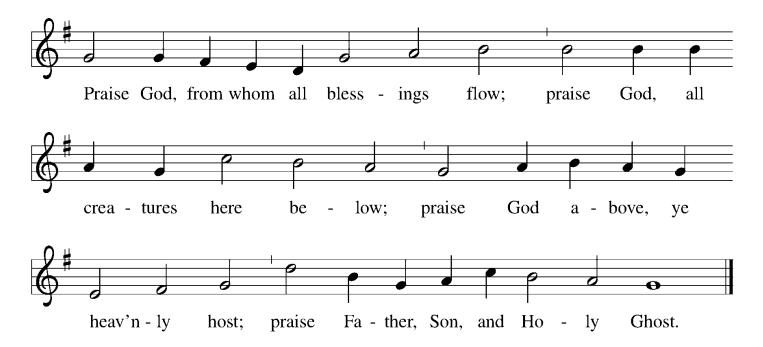
Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.

Choir Anthem

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward. The offerings will be brought to the altar during this hymn.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

Offertory Prayer

LD: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen

The Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

Dialogue

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: 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

—To the tune hymn Holy, Holy, Holy—

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory and Your grace.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who

Comes in the name of the Lord God most high.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

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

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

Communion

Please be seated—

Communion Hymns

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. To follow along with the Communion Hymns, please locate the cranberry Hymnal under your seats.

ELW 482 – I Come with Joy.

ELW 493 - Taste and See.

ELW 740 – God of the Sparrow.

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Prayer after Communion

LD: Let us pray.

C: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

Ministry Minute

LaTonya Williams

We welcome LaTonya Williams, Communications Director for the NH Community Loan Fund, to speak about the NH Community Loan Fund. For more information about the NH Community Loan Fund, please visit communityloanfund.org.

Rites of Passage and Announcements

—Please be seated—

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

Blessing

—Please stand as able—

Pastor Luther will lead our congregation with a Blessing.

Shout to the Lord



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Dismissal

-remain standing-

LD: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.