



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

⁺ GATHERING ⁺

Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

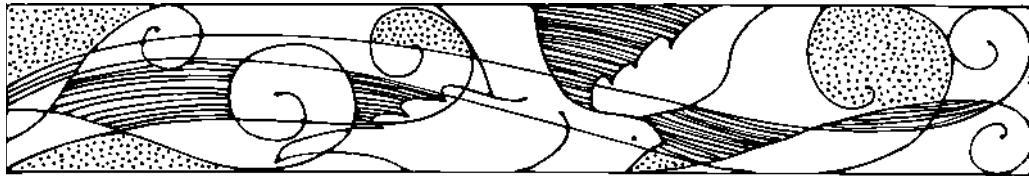
Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the [†] Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

“Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord.

“For I am God and there is no other.”

**If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Today we consider the faith which God has given us,
and what we do with it.

(A moment of silence is kept for reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
**We have sinned against you in our thinking,
in our speaking, and in our doing.**
**We have not appreciated the faith you have given us,
nor have we exercised it as we ought.**
We have stumbled and fallen on the way.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Our gracious God has given us the faith we need to live in this world,
to resist temptation, and to live with him eternally.

By the mercy of God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake our sins are forgiven.

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

God Is Here!

#526

1 God is here! As we your people meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font. and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en.
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in bon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al. God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with-out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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Opening Litany

You have brought us to faith, O Lord,
 and that faith has brought us great blessing.

You have given to us what we could not gain by ourselves.

We thank you for the gift of faith.

You have given us the vision to see that your will for us is best.

We thank you for the eyes of faith.

You have given us the strength to witness to others
so that they, too, might believe.

We thank you for the power of faith at work in people's lives.

You have instilled in us the ability to love as you love
and to care as you care for us.

**We thank you for the ways we can share our faith with one another
in word and deed.**

You have surrounded us with people who are faithful to you.

We thank you for the family of faith.

You have helped our faith to flourish.

**Now may our faith continue to grow by your grace
in this place and wherever we may be.**

Apostolic 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.

Kyrie

ELW Setting 8

Refrain



Ky-ri - e c - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e c - lei - son, ev-ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Hymn of Praise

Glory Be to God on High

SS Choir

Glory be to God on high, alleluia,
 glory be to God on high, alleluia.

Praise the Father, Sprit, Son, alleluia,
 praise the Father, Spirit, Son, alleluia.

Sing we praises unto Thee, alleluia.
 For the truth that sets us free, alleluia.

Sing we praises unto Thee, alleluia.
 For the truth that sets us free, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Benevolent, merciful God:

When we are empty, fill us.

When we are weak in faith, strengthen us.

When we are cold in love, warm us,

that with fervor we may love our neighbors

and serve them for the sake of your Son,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✚ WORD ✚

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

A reading from Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous —

 therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watch post, and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,

 and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

 it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!

 Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-9

Let us read Psalm 37 responsively.

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**²For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

**⁴Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

**⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**⁸Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked;
it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

A reading from Second Timothy.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace
from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as
my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers
night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be

filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

#174



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

The Holy Gospel according St. Luke the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#759



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



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



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

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Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**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 into hell.
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 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.**

Prayer of Intercession

P Renewed in God's everlasting grace,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

(A brief silence is kept.)

A O God of the church,
you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ.
Draw us into the gift of faith
passed down from generation to generation.
Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough.
God of grace, receive our prayer.

P O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy.
Bring favorable weather during the harvest season
and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field.
Ensure the welfare of animal companions
whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy.
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world.
Give leaders and people in authority
a spirit of making just and righteous laws.
Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence.
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P O God of those in need,
you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor.
Come to the help of all in need, *especially*...
Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time.
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith.
Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead,
and learn in this congregation and beyond.
Give growth to the seeds of faith
watered by faithful examples of baptismal living.
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A O God of ages past,
thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith.
May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms,
like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ.
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P We offer our prayers, O God,
trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

† OFFERING †

Offering Response

We Are an Offering

#692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

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✚ MEAL ✚

World Communion Litany

God calls us to come and dine this day
with our brothers and sisters around the world.

God's food is good for the body, mind, and soul.

It heals and mends, strengthens and delights.

It warms, caresses and makes whole what is broken.

God's food brings joy, wisdom, love and peace to all who eat it.

**God calls us to turn the table aside from our busy ways
and to sit at his table and eat together.**

Come then, come and dine.

**Let us feast upon the bread and wine,
which is the body and blood of our Lord and Savior.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Always and everywhere

praise and thanks are due to you, Almighty God,
through Jesus Christ our great High Priest,
by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice
we are bold to stand in your presence,
now and in the day of judgement.

Therefore, with those who bear your name on earth

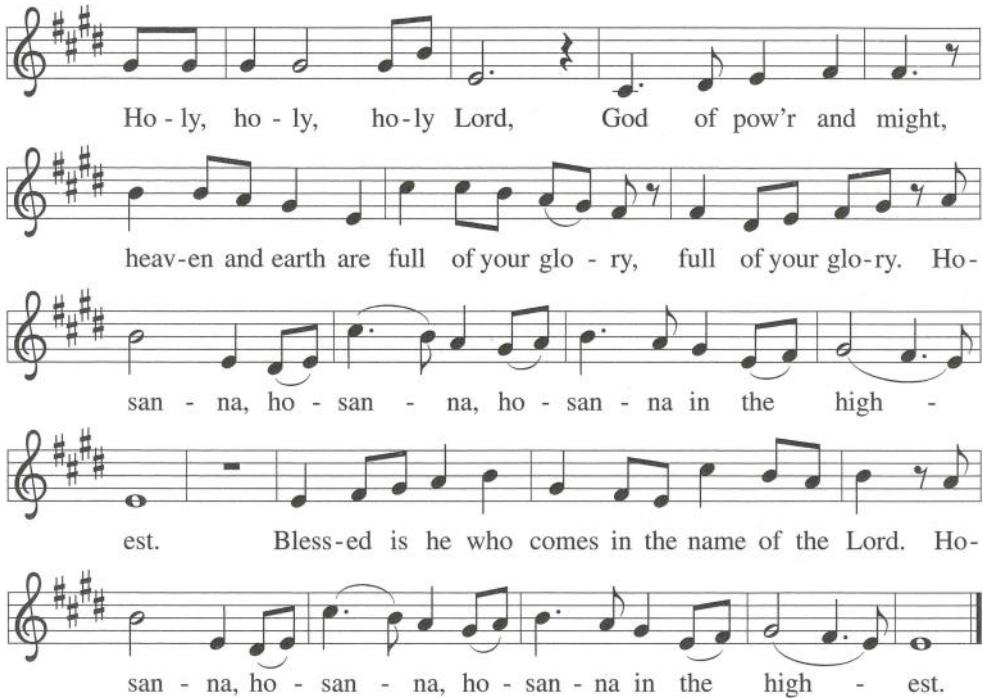
and those who praise your name on high,

we join the everlasting hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 8



The musical notation is for a four-part choir. The top part (Soprano) begins with a dotted half note followed by an eighth note. The second part (Alto) enters with a quarter note. The third part (Tenor) enters with a quarter note. The fourth part (Bass) enters with a quarter note. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est."

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

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.

On 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, Jesus 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 await his coming in glory.

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. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us:

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

ELW Setting 8

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

Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Distribution Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#733

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and bar - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morning new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy
 hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

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Distribution Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

#597

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

O God,

**through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.**

**Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

✚ SENDING ✚

Announcements

Benediction

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,
✚ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

#545



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



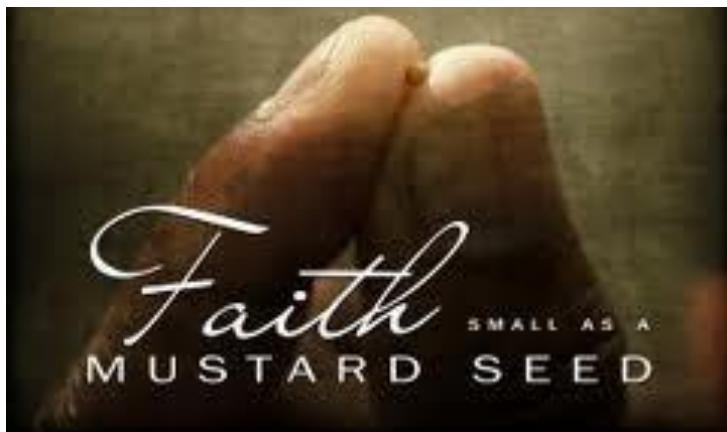
Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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The Mustard-Seed

Matthew 13: 31, Mark 4: 30-32, Luke 13: 18-19

Look carefully at the words below. Each of these has been hidden in the word search.
Words can be on the horizontal, diagonal, backwards, forwards, up and down.

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TREE	TINY	NEST	SEED	AIR	MAN

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