

will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Now Thank We All Our God* LBW #534

Stand
THE PRAYERS

Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

After each petition: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

OFFERING

LORD’S PRAYER/ BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Let All Things Now Living* LBW #557

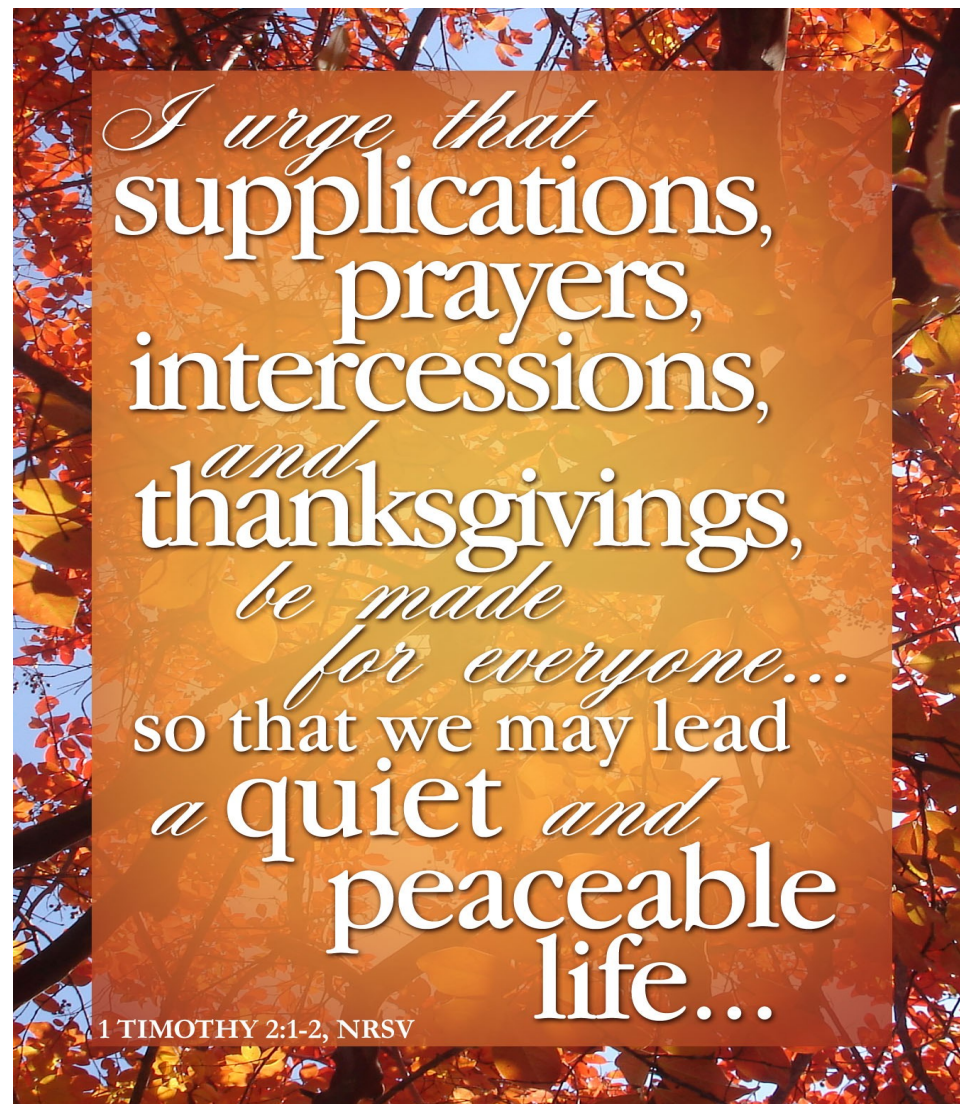
DISMISSAL

Go in peace and share God’s abundance.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Music...Cindy H Reader...Doreen D

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Stand GATHERING

Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God, who creates, redeems and renews the face of the earth. **Amen**

GATHERING LITANY: Psalm 126 (*read responsively*)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

³Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

⁴**The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.**

⁵Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

⁶**Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.**

⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

ENTRANCE HYMN *Come, You Thankful People, Come* LBW #407

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

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST LESSON: Joel 2:21-27

²¹Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice,

for the LORD has done great things!
²²Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you