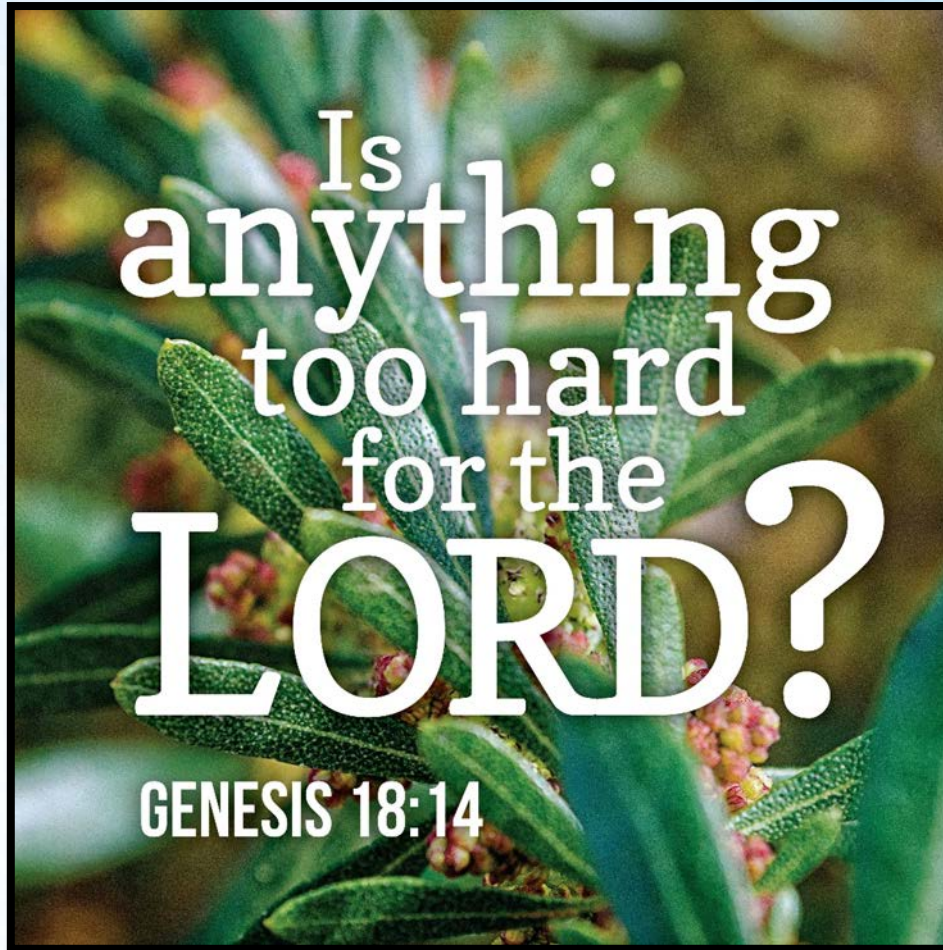


WELCOME!
Trinity Lutheran Church



September 17, 2023

- * = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated

- **Prelude - *By Roxanne Groff***
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

**L: We confess our sins before God and
one another.**

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Sustaining God,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: You have made all things good, but we do not always treat them as we ought. We disrespect ourselves, others, the world which you have lovingly crafted. We forget that we are your children, loved and redeemed. And we ignore your spirit to chase after our own desires. Have mercy and forgive us.

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

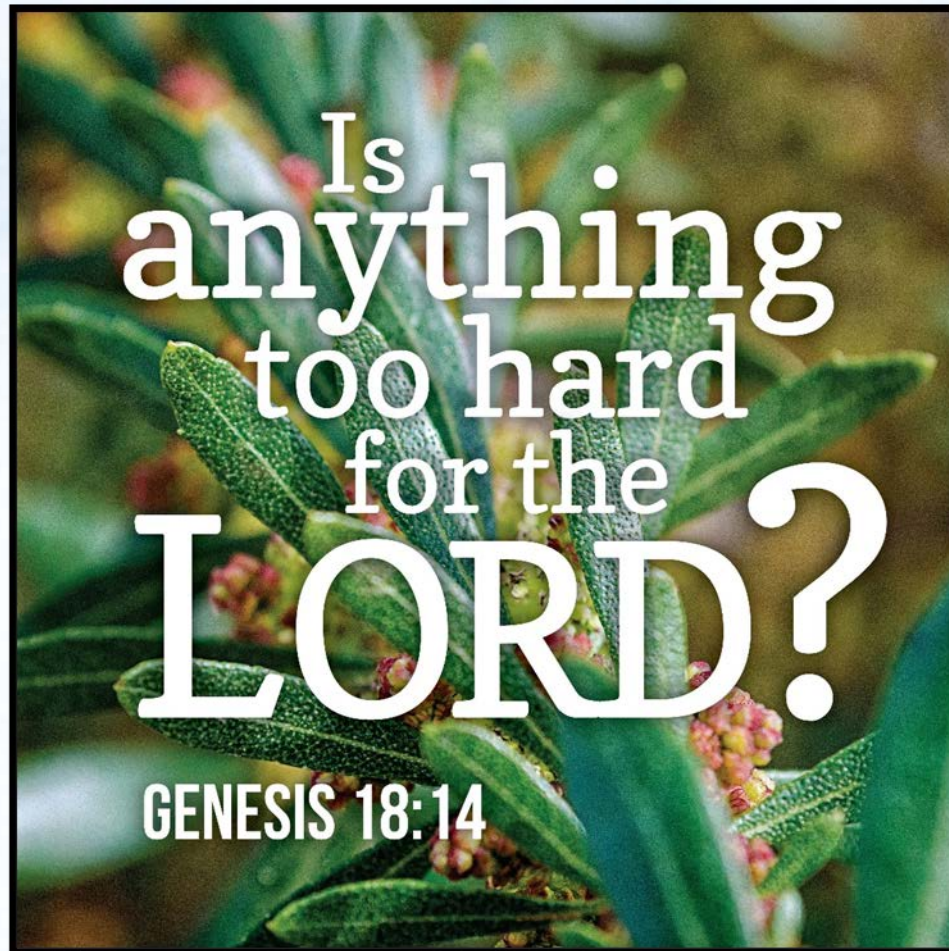
L: God never lets us go, no matter how far we stray. Receive the promise of your redemption, the mark of your forgiveness and the spirit which sets you free. † In the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

*Gathering Song/Hymn of Praise

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

LBW 474



**1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**

**2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

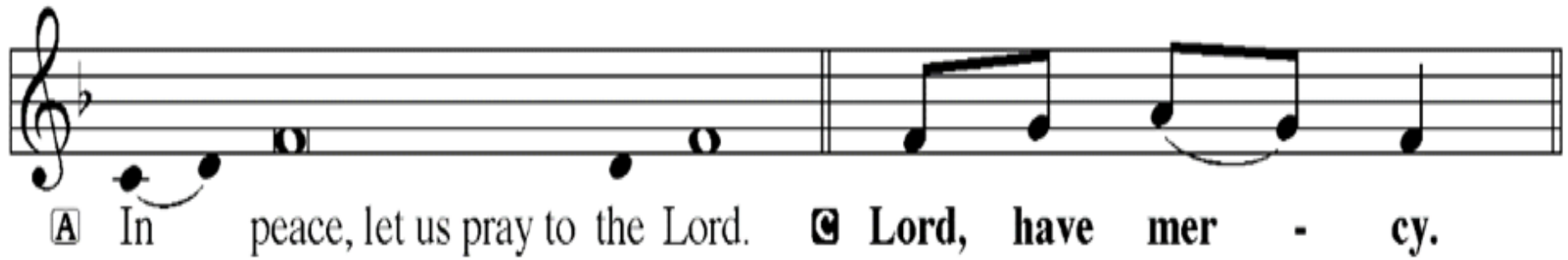
**4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.**

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

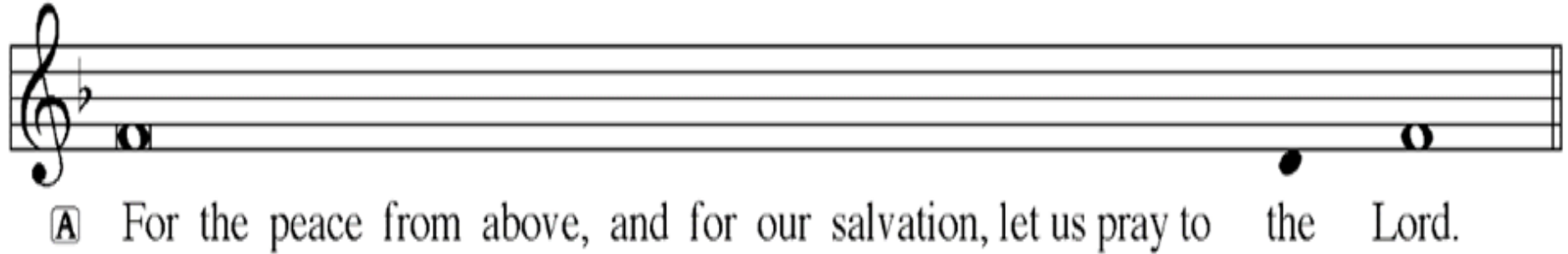
**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

* KYRIE



[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.



[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

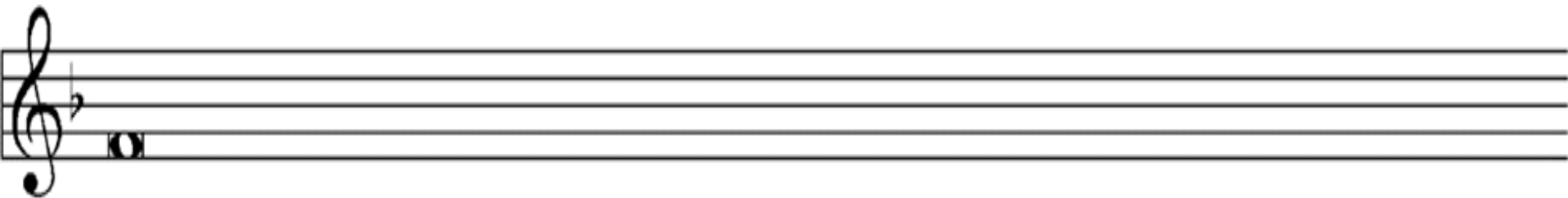


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive
us; in your promise firm we stand.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!**

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Gracious God, in Christ you have promised that we would have life, and have it abundantly. Help us trust you in all things, and fill us with wonder at your promises fulfilled.

C: Amen



• Scripture Reading

L: Our scripture reading for this day is from Genesis, Chapters 18 and 21.

C: Glory to you O' Lord! *(Spoken)*

- **Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7**

Chapter 18

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let

- **Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7**

a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead

- **Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7**

it, and make cakes.”⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the

- **Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7**

tent.” ¹⁰ Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have

- **Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7**

pleasure?” ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

- **Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7**

Chapter 21

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God

- **Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7**

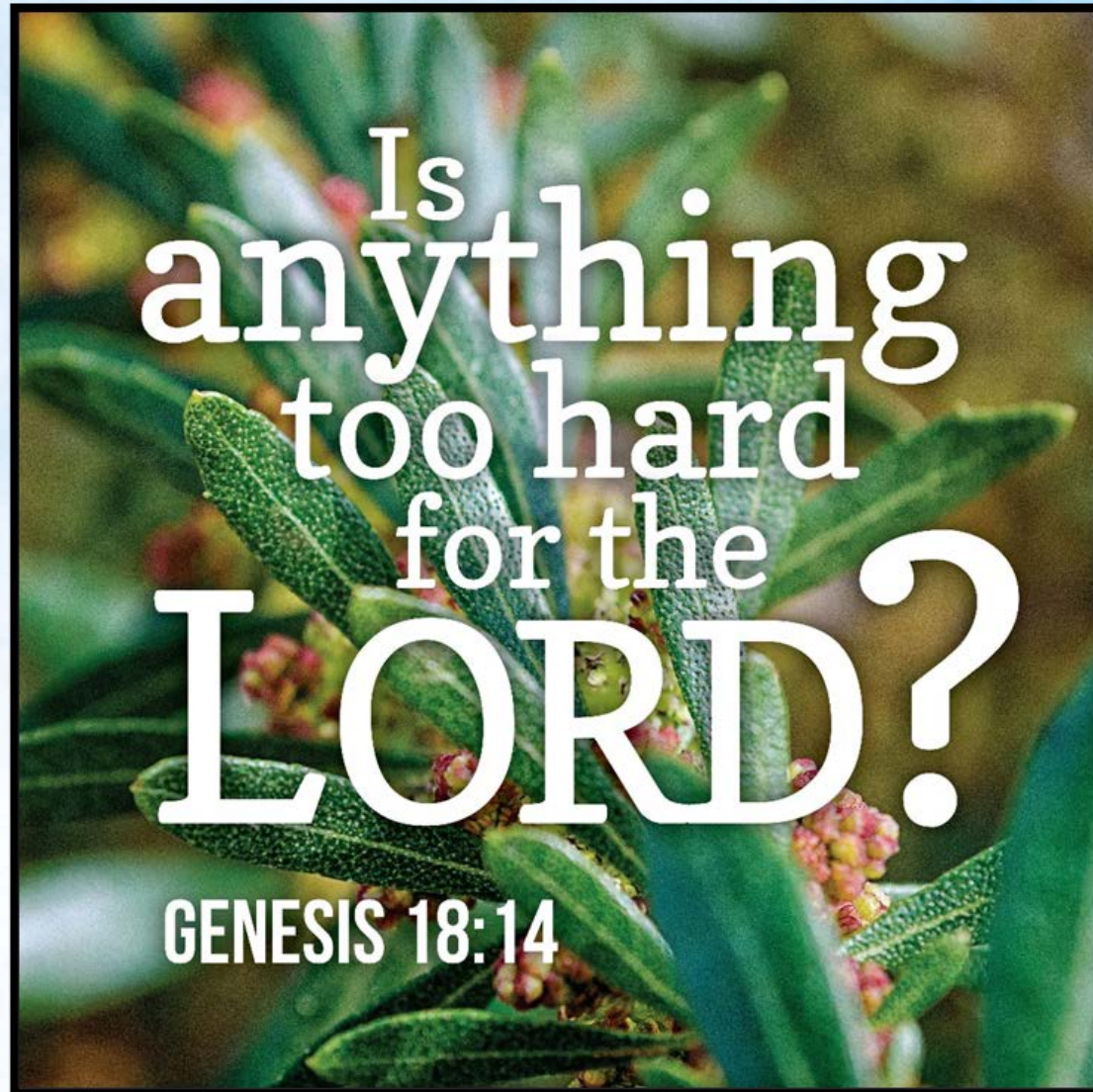
had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” ⁷ And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

- **Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ
(Spoken)

Sermon



Is
anything
too hard
for the
LORD?

GENESIS 18:14

Sermon



Sermon



Sermon

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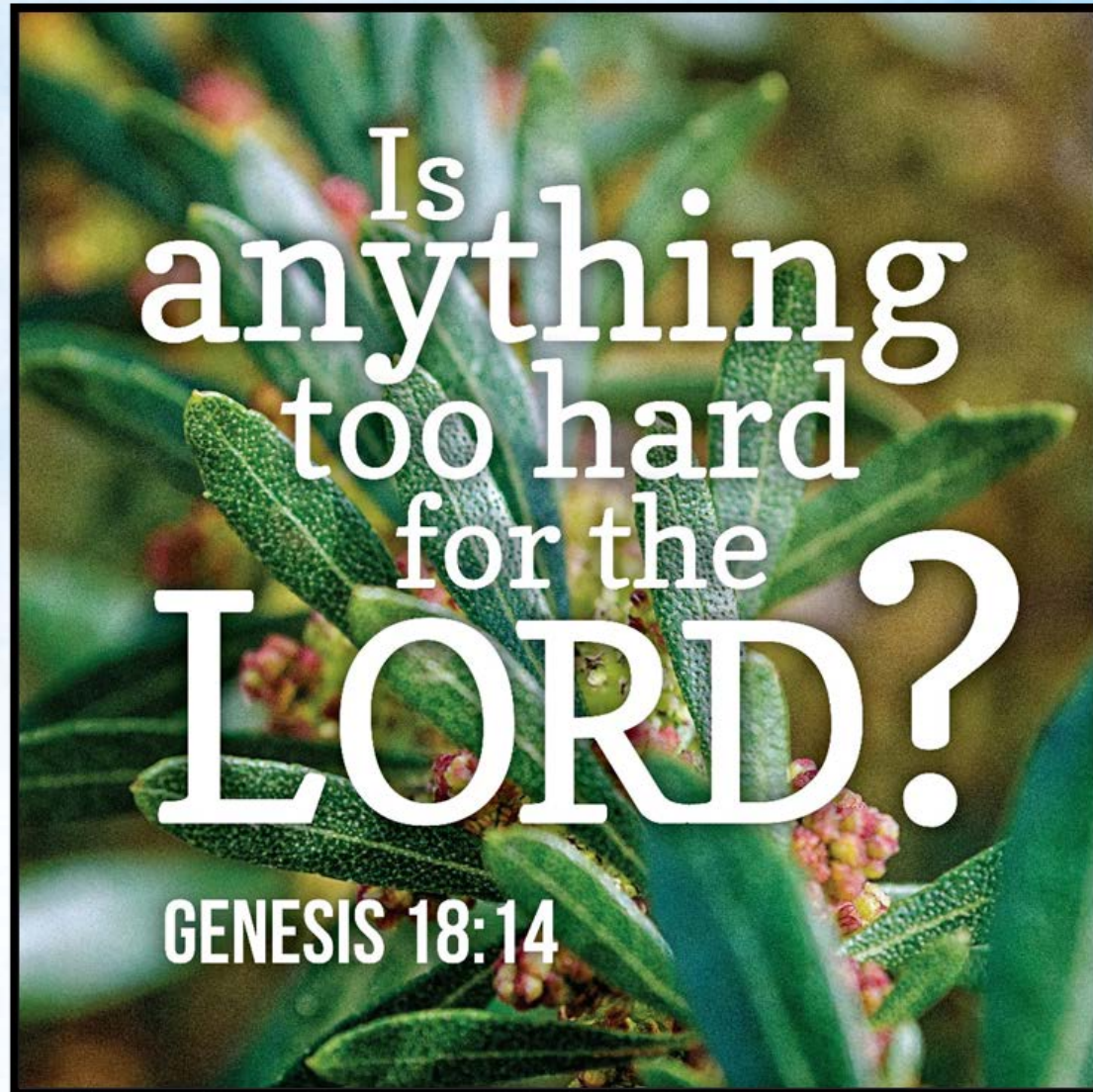
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BABIES

SAVED!



Sermon



Is
anything
too hard
for the
LORD?

GENESIS 18:14

* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

* APOSTLE'S CREED

C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: 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 INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: Eternal God,

The congregation will respond with:

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

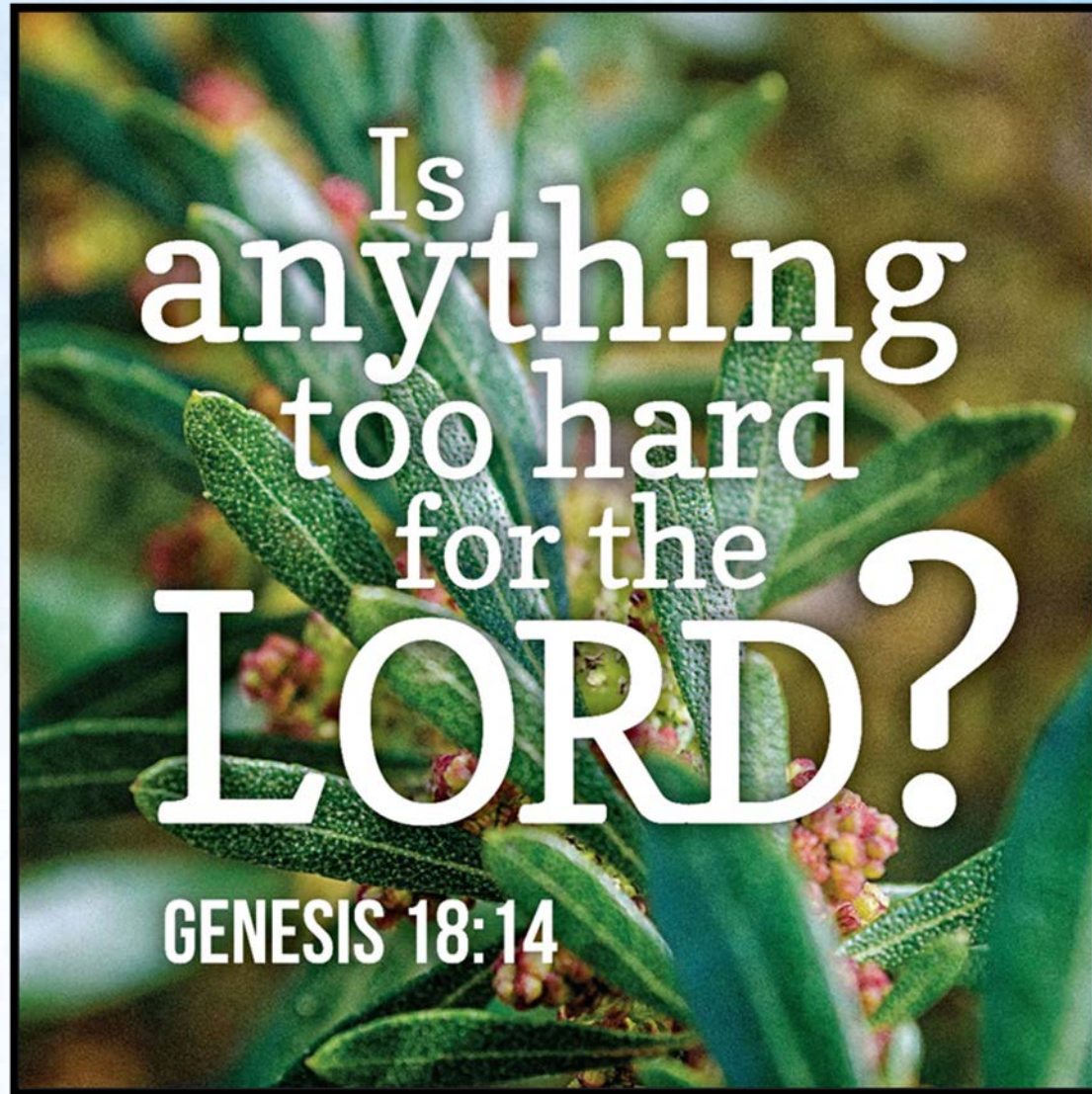
* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

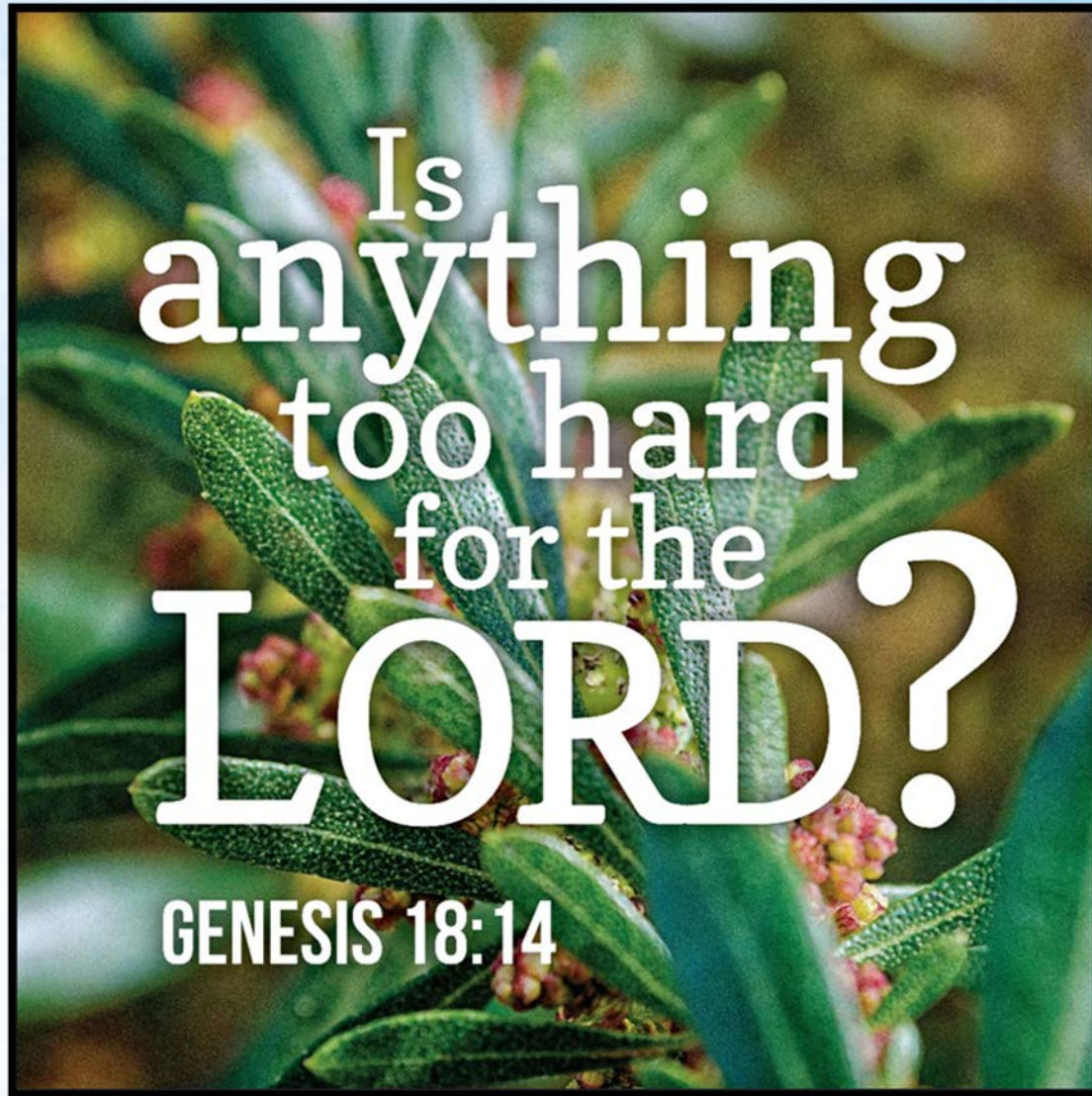
P: We place in your loving arms these, our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your boundless mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

- **OFFERING**



* OFFERING PRAYER



* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All the Baptized are welcome
to celebrate this Holy Meal.*

* DIALOGUE




P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

The first line of dialogue consists of two musical phrases. The first phrase, marked with a 'P' (Piano), is a simple melody of four notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The second phrase, marked with a 'C' (Crescendo), is a more active melody of seven notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

The second line of dialogue consists of two musical phrases. The first phrase, marked with a 'P', is a melody of six notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a half note A4. The second phrase, marked with a 'C', is a melody of seven notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The third line of dialogue consists of a single musical phrase marked with a 'P'. It is a melody of nine notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a half note E4.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The fourth line of dialogue consists of a single musical phrase marked with a 'C'. It is a melody of nine notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a half note E4.

*** THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

**... we praise your name and join their
unending hymn.**

* THE SANCTUS



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.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God...

...both now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: 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.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: With God all things are possible, including the resurrection of our beloved Christ Jesus, who now invites you to feast in his name. Come and share with one another in this holy meal. All is prepared.

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All will commune “By Station”.

The bread may be broken for distribution.

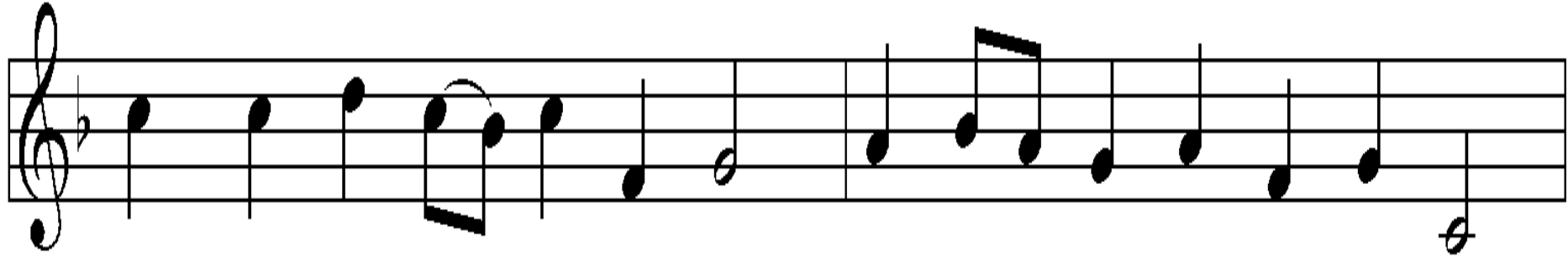
As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words :

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: **Amen.**

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE

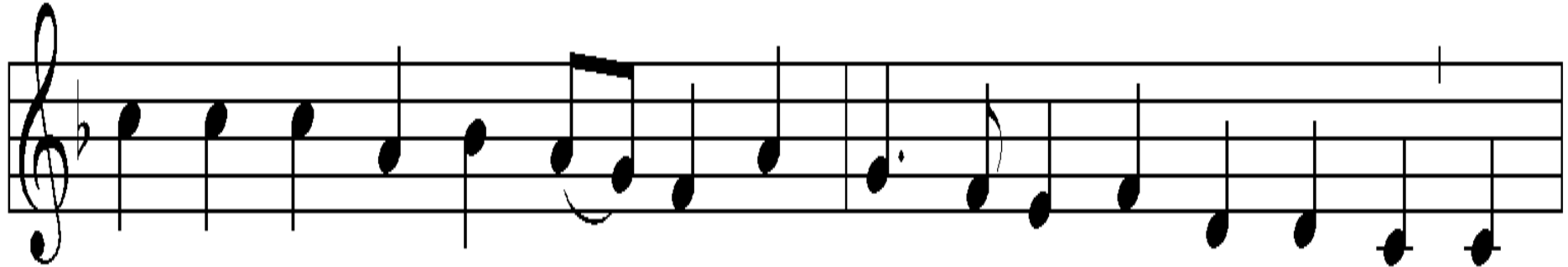


☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



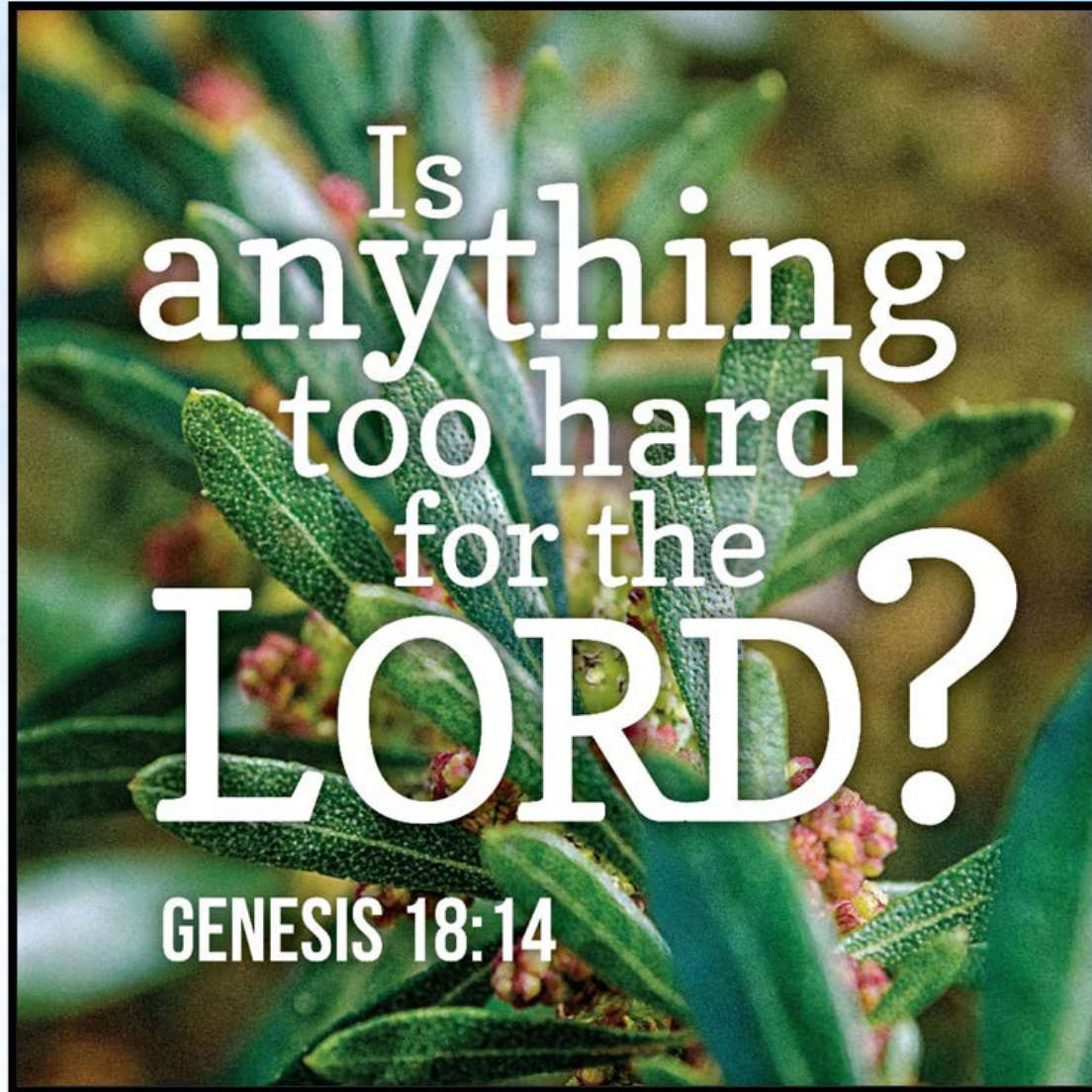
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

* **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... 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.

C: Amen

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



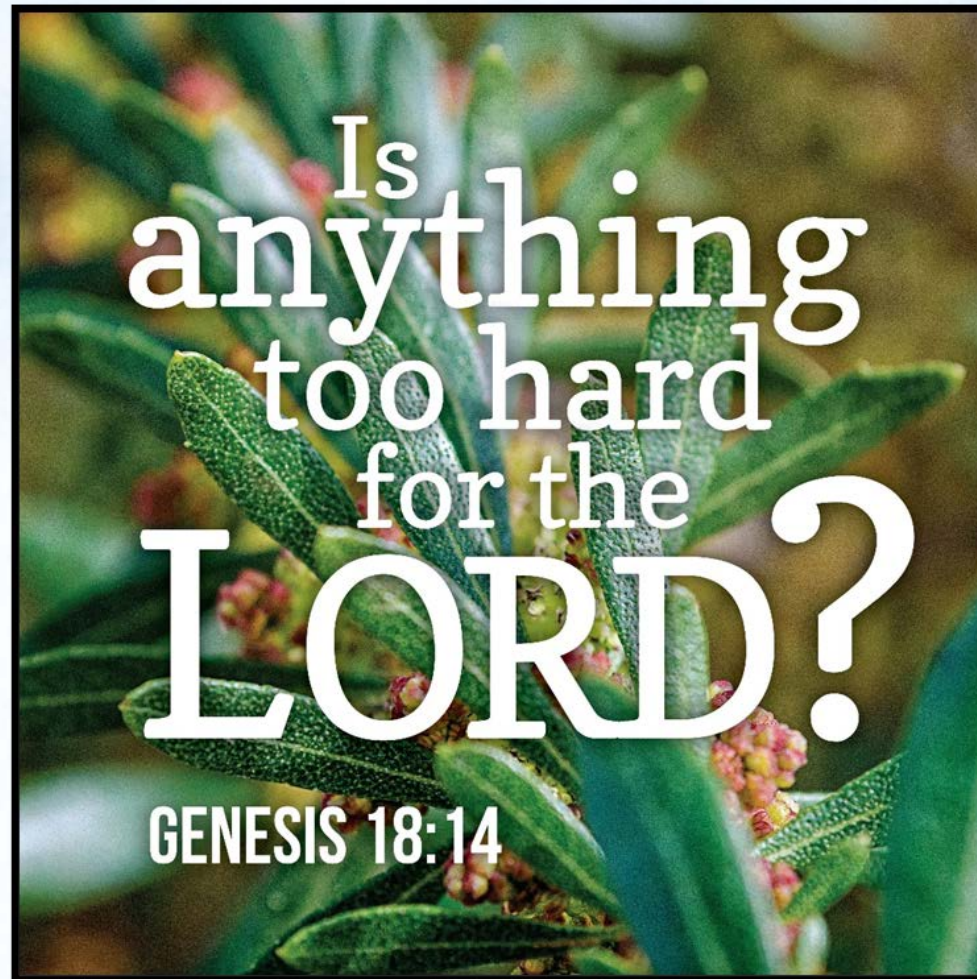
* **SENDING BLESSING**

P: The God of glory, Jesus Christ,
name above all names, and the Spirit
who lives in you, bless you † now
and forever.

C: Amen.

* **Sending Song**
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW 733



* “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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**1 Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow of
turning with thee;
thou changest not,
thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been,
thou forever wilt be.**

* **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

ELW 733

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
all I have needed
thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!**

* “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW 733

**2 Summer and winter and
springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above
join with all nature
in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love.**

* **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

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Refrain

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new mercies I see;
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Lord, unto me!**

*** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

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**3 Pardon for sin and a
peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!**

* **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

ELW 733

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
all I have needed
thy hand hath provided;
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Lord, unto me!**

* **DISMISSAL**

P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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