

WELCOME TO ASCENSION

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, OH GOD, AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE

“NOTHING EMBITTERS A PERSON MORE THAN SUFFERING. BUT WHEN IT IS CONSECRATED TO GOD, IT BECOMES HOLY”
THOMAS MERTON

Sun Aug Aug 16 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1Cor 15:1-11; Mt 19:16-26 Tone 3

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish and HGB Yaroslav by Fr. Alex

After –Hospitality-Advisory Board Meeting

Tue Aug 18 8:30 Liturgy For HGB St. Luke’s Icon Guild & Ivanna Tsybulyak by Fr. Alex

Wed Aug 19 8:30 Liturgy For HGB Helen M Luecke by Fr. Alex

Thu Aug 20 8:30 Liturgy Betty Mae Hertz by Fr. Alex

6:00pm – ROSARY- Prayer For Peace in Our Country & for Protection and Healing of all illnesses by Men’s Club

Sat Aug 22 12:30pm Church Cleaning Hours

Sun Aug 23 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1Cor 16:13-24; Mt 21:33-42 Tone 4

11:00 Divine Liturgy For Our Parish USA, UKRAINE and HGB Donald Merkley by Fr. Alex

After –Hospitality-Security Team Meeting

Ascension prayer list - Kindly remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who struggle with sickness, pain, hardship, or any special need:
Frank Janke; Mary Grace Dorsey; Betty May Hertz; Emma Bernier; Lolly Vinson;
Myron Kotyk; Darren and June Ann Hall; Lary & Mary Ann Drumtra & their Family;
Elaine Hampton; Dr. Micheal & Linda Lechman; Elisabeth Branden; Merly & Teresa Phillips; Mary Sullivan; Michael & Michaela Bross; Peter & Lisa Margan; Wayne Smith & his Family; Austin and his Family; Ron Gracik & Family; Mary Soupp; Yvette Louviere; Steve Guethe; Leila Asmar. If you would like to add your name or name of a loved one to this list, please contact Fr. Alex. Thank you.

Happy August BIRTHDAYS

10th Frank Janke; 11th Adithia Kusno; 17 Sydney Marie Karlson; 21st Loretta Fetsko

Liturgy and Candle Requests: Often we want to remember someone and offer special prayers for the departure of a loved one, special occasion, birthday, anniversary, etc. with celebration of a Divine Liturgy or lighting of a candle in front of an icon. To request a liturgy or candle, please complete the form in the appropriate envelope which you will find in the rack on the wall as you enter Ascension church and place it in the Sunday offering basket. Thank you. Fr. Alex.

Visitors, family and friends: Are you curious, do you have questions or inquirers about our church, icons, Divine Liturgy, or Byzantine Catholic traditions? Someone will be waiting to answer your questions after Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings in the vicinity of the icon corner at the front of the sanctuary. Don’t be afraid to ask, there are no wrong questions.

Young Adults, Children, Adult Bible Study Committee: Subdeacon Adithia Kusno, Dr. Michael Lechman, Lisa Edwards. Special Event/Retreat Speakers Committee: David Efimetz, Don Merkley, Dr. Mary Jean Sotack

The Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is fully operational and located on the wall above the fire extinguisher in St. Phillips Hall. Eight parishioners were certified on the use of the AED and other parishioners have been certified in the past. Periodic updates will follow. Dr. Michael Lechman.

Candles for July

Sanctuary Lamp...For OUR PARISH

Tetrapod... For OUR PARISH

Theotokos & Child... For OUR PARISH

John Baptist... For OUR PARISH

St Nicholas... For OUR PARISH

Protection Theotokos... For OUR PARISH

Christ Teacher... For OUR PARISH

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE SACRAMENTS AND SACRAMENTALS

Father Alex is available for the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation before Diving Liturgy on Sunday (10:30 am) or half hour before weekly Liturgy (8:00 am) or by appointment.

MIROVANJA is a sacramental blessing with holy oil, which is applied to the forehead in the sign of the cross by the priest while proclaiming the appropriate greeting of the season. After kissing the hand cross, take a piece of the blessed bread. You may offer a donation.

The Bible's Best Wisdom for Setting Goals That Actually Glorify God

Setting goals seems, on the surface, like it's a simple process. But it involves more than just writing down your dreams in a planner and getting to work. That's because it's important to line your goals up with God's purposes for your life. When you set goals, you're deciding how you'll spend the most valuable resource God has given you: your time.

If you set goals without consulting God, you risk building a life that looks successful to the world but doesn't actually help you [fulfill God's purposes for you](#). The good news is that the Bible is overflowing with wisdom on how to line up your goals with God's kingdom. Here's the Bible's best wisdom for setting goals that actually glorify God.

1. Seek God right away.

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Before you set any goals based only on what you want to achieve, let go of your own agenda and offer your life to God in [prayer](#). Pray like [Jesus](#) does in [Luke 22:42](#), saying to God: "not my will, but yours be done." Remember that you aren't trying to build your own kingdom; you're here to learn and do important work in God's kingdom. Ask God to help you want what he wants for you. Keep in mind that God promises you a hopeful future when you seek him. He tells you in [Jeremiah 29:11-13](#): "[For I know the plans I have for you](#)," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." When you seek God's plans for you from the start, you're more likely to [hear from God](#) than you are if your own ego isn't trying to get your attention. Instead of asking him to bless your plans, you are asking him to show you his plans so you can join him.

. Ask God to make you truly wise.

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Don't settle for setting goals based just on what you think will make you happy; aim to set goals that come from wisdom. [Ask God to give you the wisdom you need](#) to set the very best goals for your future. [James 1:5](#) promises: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." As you go through the process of discerning the best goals to set, keep [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)'s advice in mind: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Sometimes you can set goals that seem good (like getting a job promotion or buying a house) for the wrong reasons, like pride or insecurity. God will give you wisdom to see what's truly motivating you. Once you can see your real motivation, you can stop chasing things that don't matter and start [focusing on what matters most from God's perspective](#). So, do all you can to get God's wisdom while you're setting goals. [Proverbs 4:7](#) points out: "The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."

3. Make sure your goals help you love God and people well.

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Every single one of your goals should ultimately help you fulfill what [Jesus](#) says are God's most important commands. Jesus says in [Matthew 22:37-39](#): "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: '[Love your neighbor as yourself](#).'"

When you consider setting a particular goal, ask yourself how it will help you love God or your neighbor more. If you're considering a goal to save more money, is it so you can be more generous to those in need? If you're considering setting a fitness goal, is it so you can have more energy to serve in your church and be more present for your family and friends? What matters most is [letting God's love flow through your life](#), to help you build more loving relationships with God and with other people. Every goal that glorifies God will help you love God and people well.

God bless America!!!

Prayer to Guardian Angel

ANGEL OF GOD, MY GUARDIAN DEAR, TO WHOM HIS LOVE COMMITS ME HERE: EVER THIS DAY
BE AT MY SIDE, TO LIGHT AND GUARD, TO RULE AND GUIDE. AMEN



August 9 2026, 2026

Candles -36.00; Monthly Dues -1,300.00; Offertory -771.00; Special Gifts-1,000.00:
In -3,157.00; Out- 933.03

SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOMED.

Many unique items come into the shop weekly. We have a great selection of special-occasion gifts and religious items unique to the Williamsburg area, including a wide selection of spiritual books, music, icons and devotional and inspirational articles plus hand-made soaps and local honey. Special orders welcomed.

Advisory Bord: Fr. Alex (Pastor)-Security; Don Merkley & Michelle Massie – Trustee, Property; David Efimizt – Office Manager; Patricia Duttry-Book Keeper; Linda Lechman - parish secretary; Dr. Micheal Lechman-Investment & Adult Bible Study; Betty May Hertz- outreach; Sb. Dicon Adithia Kusno-Facebook-Young Adult Education; Don Merkley, Website; Lee Alexander-Men's Club President; Lisa Edwards-Children's Christian Formation Director- Liturgical Committee; Ann Merkley-Bookstore Manager-Security

Why call these letters “Our Daily Bread”?

“By the sweat of your brow you shall eat your bread.” Gen 3:19. This marks the first use of the word bread in scripture, the beginning of man’s earthly labor for his sustenance, both physical and, metaphorically speaking, spiritual. “Our Daily Bread” is what is called a polyseme. It has multiple meanings. Let’s begin.

Throughout the Old Testament bread is the staple of bodily nourishment. Melchizedek served it to Abraham (Gen 14:18), Abraham served it to the three angels from heaven near the Oak of Mamre (Gen 18:1-8). In the form of Manna from Heaven, it fed the Israelites in the desert (Ex. 16:4). Bread in the Bible was primarily made from wheat or barley, with barley often considered the bread of the poor, and wheat more desirable for daily consumption or special occasions. Other grains and legumes, such as spelt, millet, beans, and lentils, were sometimes milled and combined to make bread. We even have a recipe from Ezekiel 4:9. This is a bread which I see on market shelves today advertised as Ezekiel Bread!

In the New Testament bread continues to play a prominent role, from the feeding of the 5000 to the Last Supper. But it is during the Last Supper that we see a change in significance. Bread still represents the substance for bodily health, but also takes on a profound religious significance for spiritual nourishment. The concept is called transubstantiation, which is the belief that the bread and wine in the Eucharist change in substance into the Body and Blood of Christ while retaining their outward appearances. This was believed in the earliest days of the church, but was formally defined by the Catholic Church at the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215.

So bread not only is a critical part of our physical nourishment, but our spiritual nourishment as well. But the symbolism goes on. In the Gospels, Jesus teaches us the Our Father prayer, where we ask God to “give us this day our daily bread” (Mt 6:11; Lk 11:3). That phrase “daily bread” has been a topic of discussion for centuries. In the Gospels, the Greek translation has Jesus saying: “gives us this day our *epiousion* bread” instead of daily. This word, Epiousion, it turns out had never existed in the Greek language until this moment. The Gospel writers invented it in their attempt to capture what Jesus actually said in Aramaic.

Ancient Christians figured epiousion was a combination of two things: epi (which can mean something “beyond”) and ousion (which would mean “substantial”). So, we seemingly have a term that means “Beyond daily needs”. This word epiousion then takes on a much more profound meaning. Consider it when related to Jesus' temptation where he observes that man does not live by "bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, Mt. 4:4; Deut. 8:3. Pope Benedict XVI suggested that it is pointing to "the eternal Word of God," who "will be our bread, the food of the eternal wedding banquet." So you see, for a Catholic, “Our Daily Bread” has many meanings.

So, should I call these letters “Our Epiousion Bread”? I think I’ll stick with the current name.....

One final observation. The quality of the bread we consume varies. From the low nutritional value cheap stuff, that can lead to health problems, to the nutritious whole grain variety essential for health, no gimmicks, no additives. The same is true of our spiritual bread. It needs to be firmly based on scripture and tradition; no gimmicks, no additives. This is the recipe that sustains us in life, provides inner strength, hope, and guidance. It strengthens us for the challenges of daily living and spiritual growth. Without it, our soul becomes weak, just as the body does eating the cheap stuff.

Love Dad

Men's Club - Our membership congratulates Deacon Adithia Kusno on his ordination! May God grant him and his family many happy years!

Carpathian Kitchen - We recently held a successful public sale raising \$300 for the Circle of Hope charitable program. Thanks to all involved for your efforts. Our next pierogi production will be announced soon.

Security - Our security team also plays an important role in church safety. As part of that, we are looking for a used transport wheel chair that will be kept on-hand in case we need it. The wheel chair should be in good condition and ideally be foldable for compact storage until needed. If you have one or know of one available please see Fr Alex or Dave Efimetz (Office Manager)

Sponsorship Opportunity

2027 Byzantine Catholic Parish Calendar – SPONSORED! We are delighted to announce that the 2027 Byzantine Catholic Parish Calendar has been fully sponsored! A heartfelt thank you to our anonymous donor for your generous gift. Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated and help make this resource available for our parish community.

May God abundantly bless you for your generosity!

Bible Study

The next BIBLE study in January to continue on the Prophets, cost \$25 to \$30 for book guide and video lectures. For questions, please text 757-880-5093.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Michael Lechman

Thank You for your generosity and giving spirit!

This year, because your support to the Bishop's 2025 Stewardship Campaign, we were able to raise \$7,800. We exceeded our goal of \$6,800 by \$1,000! Your generous donations to the campaign will assist Bishop Kurt in providing much needed resources to the Eparchy, to Parishes not as fortunate as us at Ascension, and the Ukraine Relief Fund.

Our Parish will receive a check from the Bishop's Office in the amount of \$3,120. The 40% reinvestment to our Parish for meeting and exceeding our goal. I cannot help but think of the founding members of our Parish and how proud they must be of us for continuing the legacy they began.

Thank you again. Ascension Of Our Lord Advisory Board

Psalm 1

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not
the counsel of the wicked
Nor walks in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the company of the insolent,
But delights in the law of the LORD
and meditates on his law day and night.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree
planted near running water,
That yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves never fade.
Whatever he does, prospers.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so, the wicked, not so;
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,
but the way of the wicked vanishes.

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Messiah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 23

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

Psalm 16

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

I bless the LORD who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Psalm 138

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple,
and give thanks to your name.

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

Because of your kindness and your truth,
you have made great above all things
your name and your promise.
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

Your right hand saves me.
The LORD will complete what he has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

Psalm 113

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Praise, you servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD
both now and forever.

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

From the rising to the setting of the sun
is the name of the LORD to be praised.
High above all nations is the LORD;
above the heavens is his glory.

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

He raises up the lowly from the dust;
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor
To seat them with princes,
with the princes of his own people.

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Psalm 104

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O LORD!
the earth is full of your creatures.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD be glad in his works!
Pleasing to him be my theme;
I will be glad in the LORD.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish
and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Psalm 11

The LORD is in his holy temple;
the LORD's throne is in heaven.
His eyes behold,
his searching glance is on mankind.

The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

The LORD searches the just and the wicked;
the lover of violence he hates.
For the LORD is just, he loves just deeds;
the upright shall see his face.

The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

Psalm 103

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.
Bless the LORD, all you his angels,
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

Psalm 15

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
By whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things
shall never be disturbed.

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Exodus 15

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
He is my God, I praise him;
the God of my father, I extol him.

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

The LORD is a warrior,
LORD is his name!
Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea;
the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea.

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

The flood waters covered them,
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power,
your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy.

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Psalm 69

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

I am sunk in the abysmal swamp
where there is no foothold;
I have reached the watery depths;
the flood overwhelms me.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

But I pray to you, O LORD,
for the time of your favor, O God!
In your great kindness answer me
with your constant help.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

But I am afflicted and in pain;
let your saving help, O God, protect me;
I will praise the name of God in song,
and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

“See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the LORD hears the poor,
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.”

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Psalm 106

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Our fathers made a calf in Horeb
and adored a molten image;
They exchanged their glory
for the image of a grass-eating bullock.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

They forgot the God who had saved them,
who had done great deeds in Egypt,
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,
terrible things at the Red Sea.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Then he spoke of exterminating them,
but Moses, his chosen one,
Withstood him in the breach
to turn back his destructive wrath.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Psalm 99

Holy is the Lord our God.

Extol the LORD, our God,
and worship at his footstool;
holy is he!

Holy is the Lord our God.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
and Samuel, among those who called upon his name;
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

Holy is the Lord our God.

From the pillar of cloud he spoke to them;
they heard his decrees and the law he gave them.

Holy is the Lord our God.

Extol the LORD, our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for holy is the LORD, our God.

Holy is the Lord our God.

Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tested me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 106

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

We have sinned, we and our fathers;
we have committed crimes; we have done wrong.
Our fathers in Egypt
considered not your wonders.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

But soon they forgot his works;
they waited not for his counsel.
They gave way to craving in the desert
and tempted God in the wilderness.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

They forgot the God who had saved them,
who had done great deeds in Egypt,
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,
terrible things at the Red Sea.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Then he spoke of exterminating them,
but Moses, his chosen one,
Withstood him in the breach
to turn back his destructive wrath.

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Psalm 97

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him,
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the LORD of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his justice,
and all peoples see his glory.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Psalm 85

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace
To his people, and to his faithful ones,
and to those who put in him their hope.

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and salvation, along the way of his steps.

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.