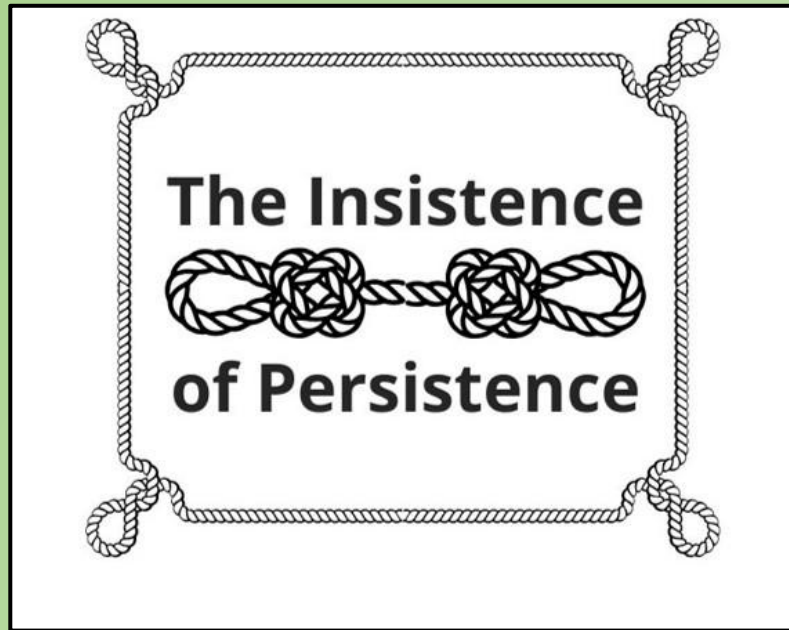


Time after Pentecost



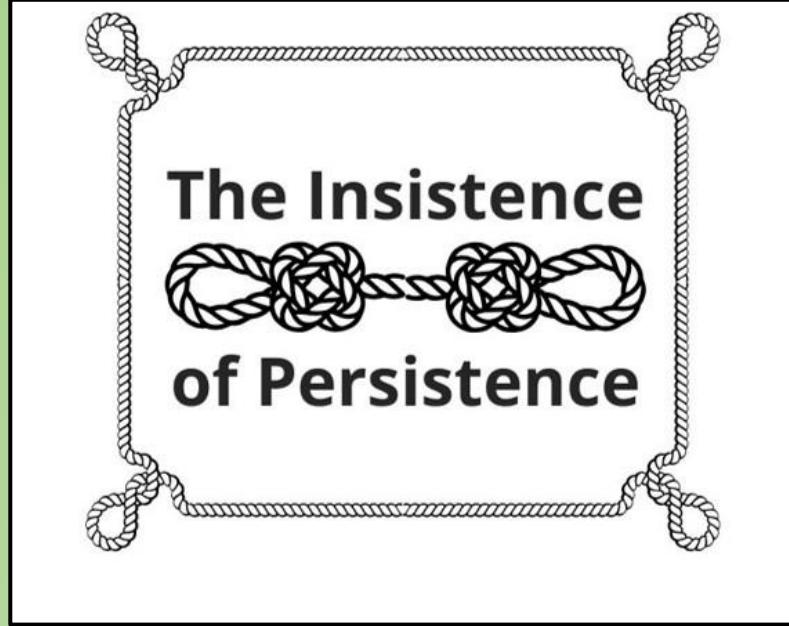
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Time after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Gathering Music



“Give Thanks” **Karen Kotrc, musician**

Henry Smith Arr. Mark Hayes 1990 Integrity Music, Inc.

SEPTEMBER 5/6
TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor Logan Ellis,
Preaching



Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson,
Co-Lead Pastor



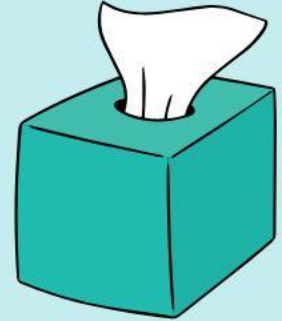
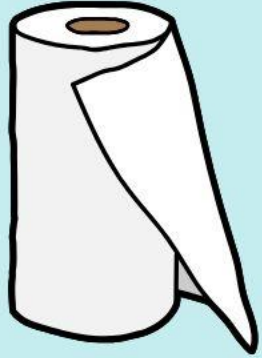
Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson,
Presiding



S.A.F.E. Center Donations for September:

Paper Products

- *Kleenexes*
- *Paper Plates*
- *Paper Towels*
- *Toilet Paper*



Please set items on the sharing shelf in the narthex.

Teacher Installation



**September 12 & 13
at all services.**

ALL Teachers:

- Sunday School
- F.R.O.G.
- Preschool
- Confirmation



**TEACHING IS A
WORK OF HEART**

Adult Forum with Bishop Emeritus Brian Maas

Vice President for Mission and Spiritual Care



- **Sunday, September 13**
- **Centennial Hall**
- **9:50 am**



Sunday School Resumes

Sunday, September 13th

9:50am-10:50am



Sunday, September 13th

God's work. Our hands.



Join us for a day of service!



Lunch: 12noon - 1pm
Service Work: 1pm - 3pm

New Member Class



- Curious about what we believe?
- Looking for a church to call home?
- Need to reinstate your membership?

Join us!

- Sundays | 10:00am | Fellowship Hall
- September 20, 27, October 4
- Welcome Reception Sunday, October 11

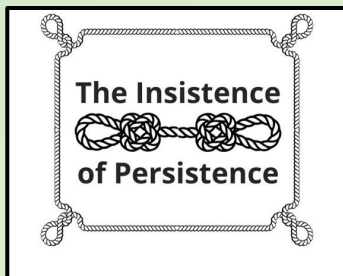
Contact the church office for more information - or simply show up to the first class.



***Our Parent of Young Kids Group will meet
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in Dryden Park. Let Pastor Logan or Erin
know if you would like to come.
This will help us plan for food accordingly.***

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

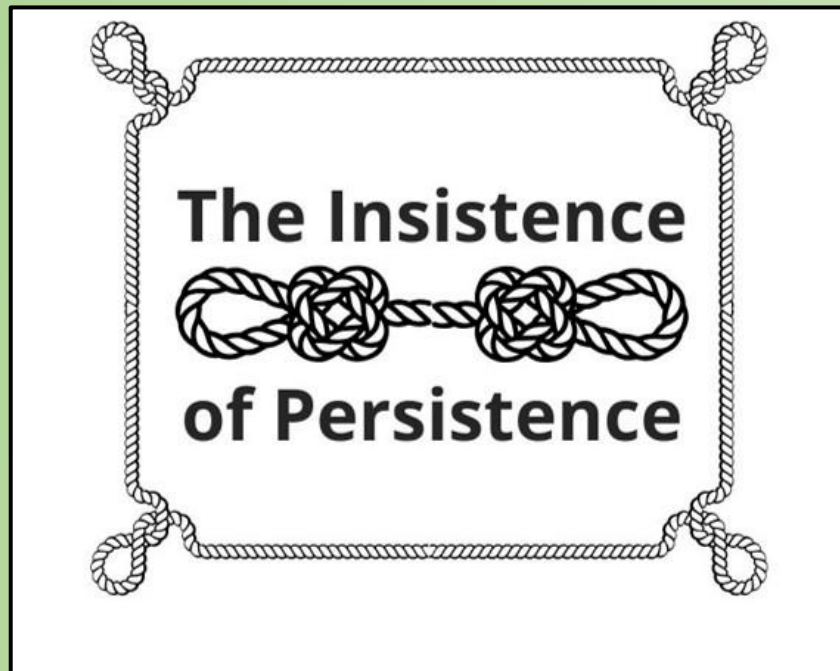
*We greet one another in the name of the
Lord using words such as
“Peace be with you.”*



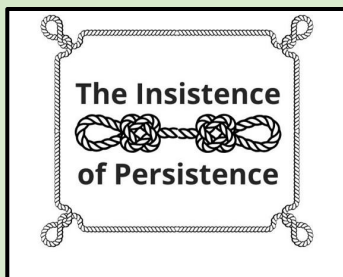
Worship Song

“Earth and All Stars”

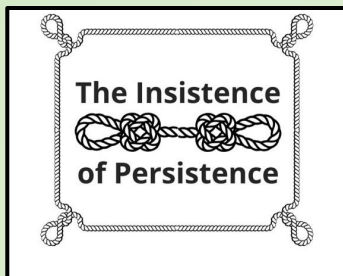
ELW 731



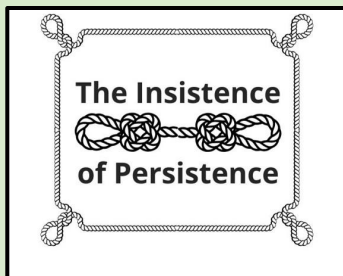
**Earth and all stars!
Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain!
Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**



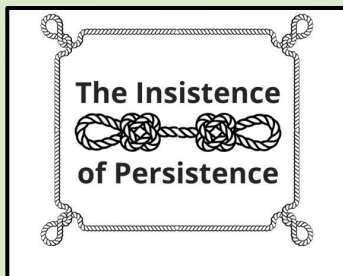
**God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**



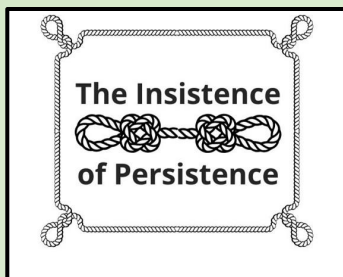
**Trumpet and pipes!
Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre!
Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**



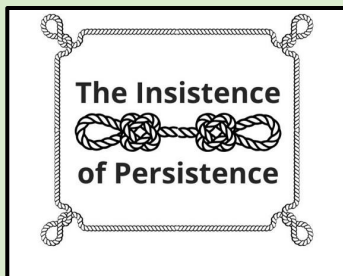
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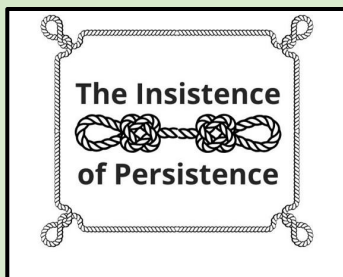
**Engines and steel!
Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams!
Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**



**God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**

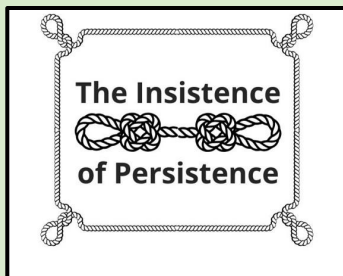


**Classrooms and labs!
Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band!
Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**



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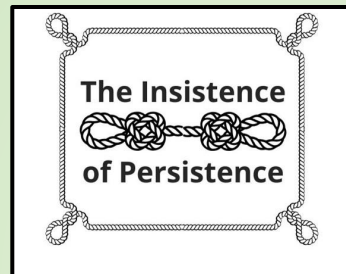
**Knowledge and truth!
Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son!
Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**



“Earth and All Stars”, ELW 731

**God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**

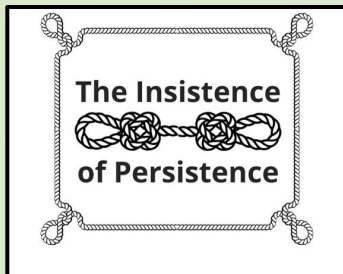
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Greeting

Liturgist: 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.

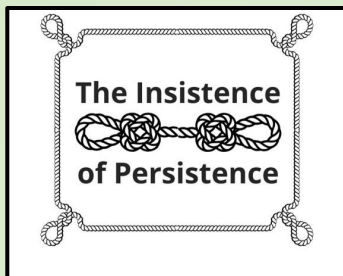


Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray.

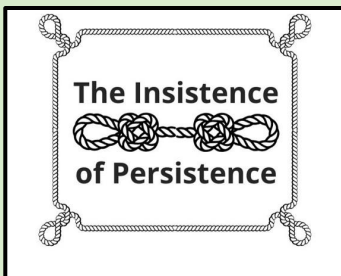
O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



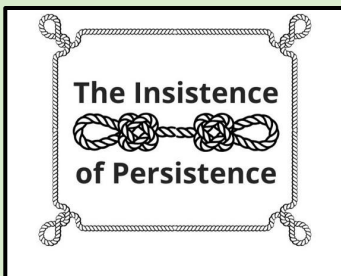
Word

L: A reading from Romans the thirteenth chapter.



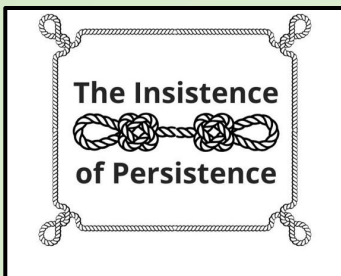
Word: Romans 13:8-14

L: ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word,



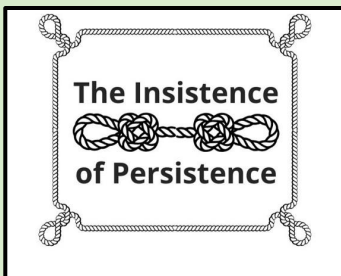
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;



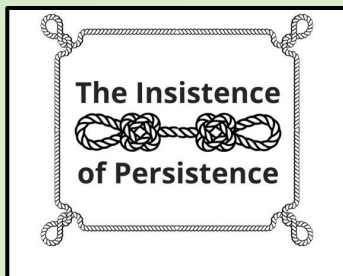
Word: Romans 13:8-14

¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.



Word: Romans 13:8-14

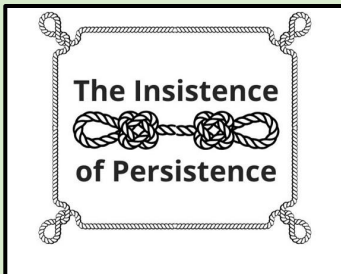
¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (*Romans 13:8-14*)



Word: Romans 13:8-14

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

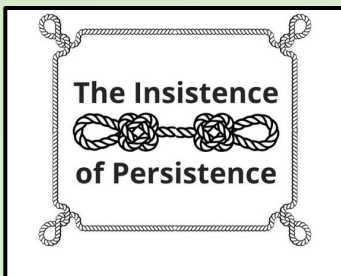
C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel

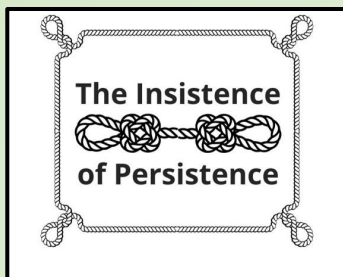
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



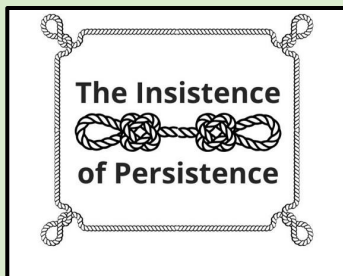
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.



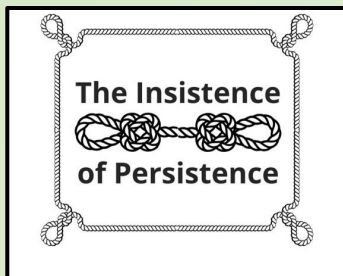
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.



Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

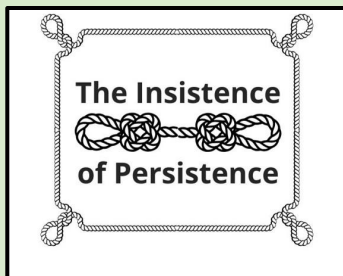
¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.



Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

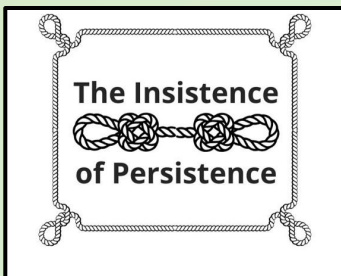
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Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

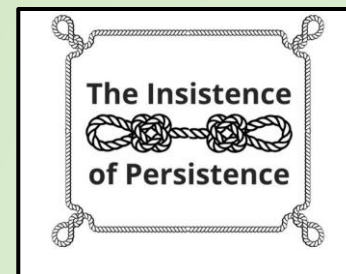
C: Praise to you, O Christ.



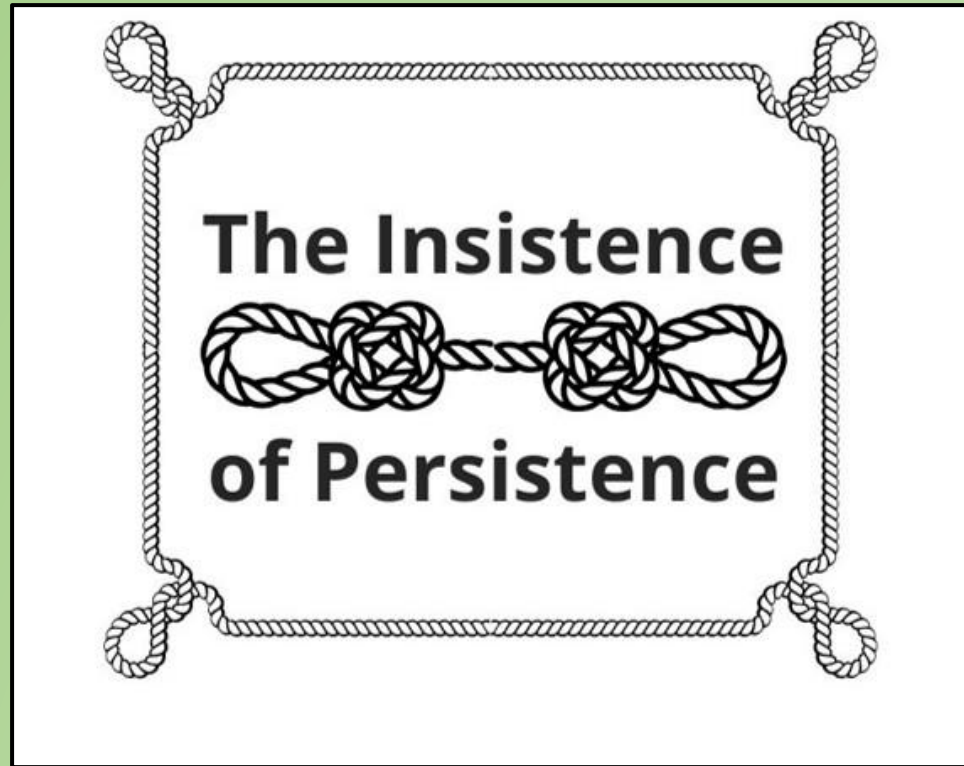
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE “NOISY” OFFERING

The Children's offering goes to Lutheran World Relief to help children in Lebanon and Ecuador.



Sermon



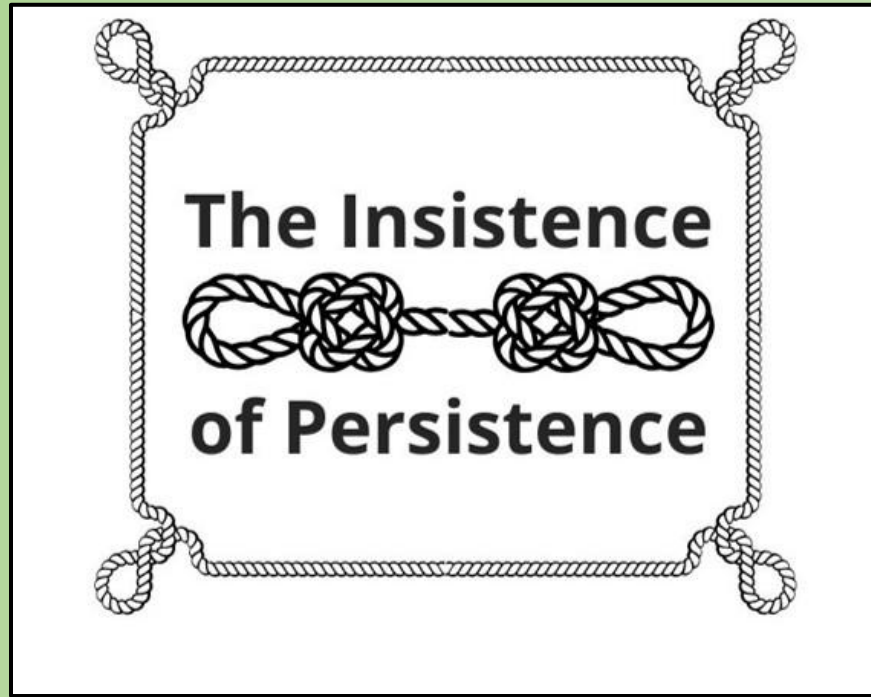
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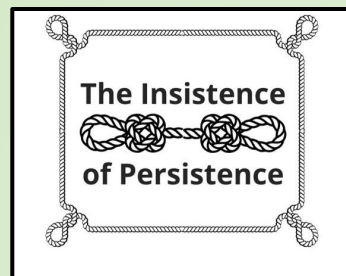
Hymn of the Day

“God, When Human Bonds are Broken”

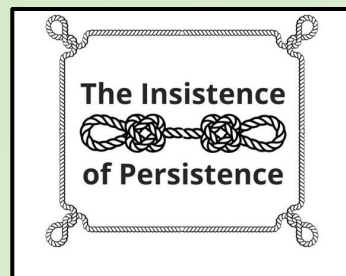
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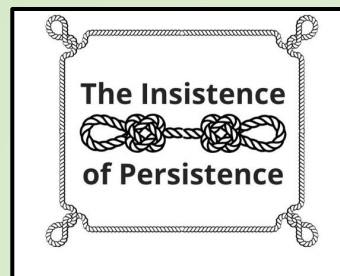
**God, when human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.**



**Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.**

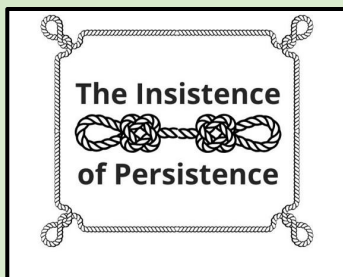


**You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.**



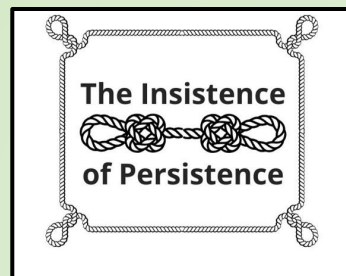
**Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.**

**Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.**



**Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God, encourage and renew!**

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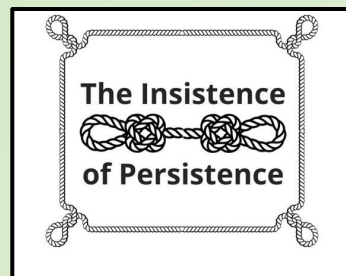


Creed

AM: Let us profess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord and Savior. I believe in the Holy
Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body and
the life everlasting.

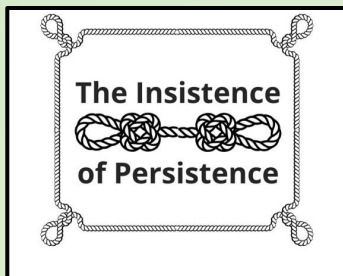
Amen.



Prayers of Intercession

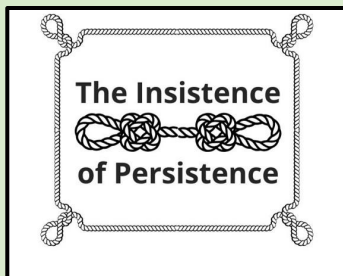
AM: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence for reflection.



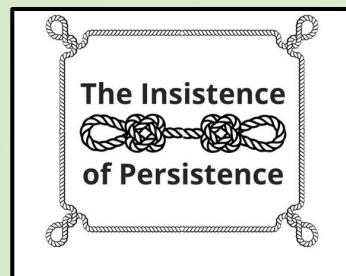
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AM: Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways.



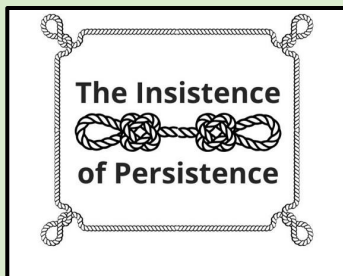
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AM: Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal communities crying out after disaster.



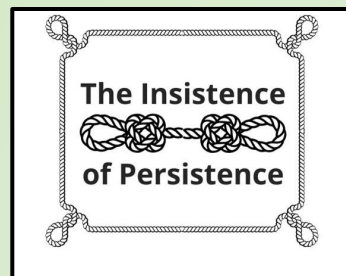
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AM: Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the good of all who labor.



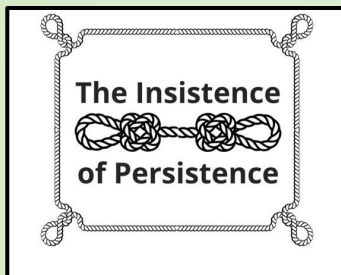
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AM: Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections.



Prayers of Intercession

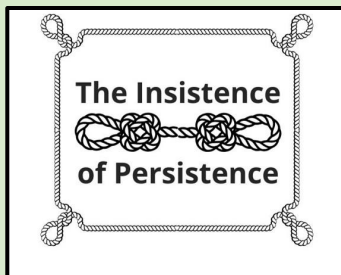
AM: Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. We pray especially for:



Prayers of Intercession

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Shelby Blankley
Bertha Boyer
Bo Burton
Vicki Buschelman
Pastor John Carlson
Rich Ferris
Corinne Fischer
Leonard Fowler

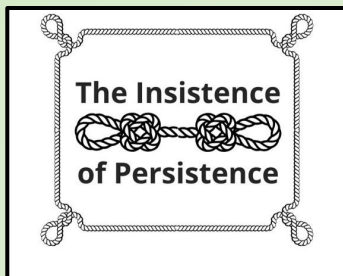
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Derek Johnson
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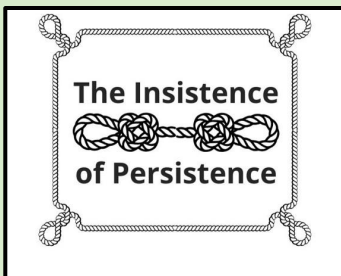
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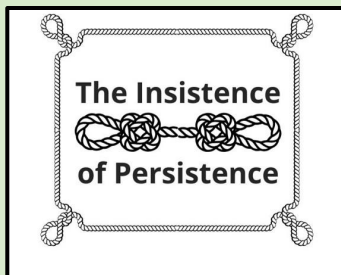
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*Prayers of Comfort and Peace for:
Evelyn Johnson's family and friends on her
death.*



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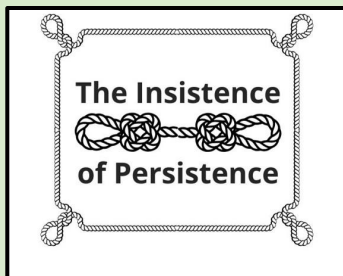
AM: Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us.



Prayers of Intercession

Liturgist: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.



Meal

Offering

“The Gift of Love”
Karen Kotrc, musician

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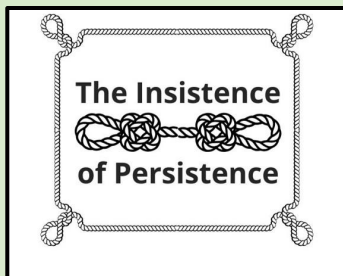
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Offertory Prayer

AM: Let us pray.

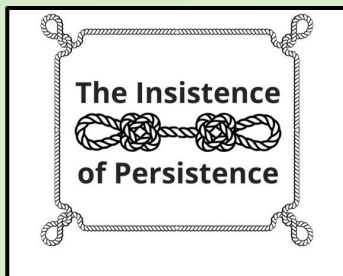
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth
abundantly.



Offertory Prayer

All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our
neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.



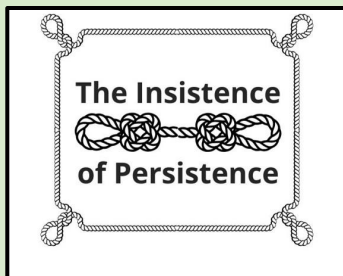
Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

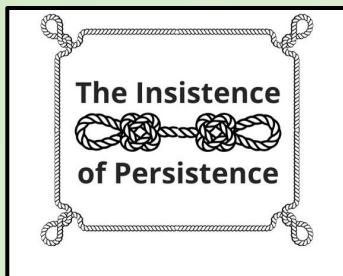
C: Amen.



Confession and Forgiveness

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

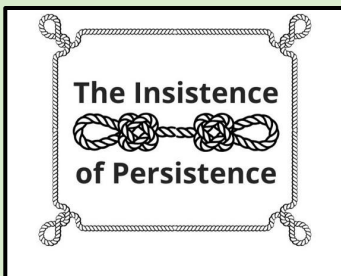
Silence is kept for reflection.



Confession and Forgiveness

P: Compassionate God,

**C: we confess that we struggle to
embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our
relationships.**



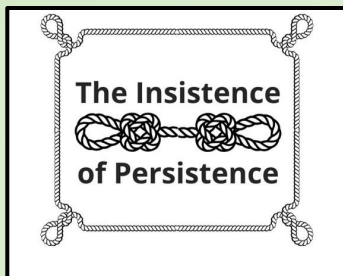
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Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

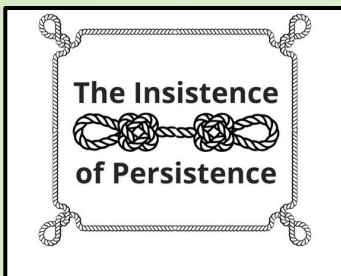
Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.



Confession and Forgiveness

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

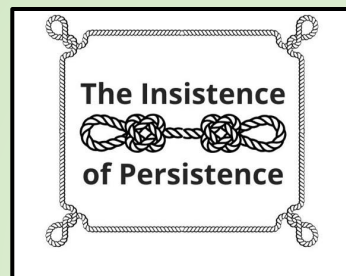


Confession and Forgiveness

P: Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.



The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

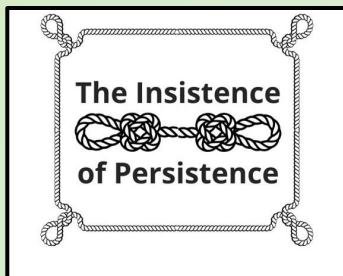
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

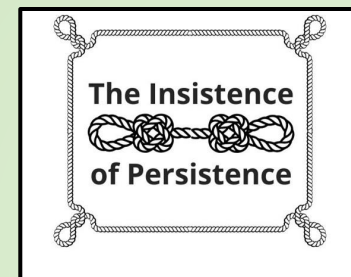
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and
praise.



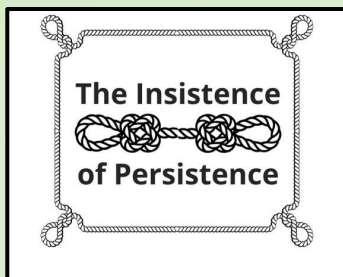
Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was handed over, 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.



Words of Institution

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.



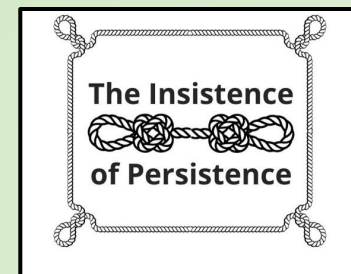
Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

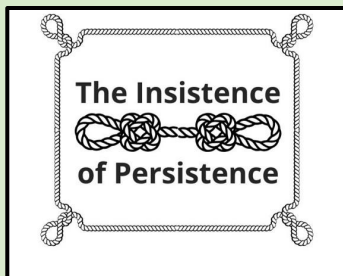
Christ will come again.



The Lord's Prayer

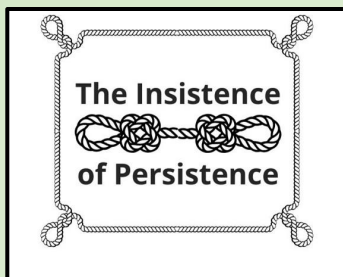
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.



The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

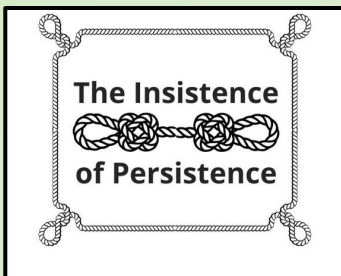


Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry,
come!

Please be seated.



Communion

We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.

Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands

If you would like prayers of healing, join the pastor in the Narthex after you have received communion.

Communion Music

“I Surrender All”

Karen Kotrc, musician

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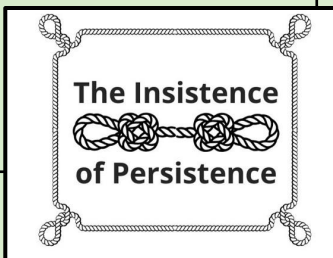
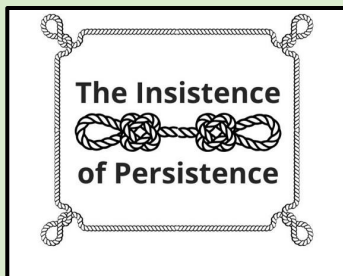


Table Grace

Please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

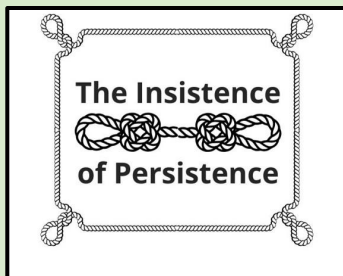
C: Amen.



Sending of Communion

AM: Let us pray.

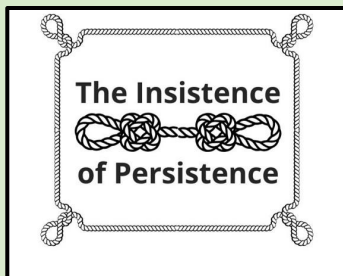
Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who share your word and sacrament with our siblings who are sick and homebound.



Sending of Communion

May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

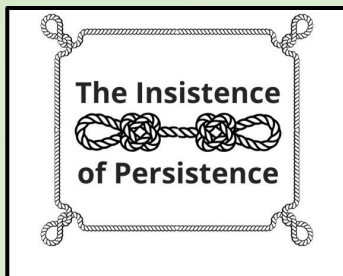
C: Amen.



Blessing

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.



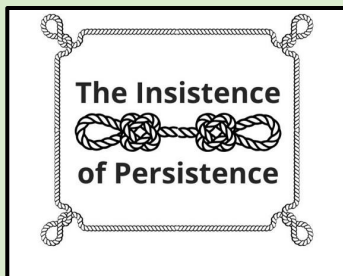
Blessing

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

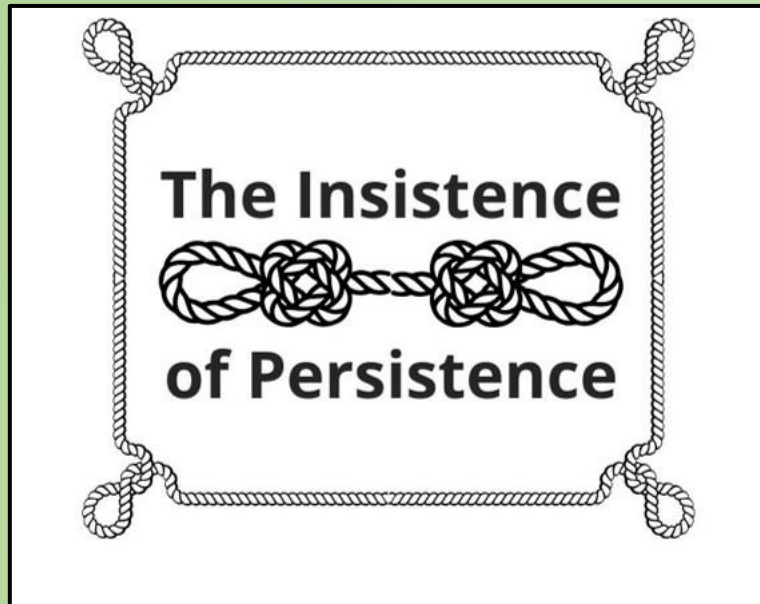
C: Amen.



Sending Hymn

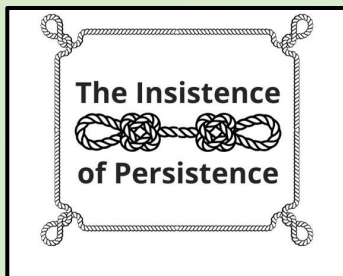
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

ELW 836



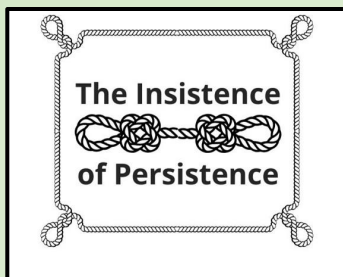
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”, ELW 836

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.**



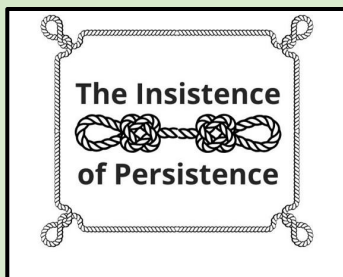
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”, ELW 836

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**



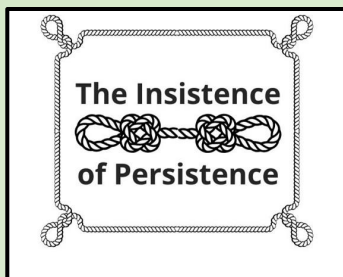
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”, ELW 836

**All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.**



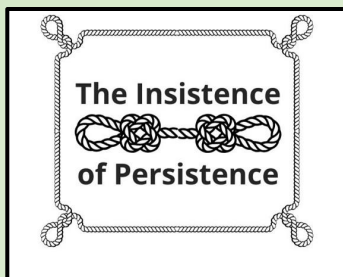
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”, ELW 836

**Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.**



“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”, ELW 836

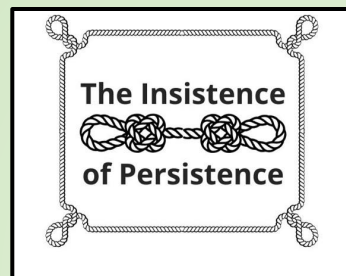
**Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!**



“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”, ELW 836

**Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!**

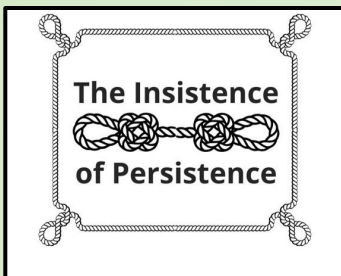
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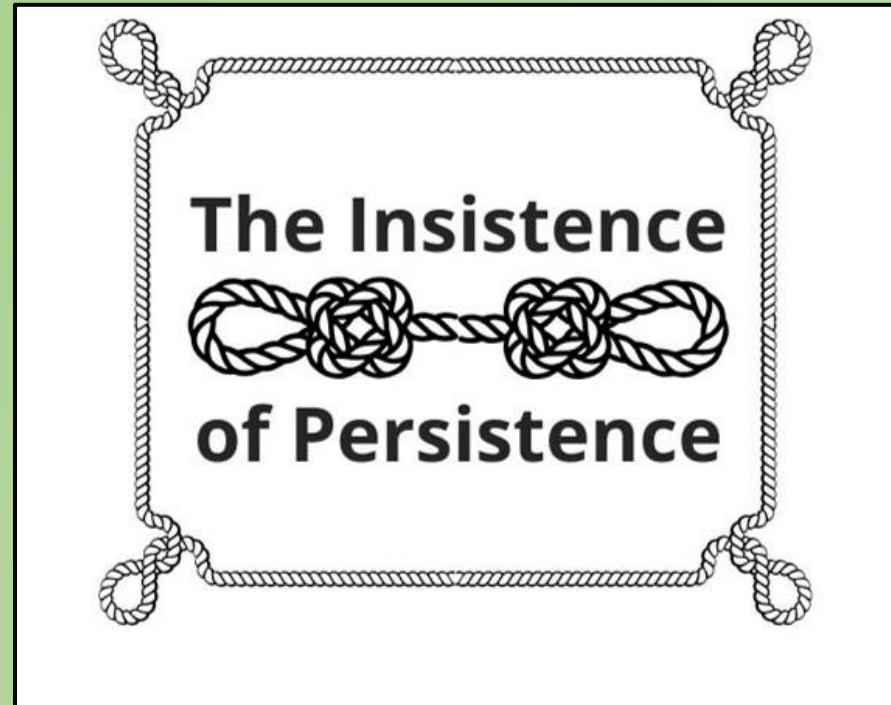
Dismissal

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.



Postlude



“Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord”
Karen Kotrc, musician