

**Luther Memorial Lutheran Church**  
**13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133**  
**Worship for Sunday, 14 June 2026**  
**+ 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Year A**  
*Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community*

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**Prelude**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*Please Stand*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

# Gathering Hymn #526

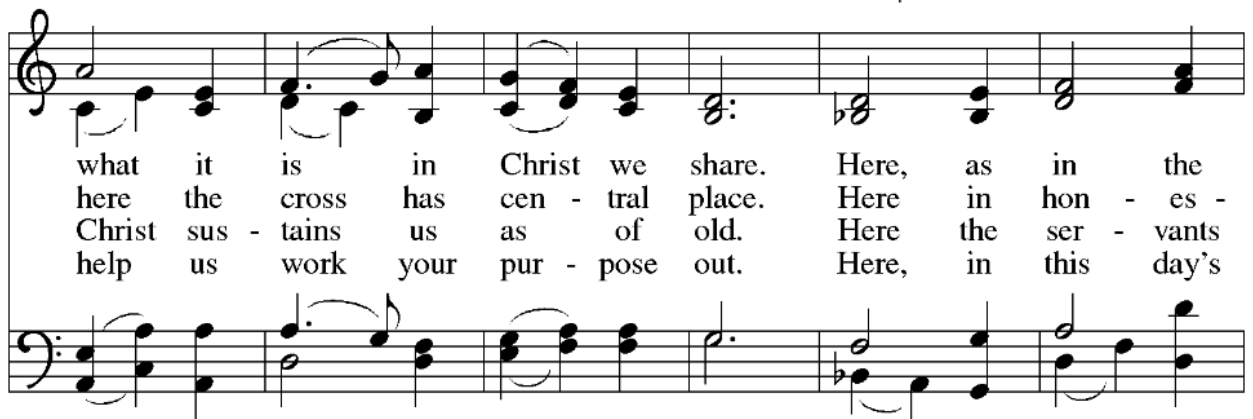
# God is Here



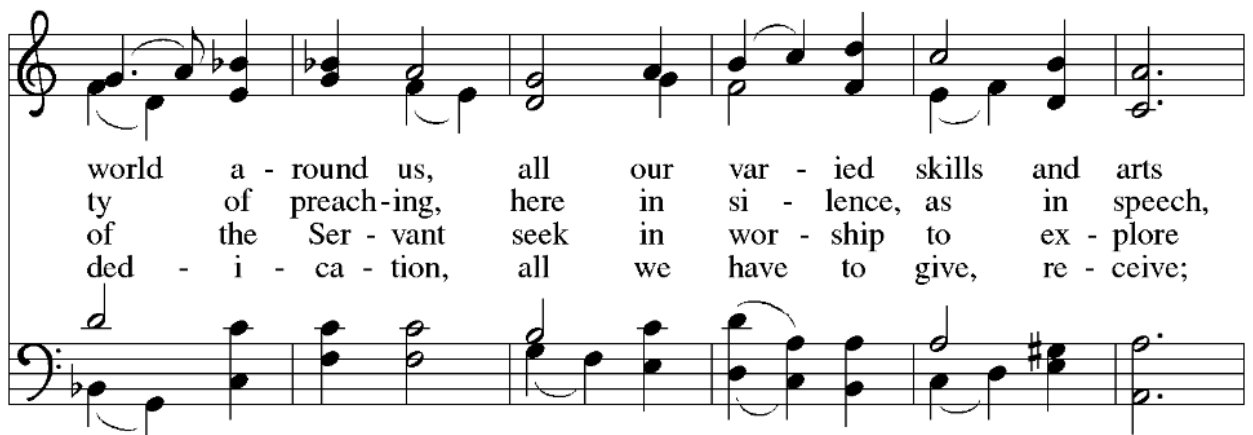
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



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 hon - 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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## **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.

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray:

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## First Reading Exodus 19:2-8a

[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a realm of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 100

*Please Read Responsively*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

**Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God’s holy name.

**Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## Second Reading Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But it is proof of God's own love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

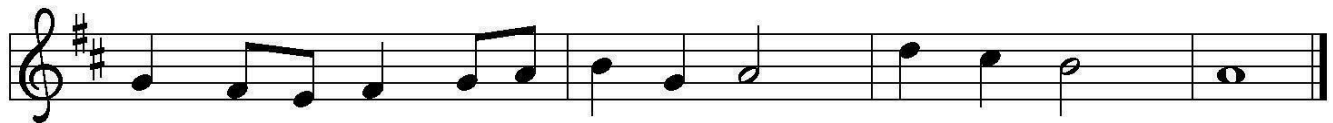
Word of God, Word of Life.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please Stand*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel Matthew 9:35–10:8**

**P:** The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th and 10th Chapters

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the dominion of heaven, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvesting.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The dominion of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

1 Come to tend God's gar - den, seeds of hope to sow, plant-ing fields of  
 2 As we tend God's gar - den, from its fur-rows rise stems of fresh be -  
 3 May God's gar - den flour - ish, may our toil suc - ceed, may God bless our

\*Whenever this repeated figure appears in the bass,  
 the organist should tie the eighth notes in the bass part.

jus - tice, watch-ing mer - cy grow! In an ar - id waste - land,  
 gin - nings, stretch-ing toward the skies! Gra-cious-ness, our mead - ow,  
 ac - tions, ev - ery word and deed! Serv-ing Christ each sea - son,

spread a ver - dant heath! In a land of tu-mult, cul - ti - vate God's peace!  
 joy - ful - ness, our root, u - ni-ty, our fo-liage, righ-teous-ness, our fruit!  
 with God's di - a - gram, chart-ed by the Spir-it, for the task at hand!

John Dalles is the author of more than 200 hymn texts. This one was written for the 275th anniversary of the Synod of the Trinity (Pennsylvania), where Dalles has served as a pastor at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh.

Tune: KING'S WESTON 6.5.6.5.D.  
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925  
 For another setting see 255

## **Apostles' Creed**

**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 to the dead.\*  
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 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.**

## **Prayers and Peace**

**P:** God of grace,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

*From your place in the congregation, feel free to share a sign of  
peace with other members of the assembly.*

## **Offering**

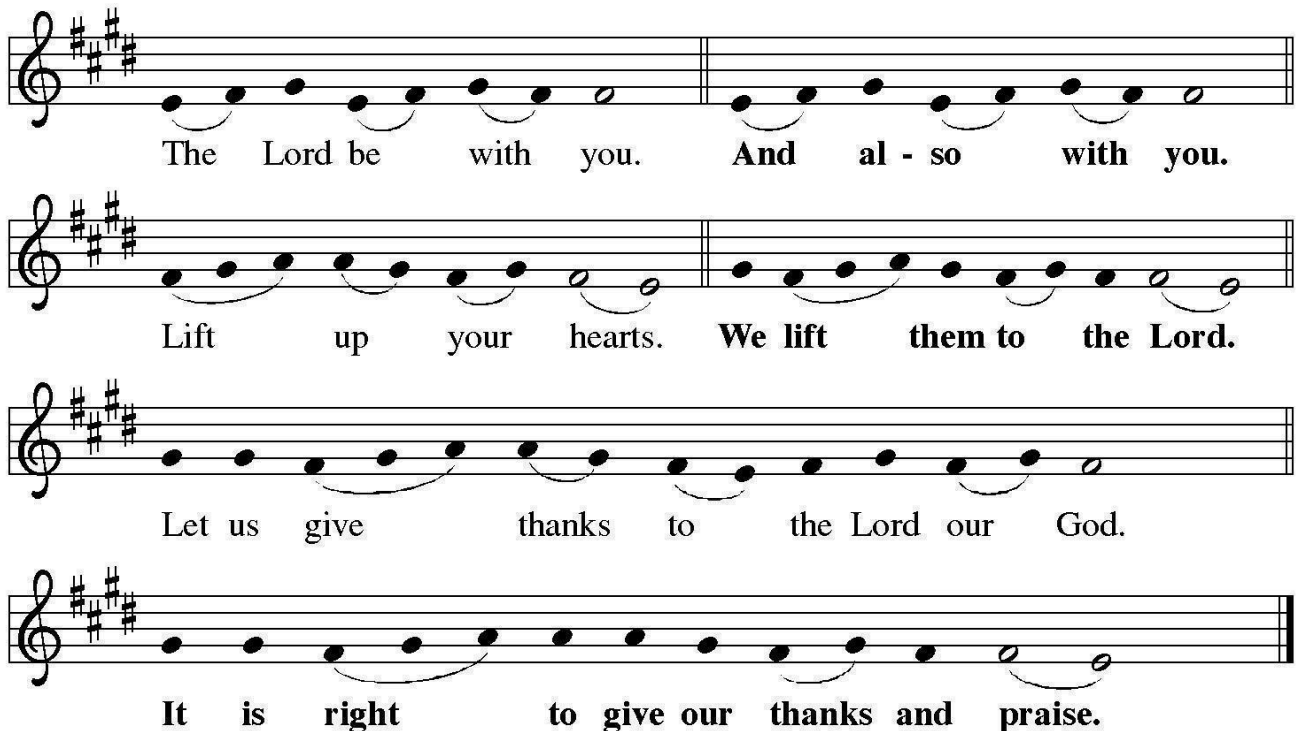
## **Offertory**

## Offertory Prayer

*Please stand*

P: Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 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 Liturgy

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
 you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
 but guided us into the path of love and light.  
 In every age you sent prophets  
 to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
 The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
 our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
 In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
 to preach good news to the afflicted,  
 to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
 and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In 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, 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Creator, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*You may be seated*

*Please proceed up the center aisle to pick up a piece of bread from the Presiding minister and a glass of either wine or grape juice from the assisting minister. There will be a basket off to the side where you can dispose of your used cup. The communion bread is all gluten free, but does contain honey. All are welcome to receive from Christ's table.*

*You may also come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing.*

# Communion Hymn #661

# *I Love to Tell the Story*

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911  
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

# Communion Hymn #535

# Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

*Refrain— sung twice each time*

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
 hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
 prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
 2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
 strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984  
 Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*  
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## Post-communion Prayer

P: Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

## Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✠ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.  
**C: Amen.**

## Sending Hymn #669

## *Rise Up, O Saints of God*

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

## Postlude

## Dismissal

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Sara Funkhouser

Chrissie Goldstein

Julie Moe

Raj & Colleen Lingappaiah

McFarland Family

Jen & Matt Smith

Lollie Ellingson

Preacher/Presider

Musician

Communion Assistant

Ushers

Lectors

Broadview Transport

Altar Care

## Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:7-13*

Psalm: *Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18*

Second Reading: *Romans 6:1b-11*

Gospel: *Matthew 10:24-39*

## Announcements:

**Popsicles for Broadview-Thomson:** As is our tradition here, we are planning to pass out popsicles to the students from Broadview-Thomson on their last day of school! You're invited to join Pastor Sara for this fun activity this Wednesday, June 17th at 1:15 P.M.!

**Seeking Yard Volunteers:** Are you available and willing to help us with our yard care this summer? We are looking for a few volunteers to help us weed and water the plants, as well as mow the lawn. We have all the tools you need, including a battery powered lawn mower; we are just looking for a few folks to help spread the maintenance load around! Please let Pastor Sara, Laurie, or Marilyn know if you are interested or if you have any questions.

**June Grief Group:** Our grief group will be gathering during the following times in June. As always, if you are interested in the grief group, but are unable to attend any of these sessions, please talk to Pastor Sara.

- Thursday, June 18th at 2:00 P.M.
- Tuesday, June 30th at 11:00 A.M.

**Pastor Sara's Summer Schedule:** As she has mentioned, Pastor Sara will be in and out of the office quite a bit this summer. Below is a list of the dates when she will be gone for either work or vacation. She will make sure that you have the needed information for emergency pastoral care closer to these dates.

- June 22nd-25th
- July 7th-10th
- July 21st-August 3rd
- August 20th-23rd
- September 11th-16th: Nasal surgery and recovery

**Food Pantry Donations:** We will not be having specific food pantry donation themes this summer, but any donation you make is still greatly appreciated, as the need for food in our community remains high. Below are some specific items that are always requested:

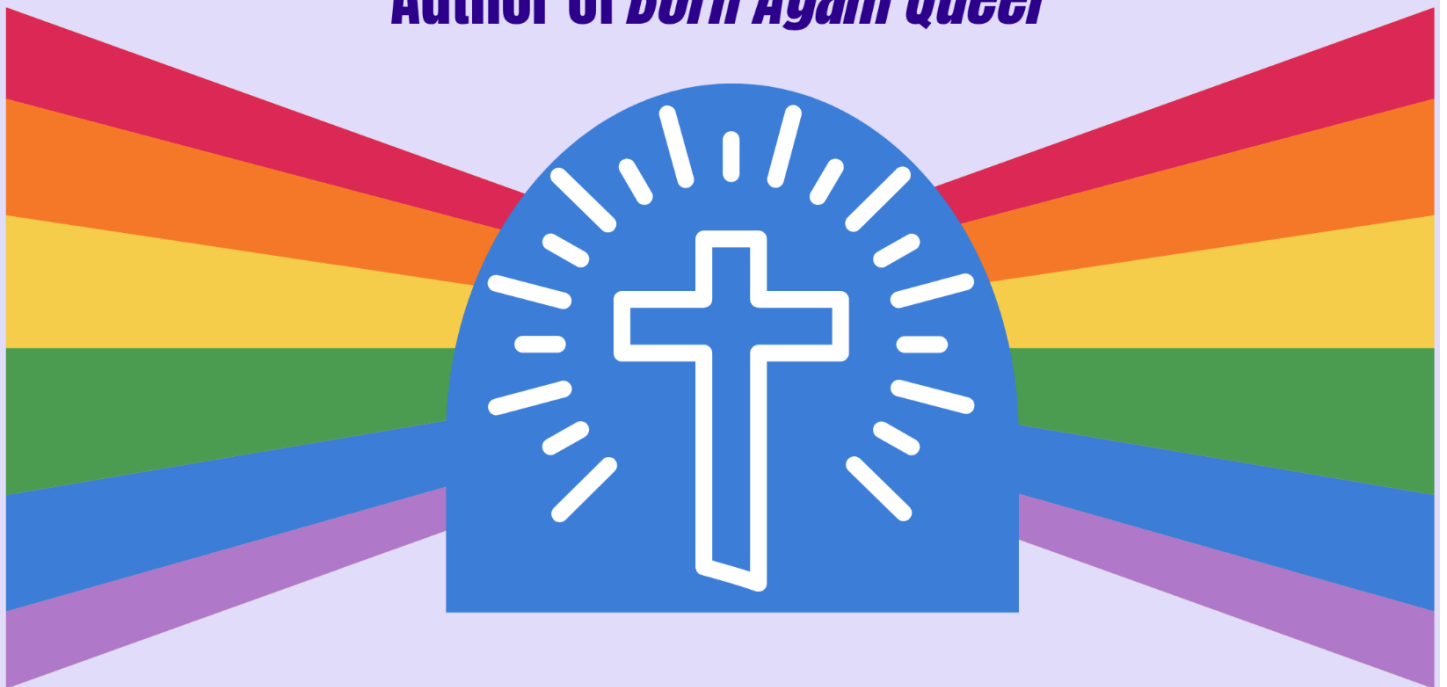
- Canned chicken
- Canned fish
- Shelf stale milk
- Ramen noodles
- Canned fruit or fruit cups
- Bread
- Tortillas
- English muffins
- Bagels
- Tortillas
- Anything else that you find which is a good buy

\*While we hope to continue putting out fresh produce, much of that through the summer will be weather dependent and will likely be on pause until cooler fall weather. However, if you have an abundance from your gardens, we can either use it or help connect it to someone who can.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

# PRIDE WORSHIP

**Special Guest Preacher:  
The Rev. Dr. William Stell  
Author of *Born Again Queer***



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of God's expansive love for all people**

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## Upcoming Events

14	JUN, SUN	● All day	Flag Day United States
		● 10:30 – 11:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Sanctuary
		● 4 – 6pm	Skandia Society Rehearsal Celebration Hall
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	NA Pink Progress Club Celebration Hall
15	JUN, MON	● 6:45 – 7:45pm	NA - Afterparty Group Celebration Hall
16	JUN, TUE	● 1 – 3pm	Quilting Group - Elaine Celebration Hall
		● 7 – 8pm	Church Council Meeting Zoom
18	JUN, THU	● 6 – 9:30pm	Sound Harmony Sanctuary
19	JUN, FRI	● 12 – 1pm	Pause for Prayer Zoom

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