

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 21 June 2026
+ 4th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A
Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

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 #453

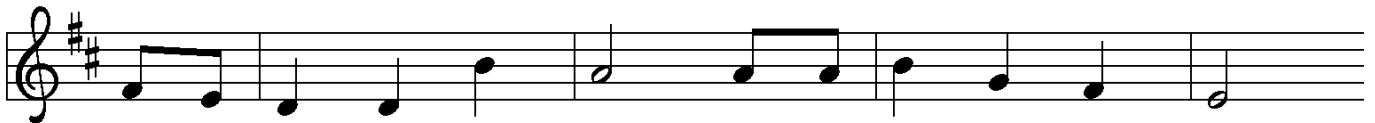
Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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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:

Merciful and Compassionate God, we come into your presence. Be near to us as we draw closer to you. Be near to us even when we have doubts, have given up hope, and have been overwhelmed by our fears. Be near to us as we sing, pray, give, and receive. We praise you for your goodness and worship you for who you are.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you were too powerful for me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out,

I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention the Lord,

or speak any more in the name of the Lord,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:

"Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps Jeremiah can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For the Lord has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

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

Psalm 69:7-10 16-18

Please Read Responsively

Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.
**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**
Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
**I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.
**Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**
Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.

Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, Word of Life.

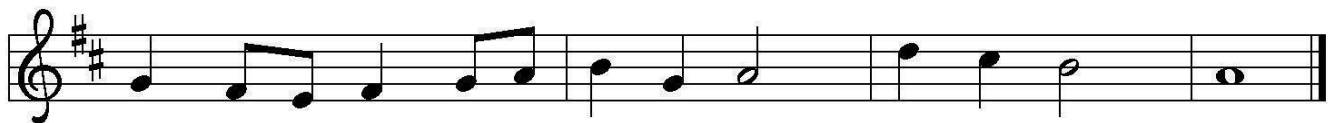
C: Thanks be to God.

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 10:24-39

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of the master’s household!”

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a son against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and in-laws against one another;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #732

Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

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

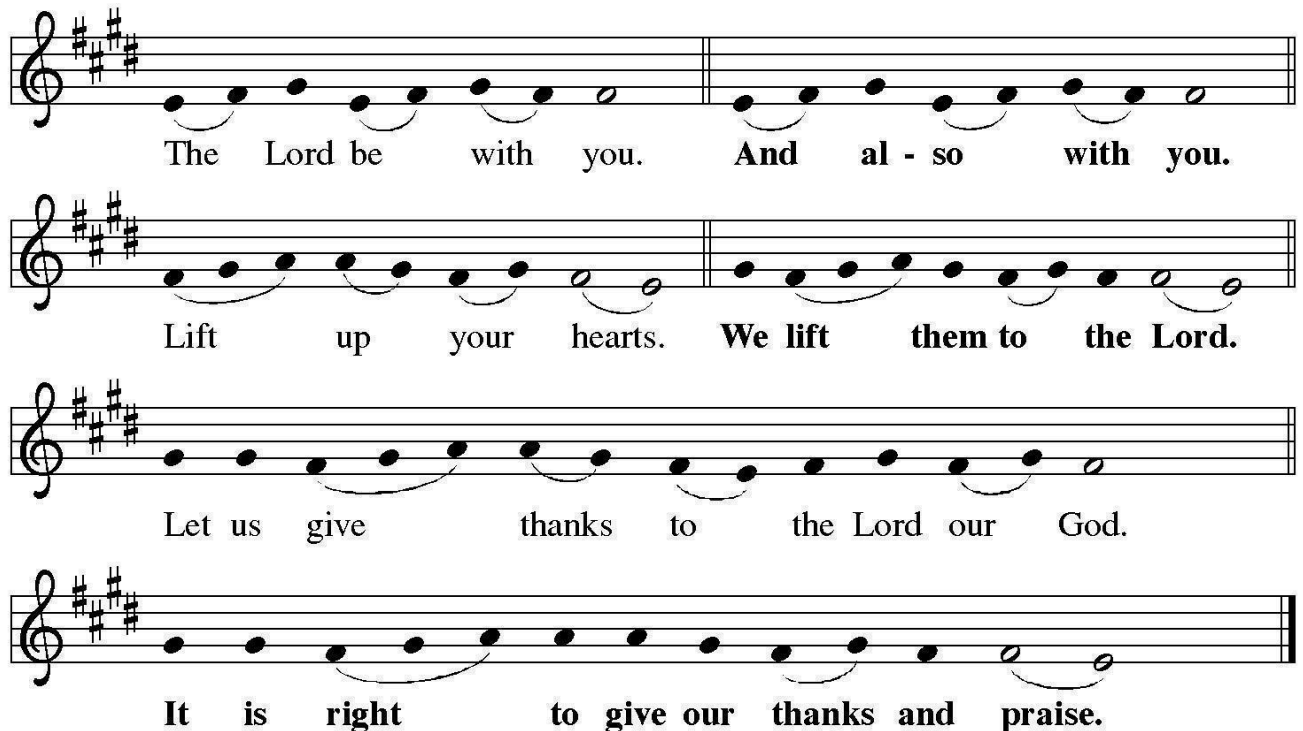
Offertory

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



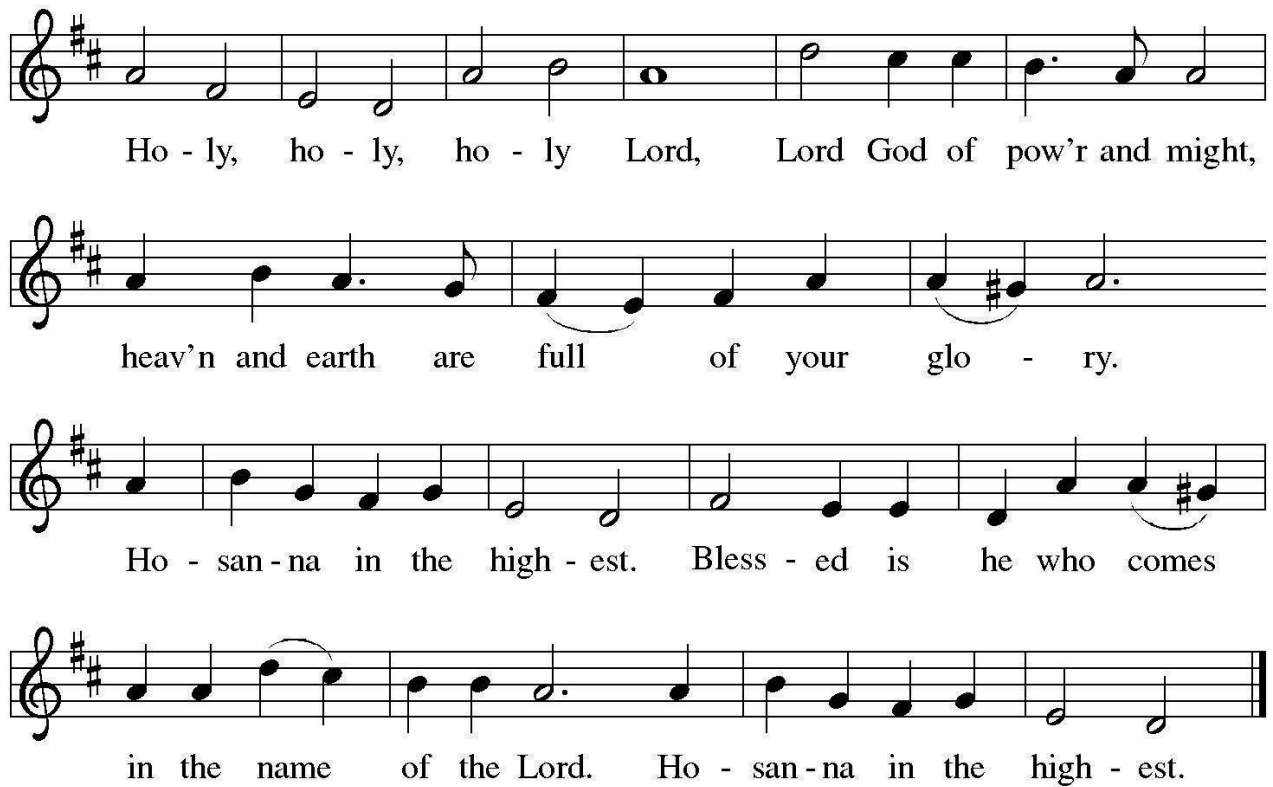
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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 #796

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Communion Hymn Chalice Hymnal #83 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Unison

1. Why should I feel dis - cour - aged, why should the
 2. "Let not your heart be trou - bled," his ten - der
 3. When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, when - ev - er

shad - ows come, why should my heart be lone - ly
 word I hear, and rest - ing on his good - ness,
 clouds a - rise, when song gives place to sigh - ing,

and long for heaven and home, when Je - sus is my
 I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he
 when hope with - in me dies, I draw the clos - er

por - tion? My con - stant friend is he: his eye is
 lead - eth but one step I may see: his eye is
 to him, for care he sets me free: his eye is

WORDS: Civilla D. Martin, 1905
 MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

SPARROW
 Irr. w. refrain

on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his
 on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his
 on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his

eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.
 eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.
 eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

Refrain Harmony

I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, I
 I'm hap-py,

sing be-cause I'm free, for his eye is
 I'm free,

on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

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 #547

Sent Forth By God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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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

Leia Smith

Carolyn Boswell & Lesley Morical

Julie Moe (1st & Psalm)

Chris Foss (2nd)

Mary Hinderliter

Lollie Ellingson

Preacher/Presider

Musician

Communion Assistant

Ushers

Lectors

Broadview Transport

Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Jeremiah 28:5-9*

Psalm: *Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18*

Second Reading: *Romans 6:12-23*

Gospel: *Matthew 10:40-42*

Announcements:

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.

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

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.

- Tuesday, June 30th at 11:00 A.M.

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 stable 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!

Karen Senior's Memorial Service: The Memorial Service for Karen Senior will be held here at Luther Memorial on Friday, July 17th, at 12:00 P.M. There will be a reception to follow. All are invited to attend as we remember the life of this long-time member.

Upcoming Events

21	JUN, SUN	● 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
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22	JUN, MON	● 6:45 – 7:45pm	NA - Afterparty Group Celebration Hall
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23	JUN, TUE	● All day	Pr. Sara Age to Age Initiative Kick-Off in Columbus, Ohio (Day 1/3) LMLC Office
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24	JUN, WED	● All day	Pr. Sara Age to Age Initiative Kick-Off in Columbus, Ohio (Day 2/3) LMLC Office
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25	JUN, THU	● All day	Pr. Sara Age to Age Initiative Kick-Off in Columbus, Ohio (Day 3/3) LMLC Office
		● 6 – 9:30pm	Sound Harmony Sanctuary
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26	JUN, FRI	● 12 – 1pm	Pause for Prayer Zoom
		● 6 – 8pm	NAMI Library

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