

**Luther Memorial Lutheran Church**  
**13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133**  
**Worship for Sunday, 5 July 2026**  
**+ 6th 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.*

1 How beau-ti-ful, our spa-cious skies, our am - ber waves of grain;  
 2 In - dig - e-nous and im - mi - grant, our daugh-ters and our sons:  
 3 How beau-ti-ful, sin - cere la - ment, the wis - dom born of tears,  
 4 How beau-ti-ful, two con - ti - nents, and is - lands in the sea

our pur - ple moun-tains as they rise a - bove the fruit - ful plain.  
 O may we nev - er rest con-tent till all are tru - ly one.  
 the cour-age called for to re-pent the blood-shed through the years.  
 that dream of peace, non - vi - o - lence, all peo - ple liv - ing free.

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God's gra-cious gifts a - bound,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God grant that we may be  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God grant that we may be  
 A - mer - i - cas! A - mer - i - cas! God grant that we may be

and more and more we're grate-ful for life's boun-ty all a - round.  
 a sis - ter - hood and broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 a na - tion blessed with none op-pressed, true land of lib - er - ty.  
 a hem - i - sphere where peo - ple here all live in har - mo - ny.

Tune: MATERNA C.M.D. Samuel A. Ward, 1882

## **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:

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **First Reading Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

The king will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 145:8-14**

*Please Read Responsively*

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Lord, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

All your works shall praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion  
endures throughout all ages.**

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your  
works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**Second Reading Romans 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my physical body another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my body. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 11:16-19, 25-30

**P:** The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th Chapter

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son-of-Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by wise deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal the Father.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

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

# Sermon

## Hymn of the Day #790

## Day by Day

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face.  
 with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005  
 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882  
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## 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,

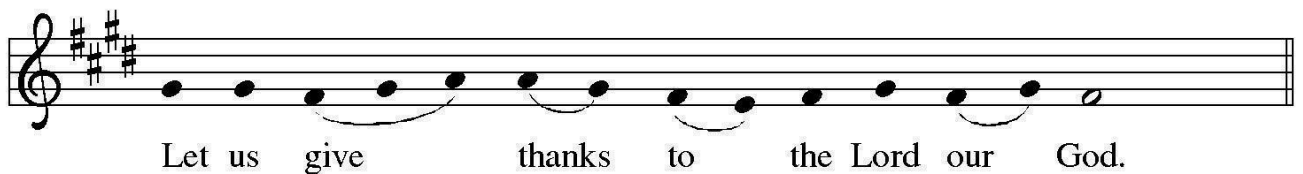
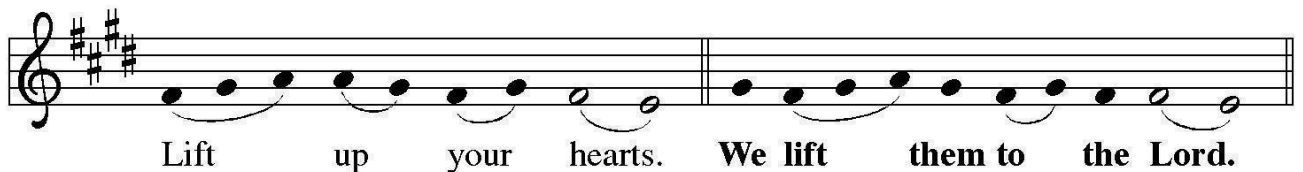
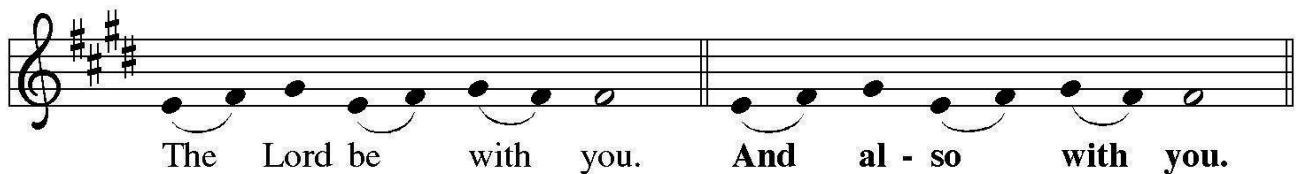
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

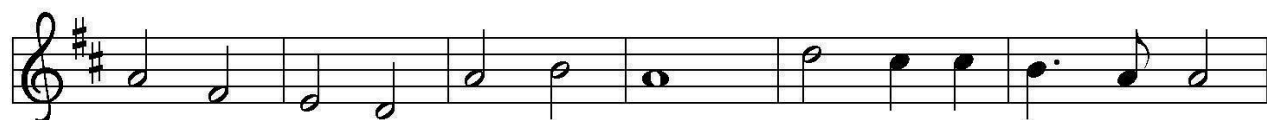
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving



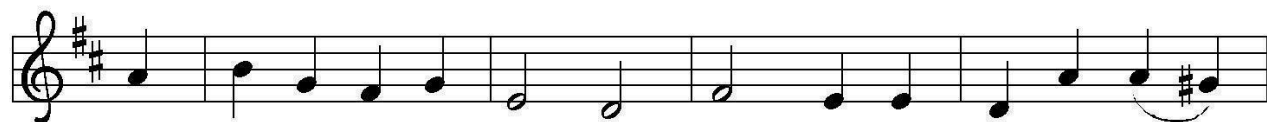
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:



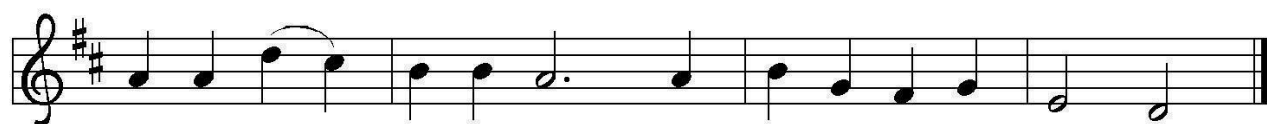
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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 #770

# Give Me Jesus

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

*Refrain*

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.

You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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Communion Hymn #742

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

## **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 #887

# *This Is My Song*

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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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

Laurie Meade

Carolyn Boswell & Lynne Greenup

Allene Steinberg (1st, Psalm & 2nd)

Jen & Matt Smith

Chris Foss

Preacher/Presider

Musician

Communion Assistant

Ushers

Lectors

Broadview Transport

Altar Care

## Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 55:10-13*

Psalm: *Psalm 65:9-13*

Second Reading: *Romans 8:1-11*

Gospel: *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

## Announcements:

**Pastor Sara On Vacation Next Week:** Pastor Sara will be on vacation July 7th-10th; should you have a pastoral care need arise, please contact Pastor Gail,

whose information is in the Midweek Update email. For anything else, please contact Jian in the office.

**No Adult Forum in July or August:** We will not have an Adult Forum the first Sunday of July or August, but we will resume again in September!

**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.

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

**Book Club:** Join our Book Club for our July read! This month we will be reading *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman; we will meet on Zoom at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, July 18th. All are welcome to join!

**July Grief Group Schedule:** Our grief group will be gathering during the following times in July. 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, July 14th at 11:00 A.M.
- Wednesday, July 15th at 2:00 P.M.
- Saturday, July 18th at 11:30 A.M. on Zoom

**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.

**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!

# Raise a Glass widen the table

A Fundraiser for Luther's Table

**Saturday, July 18**  
**1-4 PM**

**We're rolling open the doors  
for Live Music and BBQ**

*beer + root beer on tap*

**Featuring:**

**Coming  
Soon!**



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**A Table for Everyone.**

Nourishment for Mind, Body, and Spirit.

# Upcoming Events

5	JUL, 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
6	JUL, MON	● 6:45 – 7:45pm	NA - Afterparty Group Celebration Hall
7	JUL, TUE	● All day	Pr. Sara on Vacation (Day 1/4) LMLC Office
		● 1 – 3pm	Quilting Group - Elaine Celebration Hall
8	JUL, WED	● All day	Pr. Sara on Vacation (Day 2/4) LMLC Office
9	JUL, THU	● All day	Pr. Sara on Vacation (Day 3/4) LMLC Office
		● 6 – 9:30pm	Sound Harmony Sanctuary
10	JUL, FRI	● All day	Pr. Sara on Vacation (Day 4/4) LMLC Office
		● 12 – 1pm	Pause for Prayer Zoom
		● 6 – 8pm	NAMI Library

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