

**Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 19 July 2026
+ 8th 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 #689

Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's
4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work
guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-
fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.
joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.
hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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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:

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the Sovereign of Israel,
and Israel's Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there besides me any other deity?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17

Please Read Responsively

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore.**
For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.
**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**
But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
**Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your
handmaid.**
Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put
to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with Christ so that we may also be glorified with Christ.

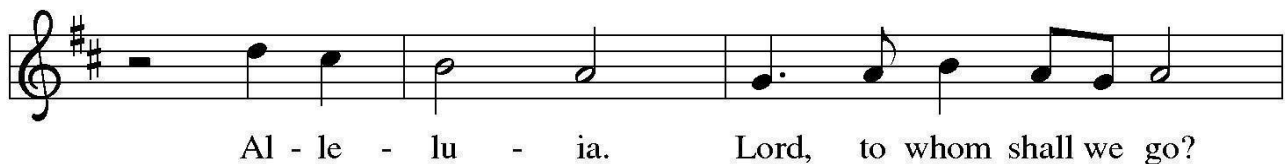
I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please Stand



Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The dominion of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” Jesus answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son-of-Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of God’s dominion; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son-of-Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his dominion all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the dominion of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

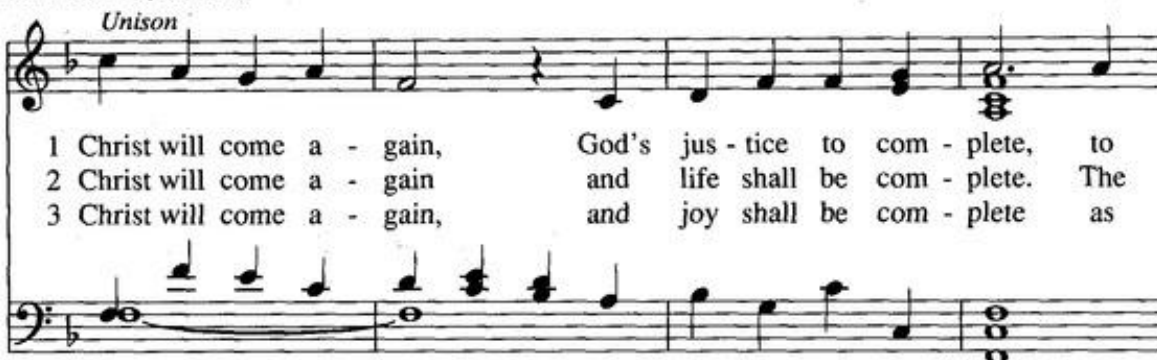
C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

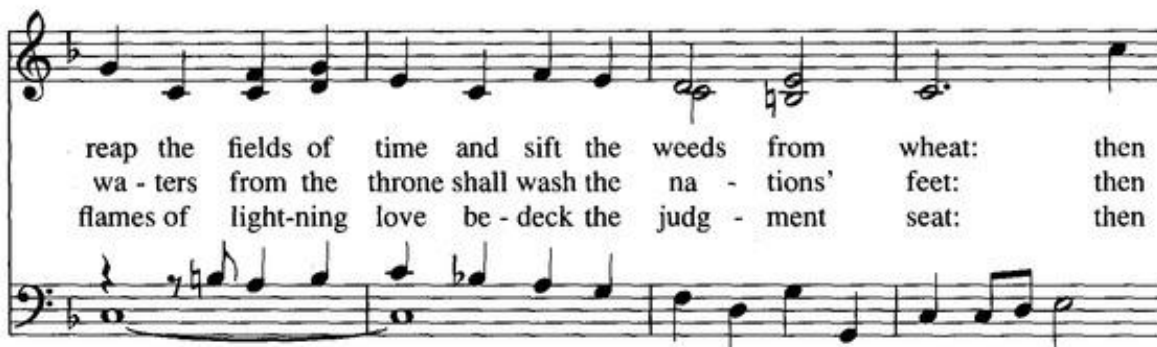
Matt. 13:24-30; John 14:3

Brian Wren, 1987

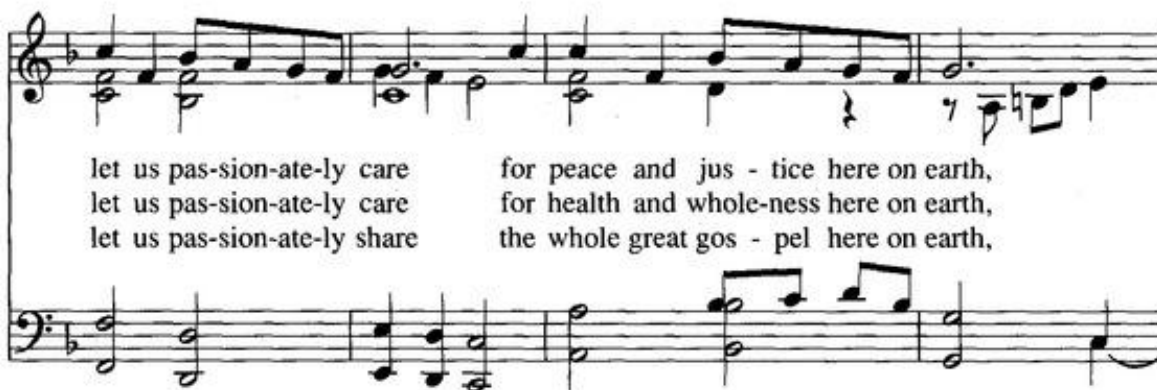
Unison



1 Christ will come a - gain, God's jus - tice to com - plete, to
 2 Christ will come a - gain and life shall be com - plete. The
 3 Christ will come a - gain, and joy shall be com - plete as



reap the fields of time and sift the weeds from wheat: then
 wa - ters from the throne shall wash the na - tions' feet: then
 flames of light-ning love be - deck the judg - ment seat: then



let us pas-sion-ate-ly care for peace and jus - tice here on earth,
 let us pas-sion-ate-ly care for health and whole-ness here on earth,
 let us pas-sion-ate-ly share the whole great gos - pel here on earth,



and e - vil's rage re - strain with love, till Christ shall come a - gain.
 and ease our neigh-bor's pain with love, till Christ shall come a - gain.
 un - til all things at - tain their end, when Christ shall come a - gain.

This hymn was written during a Seventh Day Adventist Musicians Convention in 1987. Brian Wren wanted to honor his hosts with "a hymn on the Second Advent which, whether understood literally or symbolically, would connect ultimate hope with present action."

Tune: IDA 5.6.6.6.8.8.6.
 Joan Collier Fogg, 1987

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

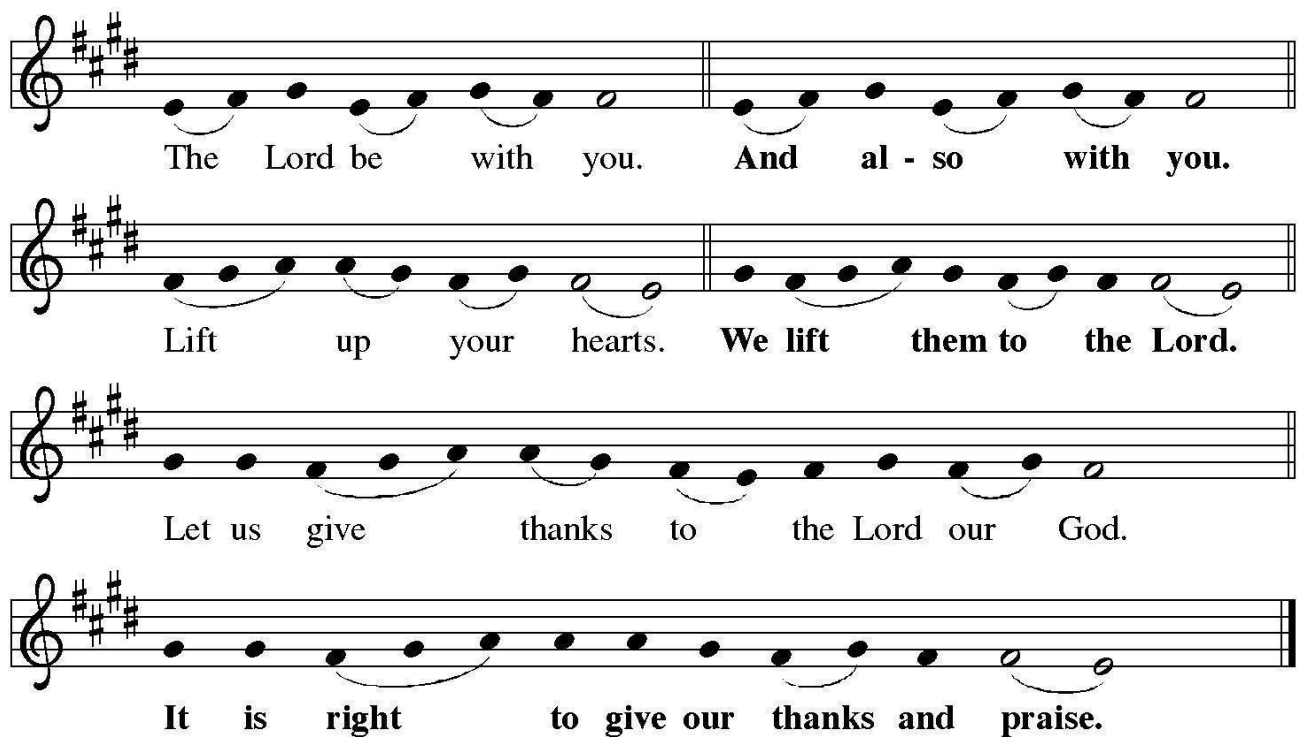
Offertory

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



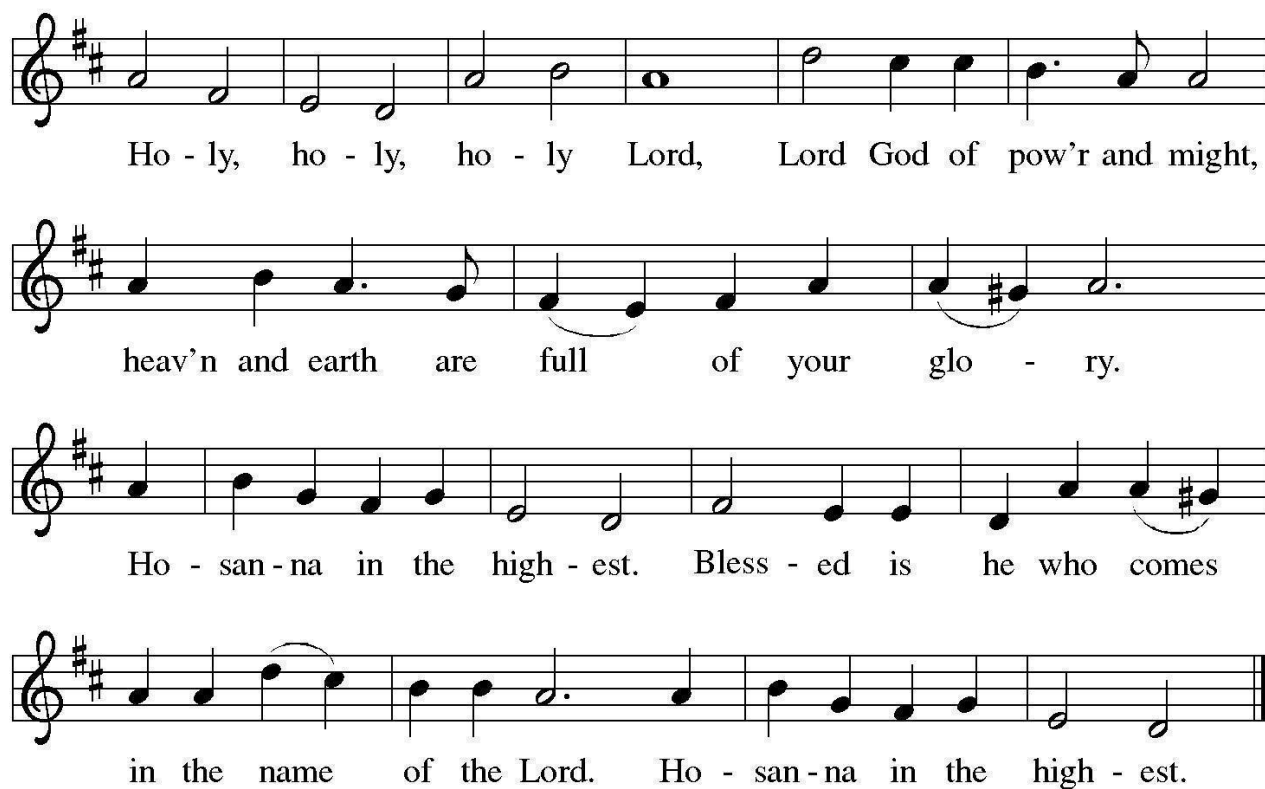
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:



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 #484

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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Communion Hymn #465

As the Grains of Wheat

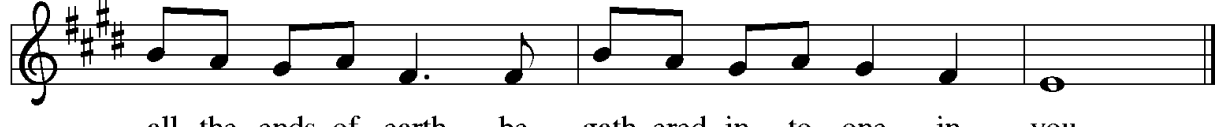
Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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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 #781

Children of the Heavenly Father

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the Treble staff. The first system of music covers the first four lines of the English lyrics. The second system of music covers the Swedish lyrics and the final line of the English lyrics. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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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
Mark Chapman & Christine Lawson
Julie Moe (1st & Psalm)
Chris Foss (2nd)
Laurie Meade
Chris Foss

Preacher/Presider
Musician
Communion Assistant
Ushers
Lectors

Broadview Transport
Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *1 Kings 3:5-12*
Psalm: *Psalms 119:129-136*
Second Reading: *Romans 8:26-39*
Gospel: *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

Announcements:

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 any pastoral care needs, please contact Pastor Gail; for anything else, please contact Jian in the office.

- July 21st-August 3rd
- August 20th-23rd

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. Thank you so much for your generosity! 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

Upcoming Events

19	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
20	JUL, MON	● 6:45 – 7:45pm	NA - Afterparty Group Celebration Hall
21	JUL, TUE	● All day	Pr. Sara on Vacation (Day 1/14) LMLC Office
		● 1 – 3pm	Quilting Group - Elaine Celebration Hall
		● 7 – 8pm	Church Council Meeting Zoom
22	JUL, WED	● All day	Pr. Sara on Vacation (Day 2/14) LMLC Office
23	JUL, THU	● All day	Pr. Sara on Vacation (Day 3/14) LMLC Office
		● 6 – 9:30pm	Sound Harmony Sanctuary
24	JUL, FRI	● All day	Pr. Sara on Vacation (Day 4/14) LMLC Office
		● 12 – 1pm	Pause for Prayer Zoom
		● 6 – 8pm	NAMI Library
25	JUL, SAT	● All day	Pr. Sara on Vacation (Day 5/14) LMLC Office

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