

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 16 August 2026
+ 12th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A
Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Please Stand

We gather at this font, O God,
creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow.
We praise you for Bitter Lake, Piper's Creek, Elliott Bay, Shilshole Bay,
Puget Sound, and for the water you provide us each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font.
We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth,
this flood of endless mercy,
and for all the baptized around this blue planet.

All the waters are yours, O God,
even stagnant rivers, wells nearly dry,
and lakes that are merely puddles.
We beg you to heed the cries of everyone suffering from drought and
wildfires in the Pacific Northwest.
As you saved Hagar and Ishmael in the desert,
so now save all those creatures dying of thirst, smoke, and fire.
Pour down rain and fill up the wells so that all of creation may live.

We ask you, almighty Provider,
to give us the water we need,
and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font.
By the water of our baptism empower us
to pour out ourselves for others
and to safeguard the waters of your earth.

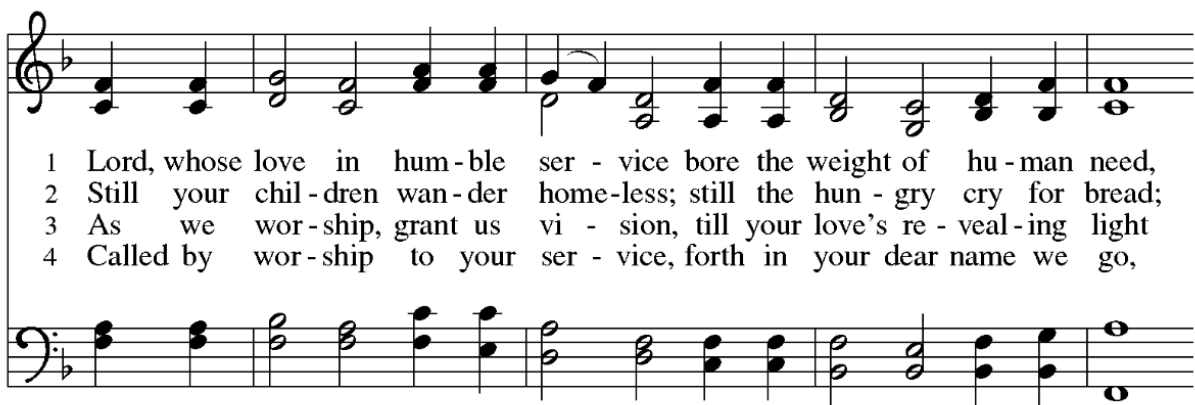
To you, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery,
be all praise and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

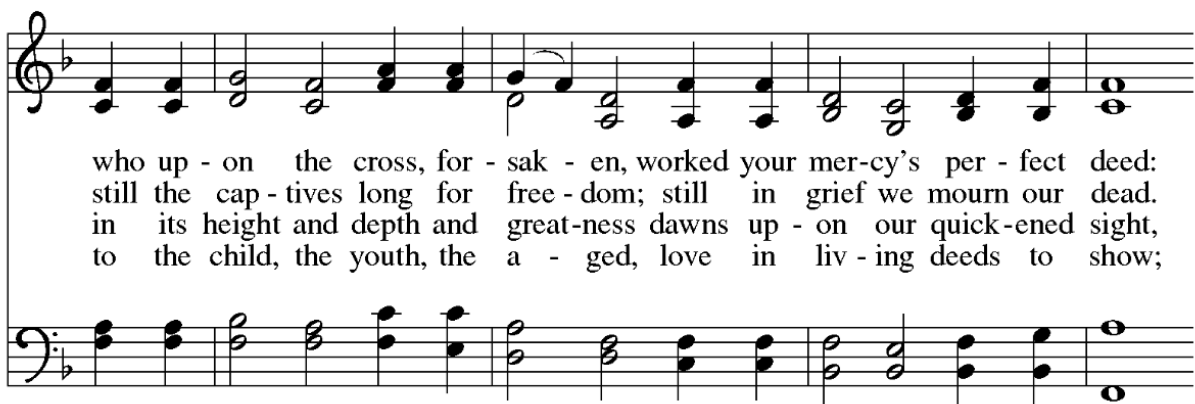
You may be seated.

Gathering Hymn #712

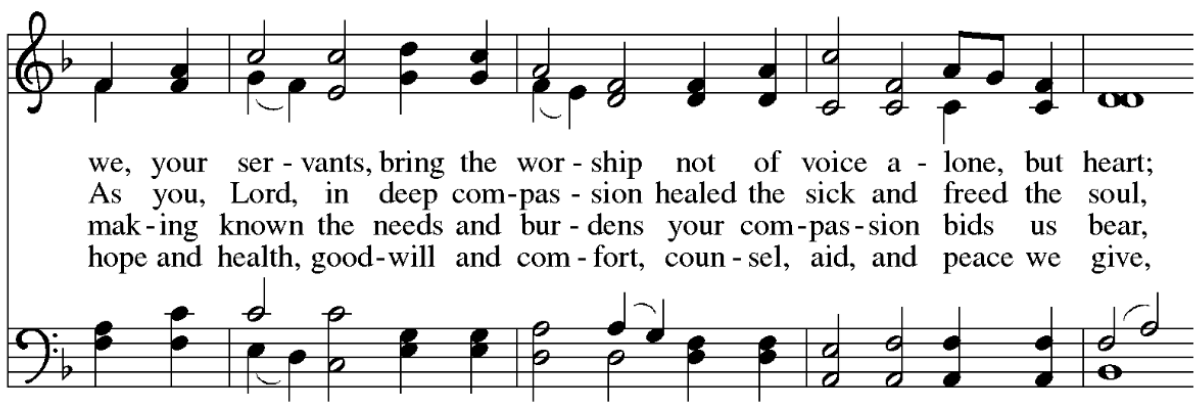
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



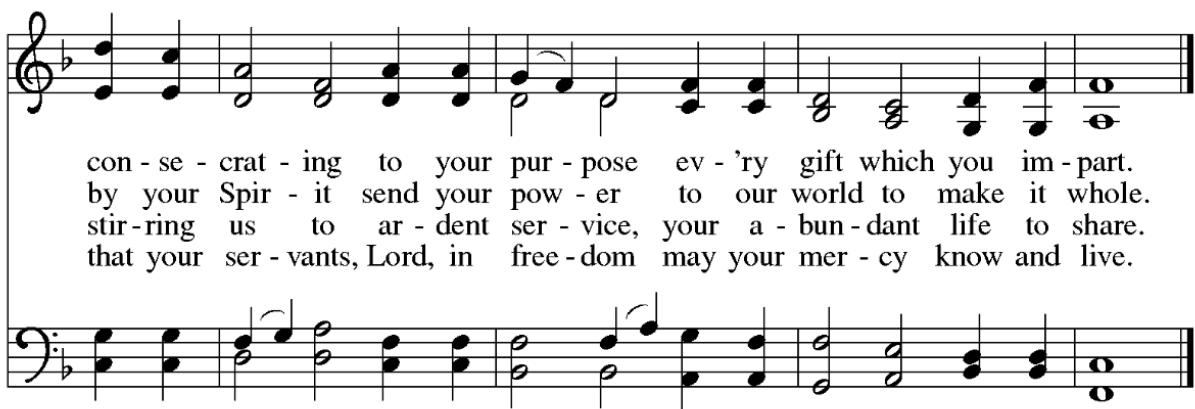
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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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 all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to the Lord, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be the Lord's servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the
nations on earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected the chosen people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected the people whom ages ago God chose.

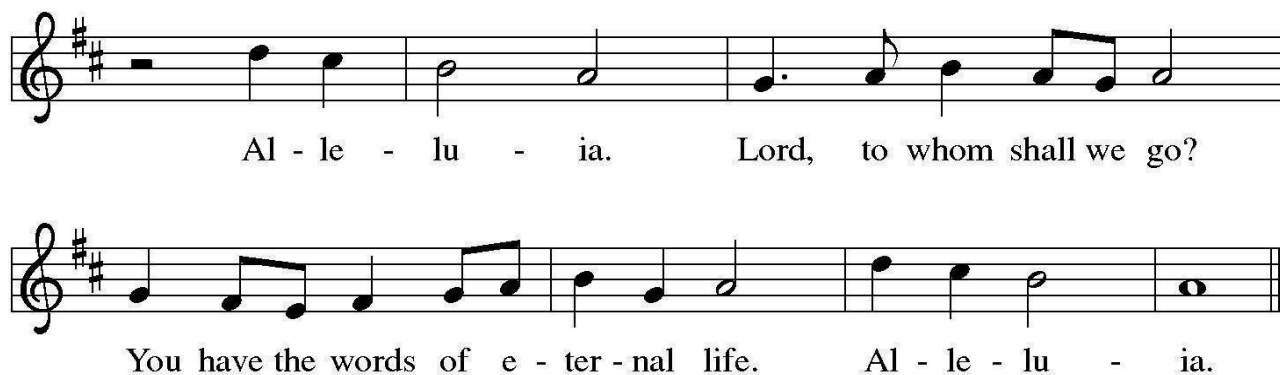
For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience in order to be merciful to all.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please Stand



Gospel Matthew 15: 21-28

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." Jesus answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #587

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

- 1 There's a wide-ness
2 There is wel-come
3 For the love of
4 'Tis not all we

in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:

there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy

lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows
in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands
ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row
through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;

are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for
by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -
let us take you at your word, and our lives will

where earth's fail - ings	have	such	kind - ly	judg - ment	giv'n.
fresh cre - a - tions	in	that	up - per	home of	bliss.
fy its strict - ness	with	a	zeal	God will	not own.
be thanks-giv - ing	for	the	good - ness	of the	Lord.

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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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

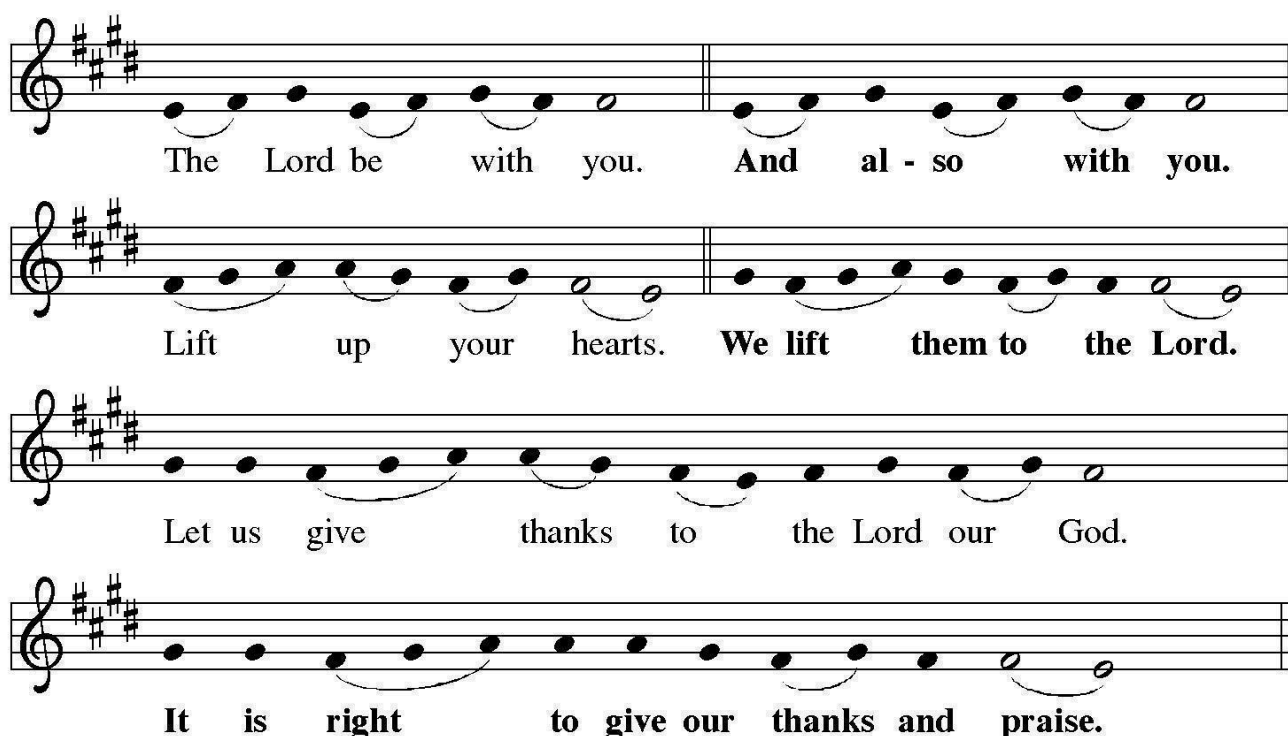
Offertory

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



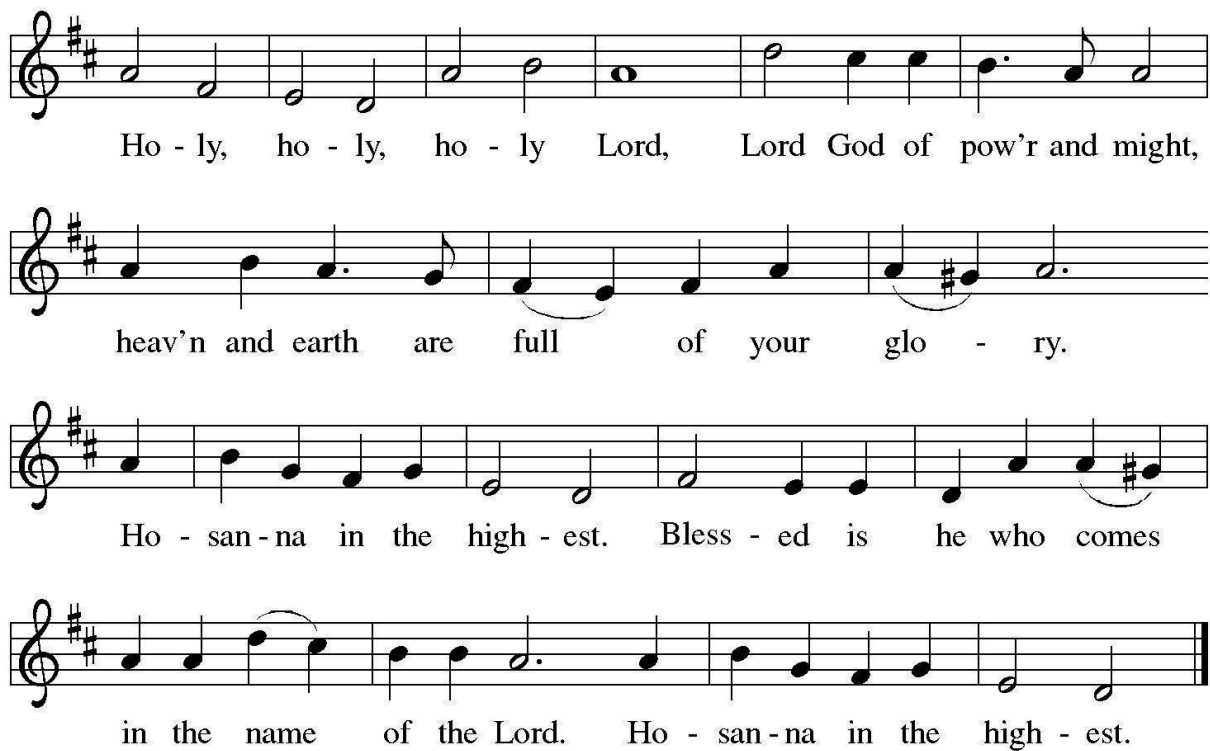
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Holy God, mighty and merciful,
your people praise you, saying:
Your mercy endures forever.

Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise
you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,
granting them life and calling them to flourish,
setting the sign of your bow in the clouds,
the colors of your love and faithfulness.
Your mercy endures forever.

Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise
you bound yourself to your people of old,
blessing them with family outnumbering the stars
and calling them to be a blessing to others,
showing them steadfast love in every generation
and calling them to be a light to the nations.
Your mercy endures forever.

Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise
you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved,
grafting us into your living Vine,
and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

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

With this bread and cup
we remember his life laid down and lifted up
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless us to be a blessing.
Make us a sign of your faithfulness.
Send us to tend and cherish the earth
and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With all the saints in light,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus,
in your Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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 #496

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless - ing which we bless, and we, though man - y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

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Communion Hymn #808

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931

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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.
Amen.

Sending Hymn #548

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed and then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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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:

Steve Olson

Pastor Sara Funkhouser

Valerie Shields

Leia Smith

Mark Chapman & Christine Lawson

McFarland Family

Vicki Cook

Preacher

Presider

Musician

Communion Assistant

Ushers

Lectors

Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 51:1-6*

Psalm: *Psalm 138*

Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-8*

Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-20*

Announcements:

Take Us Out to the Ballgame! Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in going to a Seattle Mariners game with Luther Memorial this Fall. We are happy to share that we will be heading to the game on **Saturday, September 5th!** The game is at **6:40 P.M.** against the Athletics. Our seats will be in right field, with minimal stairs. We have reserved 23 spots, 3 of which are ADA seats, but can always add more if there is even greater interest. As the game gets closer, we will coordinate heading down to the game together on the Link from church, for those who are interested in doing so. If you are interested in attending, please submit your name and payment to the office. Suggested donation is \$30, but we will be able to assist any who need help covering the cost. Please contact Pastor Sara if you have any questions. We're excited for this outing together!

August Grief Group Schedule: Our grief group will be gathering during the following times in August. 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, August 18th at 11:00 A.M.
- Thursday, August 27th at 2:00 P.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. 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

16	AUG, 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
17	AUG, MON	● 6:45 – 7:45pm	NA - Afterparty Group Celebration Hall
18	AUG, TUE	○ 11am – 12pm	Grief Group Narthex
		● 1 – 3pm	Quilting Group - Elaine Celebration Hall
		● 7 – 8pm	Church Council Meeting Zoom
20	AUG, THU	● All day	Pr. Sara Camp Rainbow Rec at Lutherwood (Day 1/4) LMLC Office
		● 6 – 9:30pm	Sound Harmony Sanctuary
21	AUG, FRI	● All day	Pr. Sara Camp Rainbow Rec at Lutherwood (Day 2/4) LMLC Office
		● 12 – 1pm	Pause for Prayer Zoom
22	AUG, SAT	● All day	Pr. Sara Camp Rainbow Rec at Lutherwood (Day 3/4) LMLC Office

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