

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 23 August 2026
+ 13th 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.

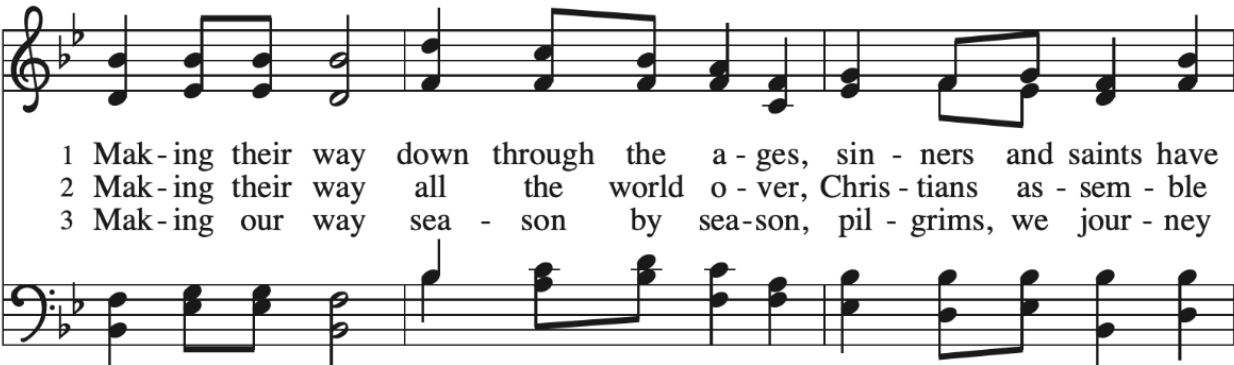
To you, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery,
be all praise and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

You may be seated.

Gathering Hymn ACS #979

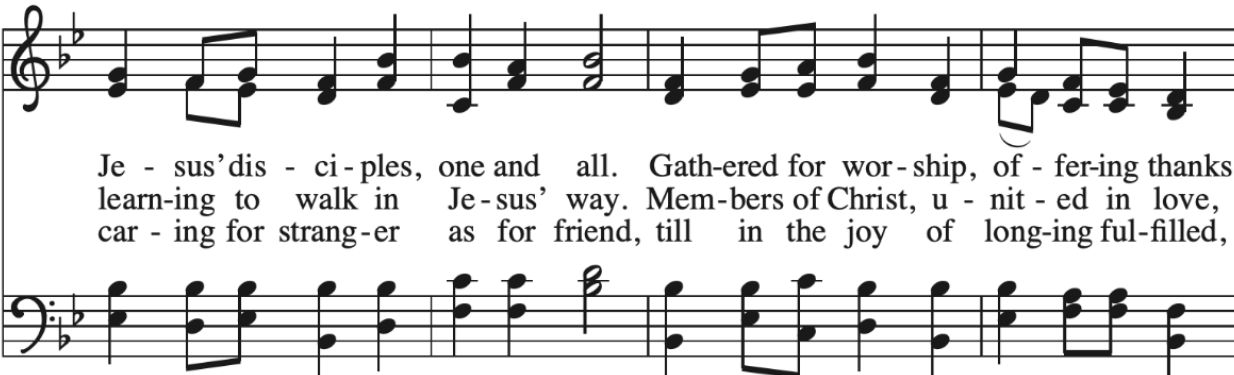
Making Their Way



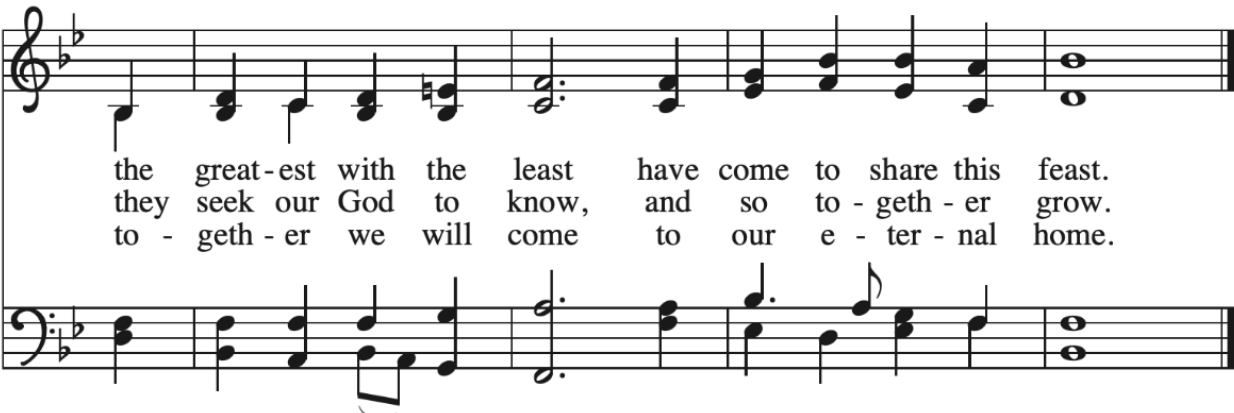
1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
 3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906–2003

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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:

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for Abraham was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion,
comfort all its waste places,
and will make its wilderness like Eden,
and its desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in Zion,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 138

Please Read Responsively

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all
things.**

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right
hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me;

**O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not
abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

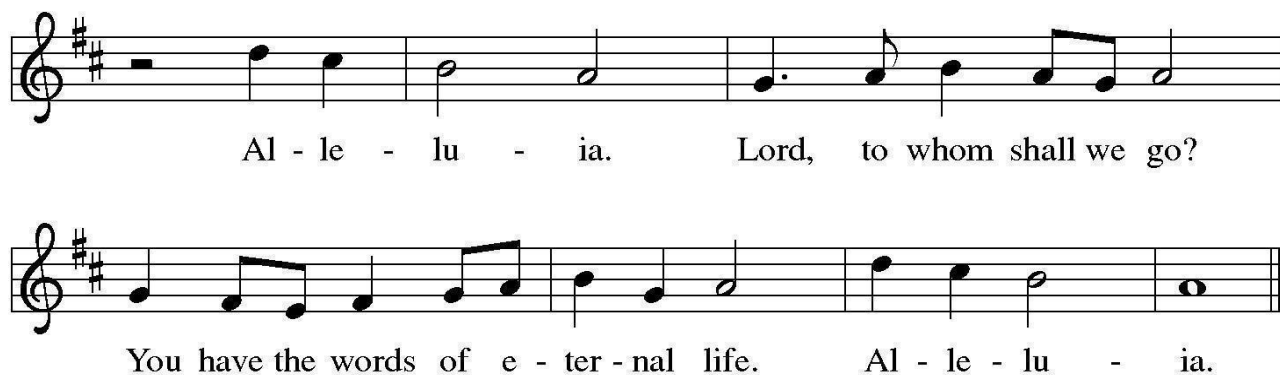
For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many parts, and not all the parts have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are parts one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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Gospel Acclamation

Please Stand



Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th Chapter

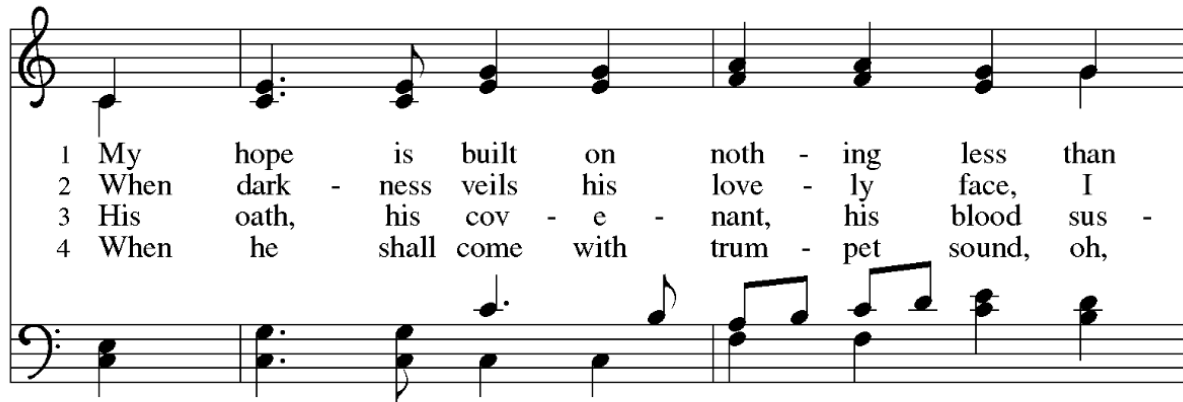
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son-of-Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the dominion of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

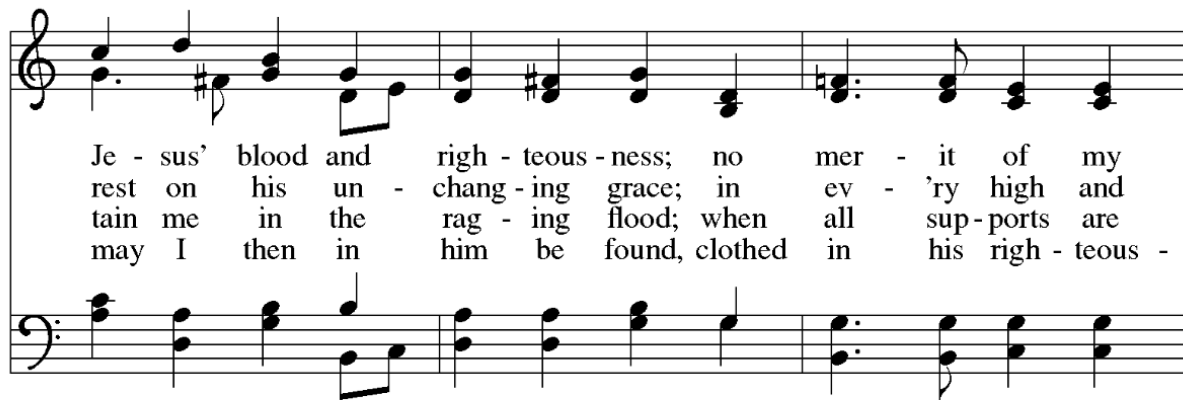
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

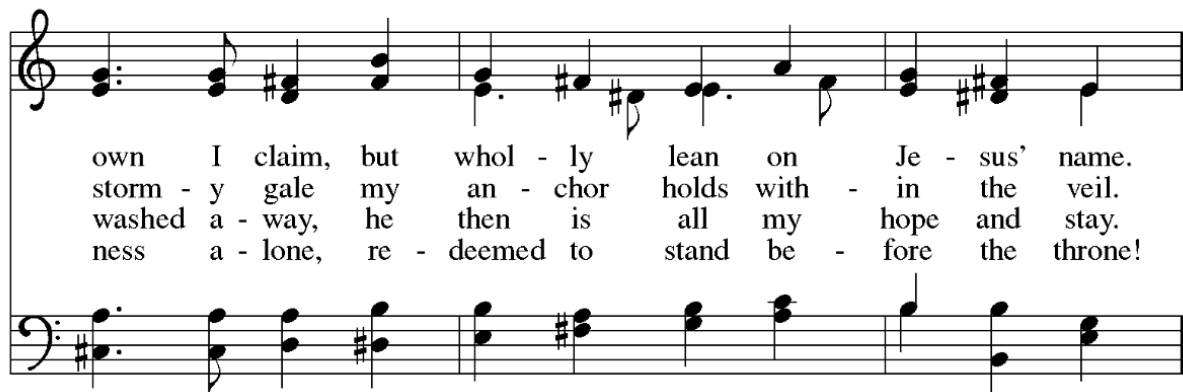
Sermon



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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,

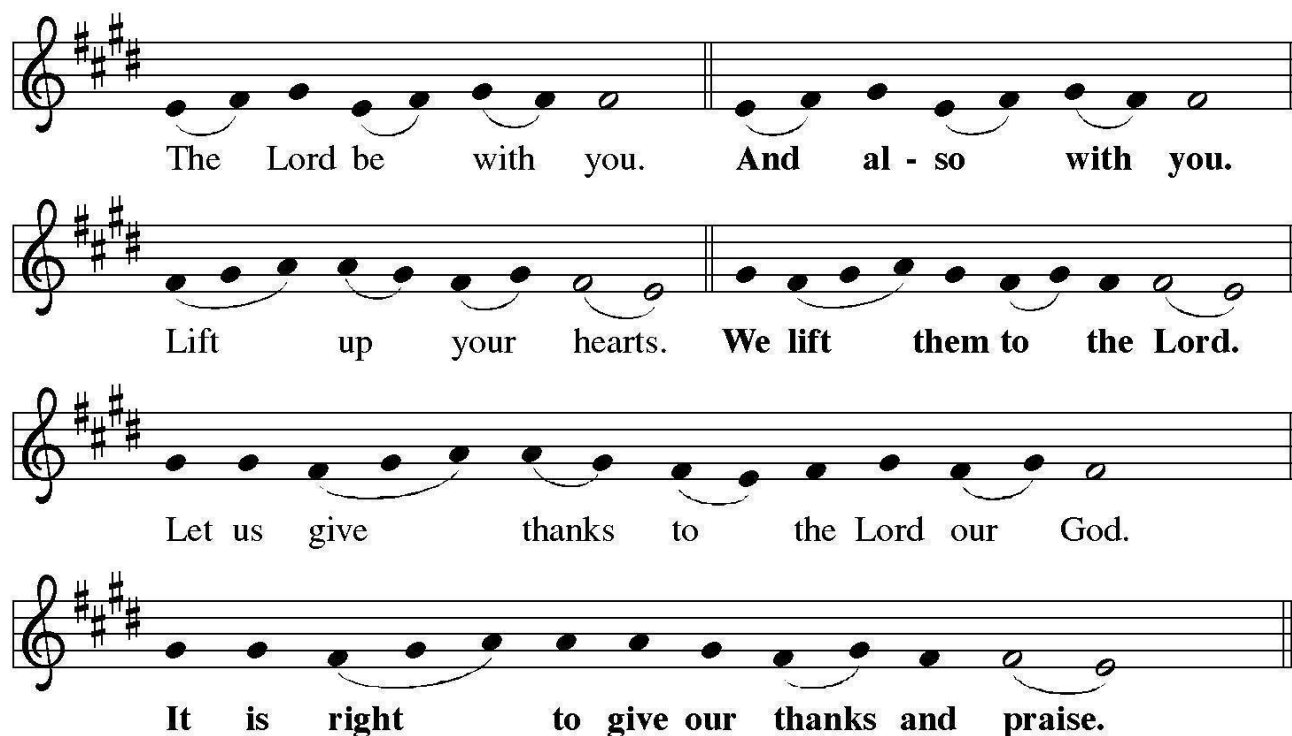
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

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.

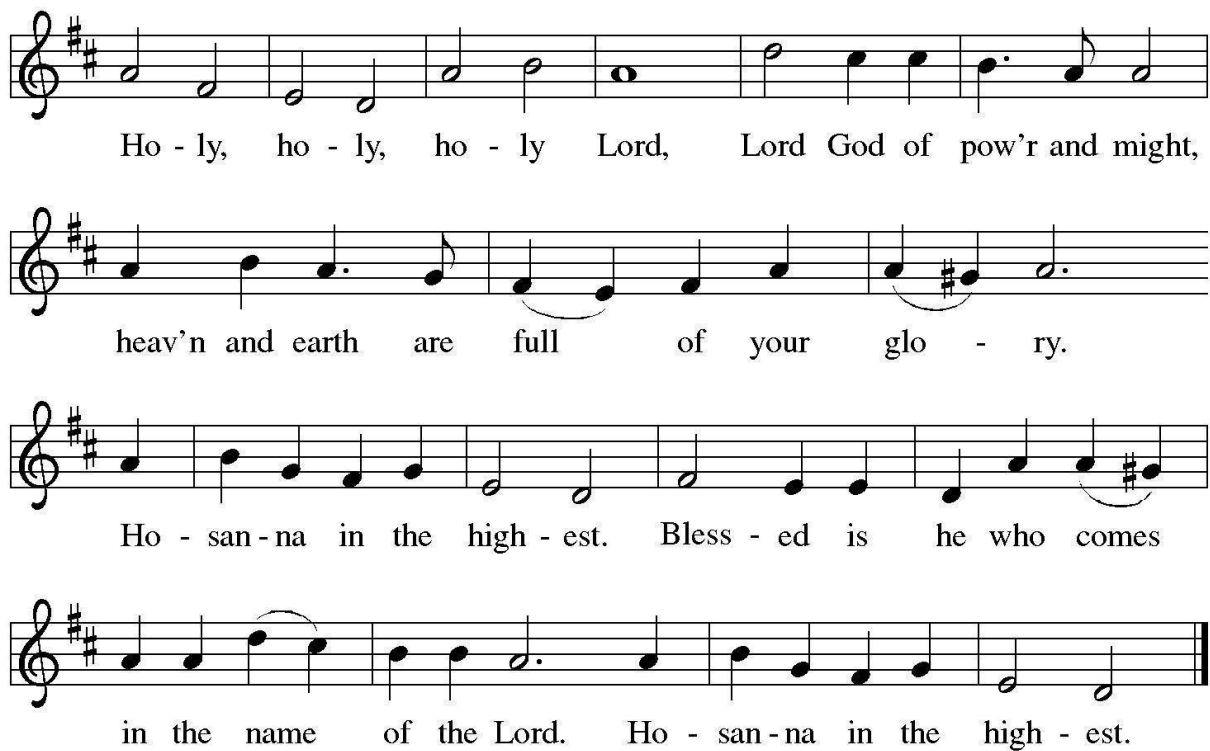
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

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, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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 #645

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

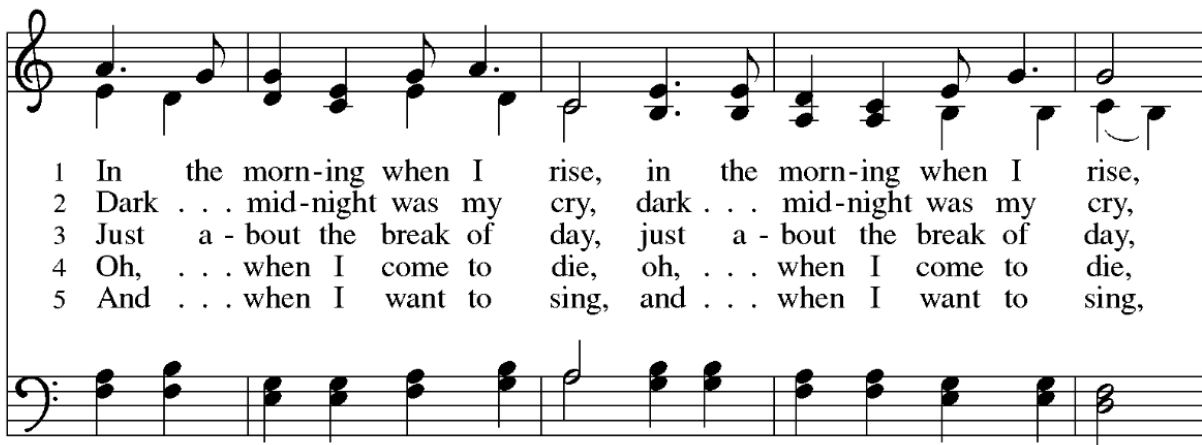
bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

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.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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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 #576

We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
 Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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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:

Vicar Heidi Francis

Cynthia Dario-Good

Laurie Meade

Carolyn Boswell & Lesley Morical

Gorden Trombley (1st & Psalm)

Donna Smith (2nd)

Vicki Cook

Preacher/Presider

Musician

Communion Assistant

Ushers

Lectors

Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

Psalm: *Psalm 26:1-8*

Second Reading: *Romans 12:9-21*

Gospel: *Matthew 16:21-28*

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 25th at 11:00 A.M. (rescheduled from August 18th)
- Thursday, August 27th at 2:00 P.M.

Upcoming Special Sunday Services: Mark your calendars for some special Sundays coming up in the next few weeks!

- August 30th: Blessing of the Backpacks for teachers and students; you're invited to bring your backpacks/teacher bags for a special blessing before the school year begins
- September 6th: Feast of Creation, the new holiday added to our liturgical calendar

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

Financial Reports

LMLC July Income Report:

Gross: \$12,913.58
 Net: \$ 12,293.84
 Feeding Ministry: \$150.00
 Roof Fund: \$125.00
 Room Use: \$155.00

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
 Financial Results Through July 31 2026

	As of 07/31/2026 Actual	As of 07/31/2026 Budget
Revenue		
Pledges	\$ 74,743.38	\$ 71,314.97
Non pledged Offerings	3,567.00	684.77
Room Use	4,988.00	2,577.77
Gifts and Income Other than Offerings	1,027.81	455.69
Unrestricted Revenue	\$ 84,326.19	\$ 75,033.20
In Kind Donations	\$ 3,574.52	\$ -
Feeding Ministry	1,340.00	4,901.07
Neighborhood Outreach	0.00	562.50
Restricted Revenue	\$ 4,914.52	\$ 5,463.57
Total Revenue	\$ 89,240.71	\$ 80,496.77
Expenses	Actual	Budget
Staff Compensation (Pastor, Office Admin, Musician, Bookkeeper Administrative	\$ 87,031.18	\$ 78,818.72
Property (includes In Kind Giving)	7,741.37	7,999.16
Worship & Music, Education	22,170.92	22,576.40
Fellowship (includes In Kind Giving)	860.58	1,196.34
Synod	1,804.93	416.67
	5,305.00	4,564.16
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 124,913.98	\$ 115,571.45
Outreach	478.91	1,162.50
Food Ministry (includes In Kind Giving)	4,010.71	4,591.10
Designated Funds Expenses	\$ 4,489.62	\$ 5,753.60
Total Expenses	\$ 129,403.60	\$ 121,325.05
Operating Surplus/(Shortage)	\$ (40,162.89)	\$ (40,828.28)
Withdrawal from Ministry Growth Fund	22,000.00	24,000.00
Net Surplus/(Shortage)	\$ (18,162.89)	\$ (16,828.28)

Although 'In Kind Giving' does not enter into the budgeting process, there is a desire to know the value of that received and the distribution of its usage. Consequently, the value of the item is entered to an account in the revenue section and, at the same time a charge of equal amount is made to the applicable expense account. The distribution of the \$3,575 In Kind Giving received through July 31 is; Fellowship - \$1,693, Feeding Ministry - \$1,578 and Maintenance - \$304. These entries have no impact on the bottom line.

LMLC's contribution to Synod is a % of LMLC's non-designated revenue. Although listed in the expense section for accounting purposes, it is one effort toward meeting LMLC's mission statement: Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community.

Feeding Ministry

Balance January 1 2026	4104.84
Donations	
Cash	1340.00
In kind (Where known)	1577.66
Expenses (including 'in kind' goods)	<u>-4010.71</u>
Balance July 31 2026	<u>3011.79</u>

Roof Fund

Received Jan 1 2024 – June 30 2026	27560.69	
Giving In Kind	<u>296.09</u>	
	<u>27856.78</u>	
Paid from Roof Fund direct to roofing company	-8447.09	
Repayment to MGF (A)	-12000.00	
Giving In Kind utilized	<u>-296.09</u>	
	<u>-20743.18</u>	
Balance in BECU as of July 31 2026	<u>7113.60</u>	(B)

(A) – Rather than actually transferring repayment of \$12,000 to MGF and, at the same time, requesting \$12,000 be transferred from MGF to LMLC as the 2nd quarter withdrawal, the same result was accomplished by a journal voucher entry. No money actually moved.

MGF Account	12000.00	
LMLC BECU Account (Roof Fund)		12000.00
Repayment to LMLC's MGF account for funds withdrawn for roof repair.		
LMLC BECU Account	12000.00	
MGF Account		12000.00
Quarterly withdrawal of funds		

(B) – for MGF reimbursement

Upcoming Events

23	AUG, SUN	All day	Pr. Sara Camp Rainbow Rec at Lutherwood (Day 4/4)	LMLC Office
		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
24	AUG, MON	6:45 – 7:45pm	NA - Afterparty Group	Celebration Hall
27	AUG, THU	2 – 3pm	Grief Group	Narthex
		6 – 9:30pm	Sound Harmony	Sanctuary
28	AUG, FRI	12 – 1pm	Pause for Prayer	Zoom
		6 – 8pm	NAMI	Library

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