

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 11 October 2026
+ 20th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

Prelude

Song of India (Rimsky-Korsakov)

Confession and Forgiveness

Please Stand

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

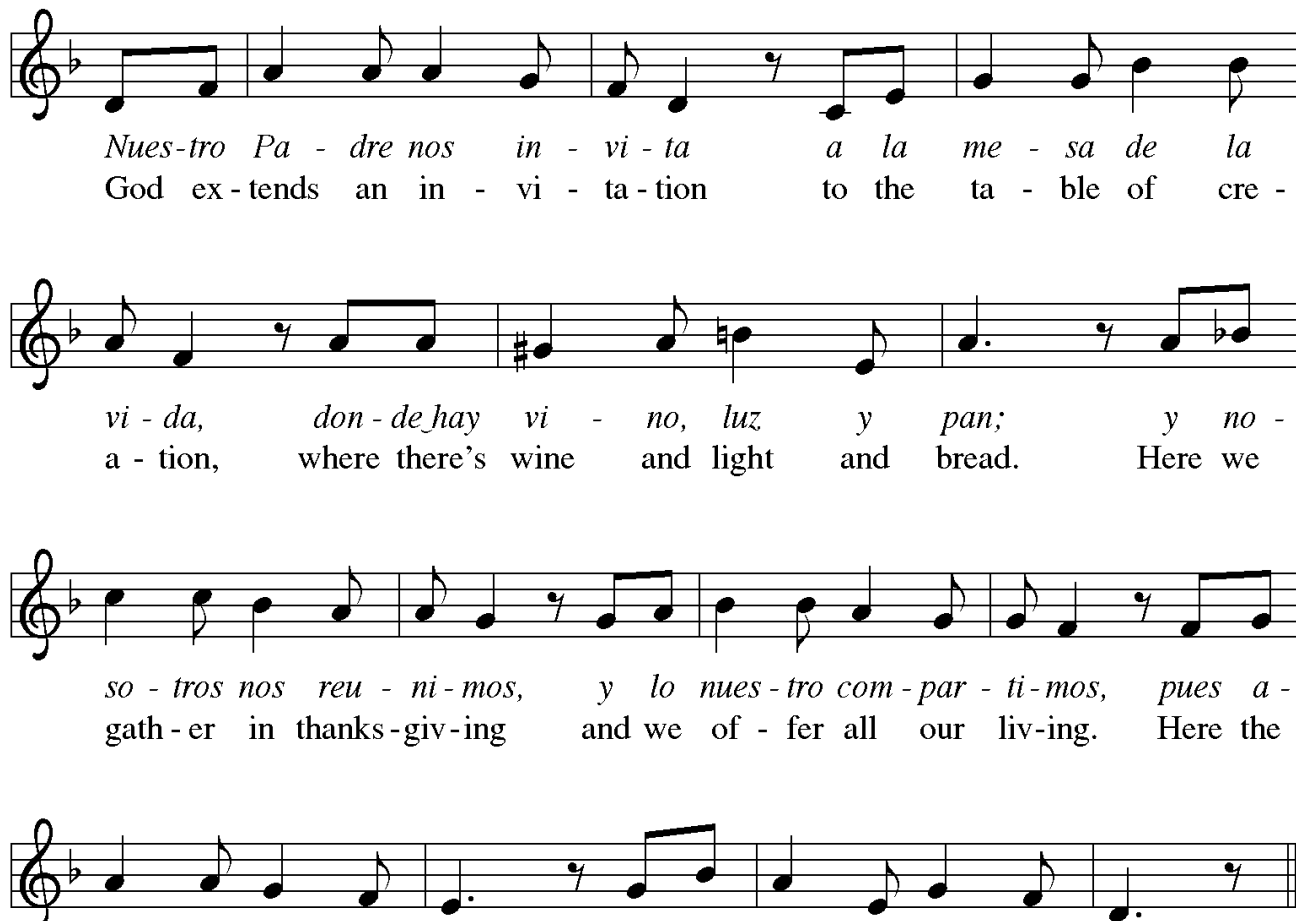
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

You may be seated.

Gathering Hymn #486

God Extends an Invitation



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics in Spanish and English. The lyrics are:
Line 1: *Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la* / *God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -*
Line 2: *vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -* / *a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we*
Line 3: *so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -* / *gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the*
Line 4: *sí es la co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.* / *feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.*

Text: Miria T. Kolling; English and Spanish tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: NUESTRO PADRE, Miria T. Kolling
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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.

Canticle of Praise: *This is the Feast*

Refrain

Assisting minister

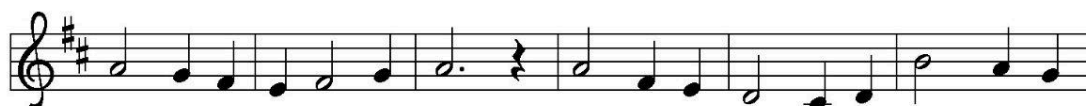


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And the Lord will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
the Lord will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of the chosen people God will take away from all the
earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God, for whom we have waited, so that God might save
us.
This is the Lord from whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of the Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall
fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort
me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Second Reading Philippians 4: 1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 22:1-14

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The dominion of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Prayer Stations

Instead of our usual Prayers of Intercession, today you are invited to bring your prayers before God however feels most comfortable for you, whether that is praying in your seat, walking around, lighting a candle at the cross, drawing, painting a rock, writing on a wooden block and adding it to our prayer stack, getting creative with Play-Doh and Air Dry Clay, or writing your prayer on dissolvable paper and then placing it in the water. No matter how we bring our prayers to God, we trust that God hears them and welcomes our diversity of prayerful expression.

Peace

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

Elegie (Massenet)

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Please stand

P: God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

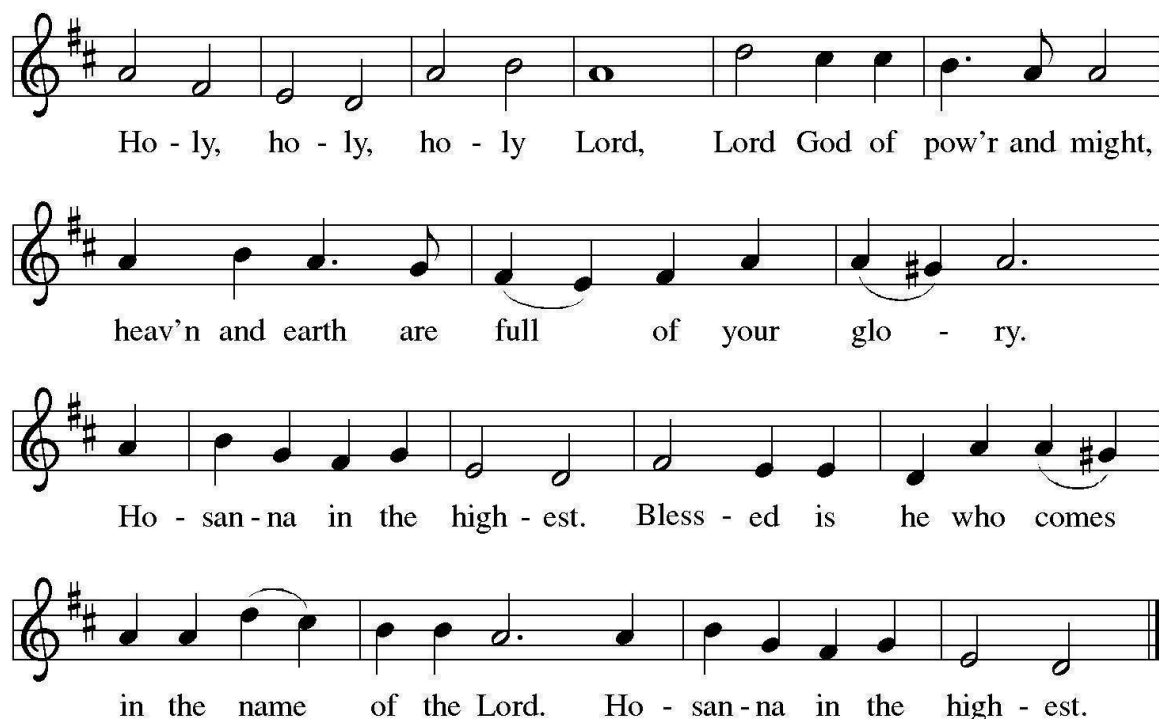
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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, 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.

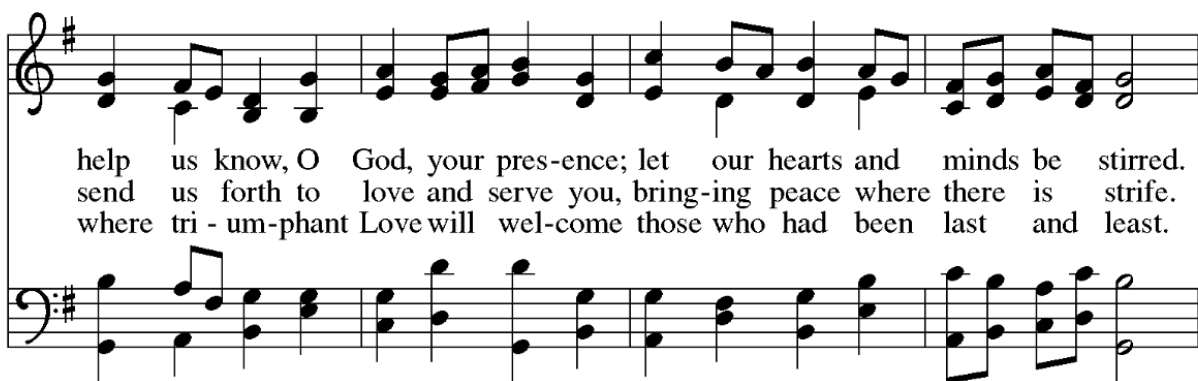
You may also come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn #522

As We Gather at Your Table



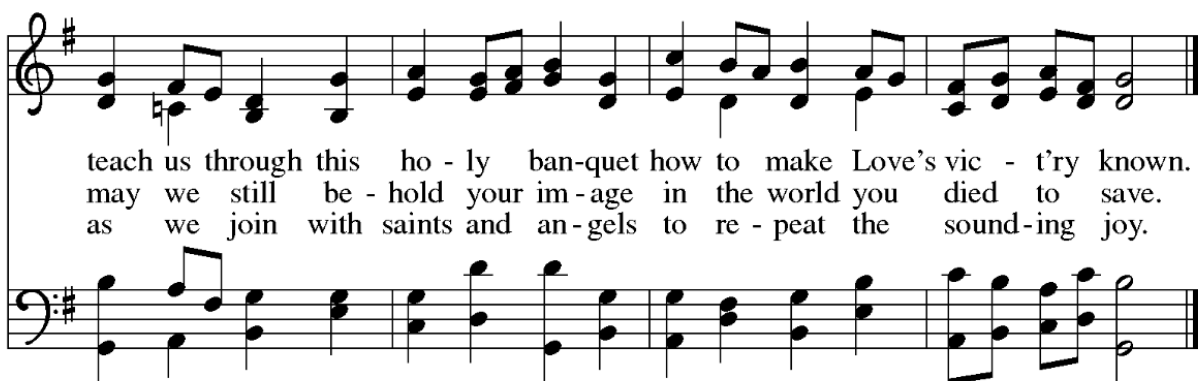
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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Communion Hymn #491

Come Let Us Eat

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.

Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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Post-communion Prayer

P: Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve your world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
C: Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
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 our 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.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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Postlude

Waltz in A Flat (Brahms)

Dismissal

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Sara Funkhouser

Chrissie Goldstein

Laurie Meade

Raj & Colleen Lingappaiah

McFarland Family

Lollie Ellingson

Preacher/Presider

Musician

Communion Assistant

Ushers

Lectors

Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 45:1-7*

Psalm: *Psalms 96:1-9*

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 22:15-22*

Announcements:

Journeying Together: In an effort to give us more time to engage with one another, our Lutheran tradition, and Scripture, we are going to start a new activity twice-monthly beginning, today, October 11th after worship. Whether you are interested in becoming a member, you're a long-time member, or you're just interested in learning more about the Lutheran tradition, all are welcome to join!

We will determine the pattern of the meetings together, but it will include the following components: a brief lesson on a theological topic, Bible Study, small group discussion, and time to gather around a meal together.

Bell Choir Resumes October 11th: In preparation for Christmas, our Bell Choir will be resuming rehearsals today, Sunday, October 11th! The rehearsals will be after worship. Whether you have been in the bell choir before or you would like to give it a shot, all are welcome to join in joyful bell ringing! Please see Chrissie after worship if you are interested.

Pastor Sara Out of the Office October 16th-17th: Pastor Sara will be out of the office for a work trip late October 15th through early on the 18th. Her flights are coordinated so that she will (God-willing) be back in time for worship on Sunday morning. Either way, Pastor Andy Yee, the Assistant to the Bishop of the NWWA Synod will be joining us for worship that morning and will be preaching; we're excited to have him be a part of our worship!

Seekers: Are you interested in joining a wonderful group of people on Wednesday mornings for a time of fellowship and Bible Study? The Seekers group meets in the Sunday School room on Wednesday mornings from 9:30a-11:00a! This fall, they will be studying the book of Psalms. All are welcome to join!

Read-a-Rama Dinner Volunteers Needed: We are seeking volunteers to provide dinner for approximately 20 students and staff of Club Read-a-Rama on Wednesdays after school. Their program runs from 3:30-5:30 P.M. This year, all of the activities will be at Compass Broadview, but a staff member will come over around 4:45 P.M. to transport the food.

Like in the Spring, if you can't be here to make the food, you are welcome to drop it off and we can heat it up. Also, if you would like to contribute, but are unable to prepare food, you are welcome to make a financial donation, and we can order food like pizza or sandwiches for the kids. They recommend keeping meals simple, i.e macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, pizza, dino nuggets, etc. There are currently 17 students registered. In terms of dietary restrictions, many of the kids cannot eat pork, and one cannot have dairy. Please reach out to Pastor Sara if you have any questions.

LiVE Project: The LiVE Project is a ministry of the Northwest Washington Synod that stands for "Living into Vocational Engagement," and it is designed to help give all congregation members and leaders a chance to more fully engage with their callings to be God's people. This happens across various different platforms and means, including weekly Zoom courses and one-day retreats. One of the offerings of this project is a "Congregational Bundle," which allows us to pay a one-time cost and then anyone in the congregation who wishes to attend any of the events is able to do that at no cost to them.

These events are a great way to dive into your own faith and get to know members of other congregations around the Synod! . If you are interested in attending any of the events, please reach out to Pastor Sara or Jian for the Congregational Bundle code so that you can register for free!

Seeking Worship Volunteers: As our worship community continues to grow, we would love to have more folks join our monthly rotation of worship assistants! We are currently seeking more people to add to our lector (reading) schedule, as well as our ushering team. Pastor Sara would also love to talk about bringing back assisting ministers to help with the prayers and general service leadership. If you are interested in any of these roles or have more questions about what they would entail, please email Pastor Sara!

Food Pantry Donations: We do not currently have a specific food pantry donation theme, 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
- Hygiene products: toothbrush, toothpaste, period products, soap, etc.

As the weather begins to cool off, we will start putting out fresh produce again, think apples, oranges, pears, etc.! In the meantime, if you have an abundance from your garden that you would like to share, please feel free to place it in the pantry, as many people greatly appreciate it.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Upcoming Events

11	OCT, SUN	●	9:30 – 10:15am	Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
		●	10:30 – 11:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Sanctuary
		●	11:45am – 12:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
		●	4 – 6pm	Skandia Society Rehearsal Celebration Hall
		●	6:30 – 7:30pm	NA Pink Progress Club Celebration Hall
12	OCT, MON	●	9:30 – 10am	Office Closed for Indigenous Peoples Day LMLC Office
		●	6:45 – 7:45pm	NA - Afterparty Group Celebration Hall
13	OCT, TUE	●	6:30 – 9pm	Seattle Photograph Society 1 Celebration Hall
14	OCT, WED	●	9:30 – 11am	Seekers Bible Study Library
15	OCT, THU	●	6 – 9:30pm	Sound Harmony Sanctuary
16	OCT, FRI	●	12 – 1pm	Pause for Prayer Zoom

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