

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 18 October 2026
+ 21st 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,
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 #841

Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

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:

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to Cyrus, the Lord's anointed,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip rulers of their robes,
to open doors before Cyrus—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

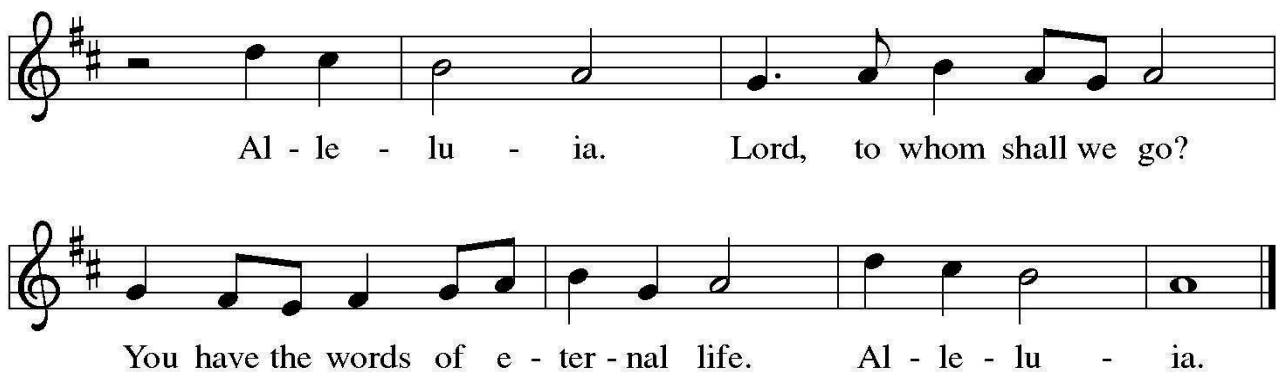
We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that God has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for God's Son from heaven, whom God raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 22:15-22

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to Jesus, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then Jesus said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

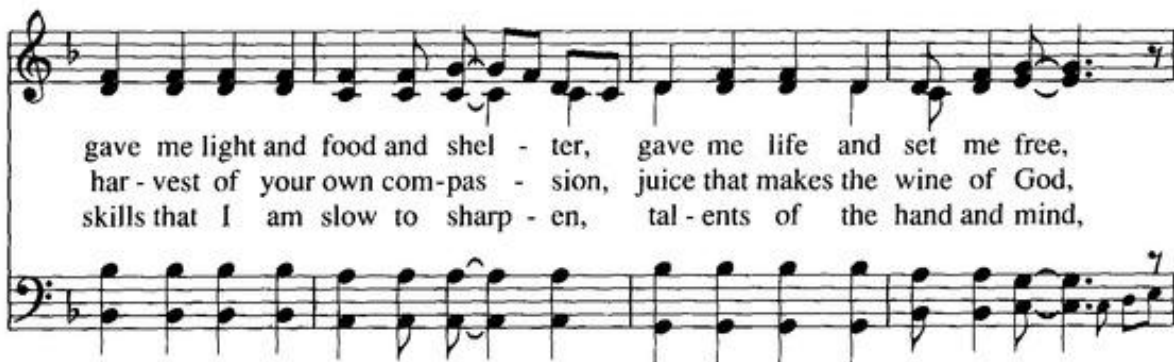
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

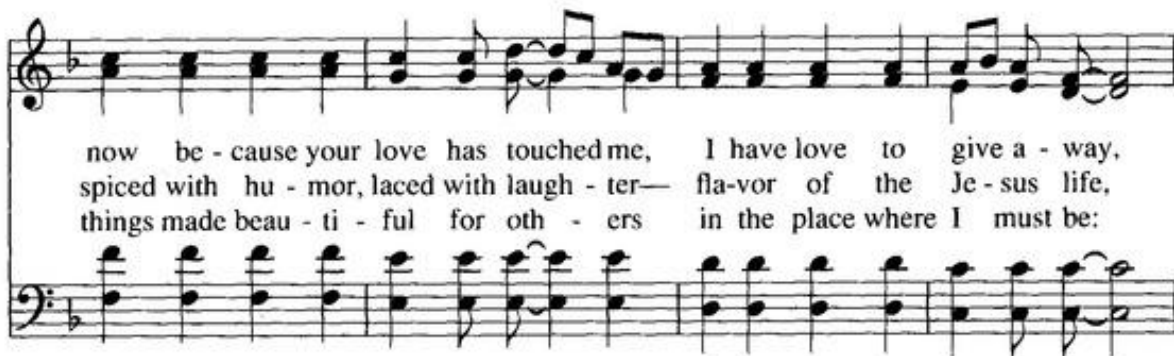
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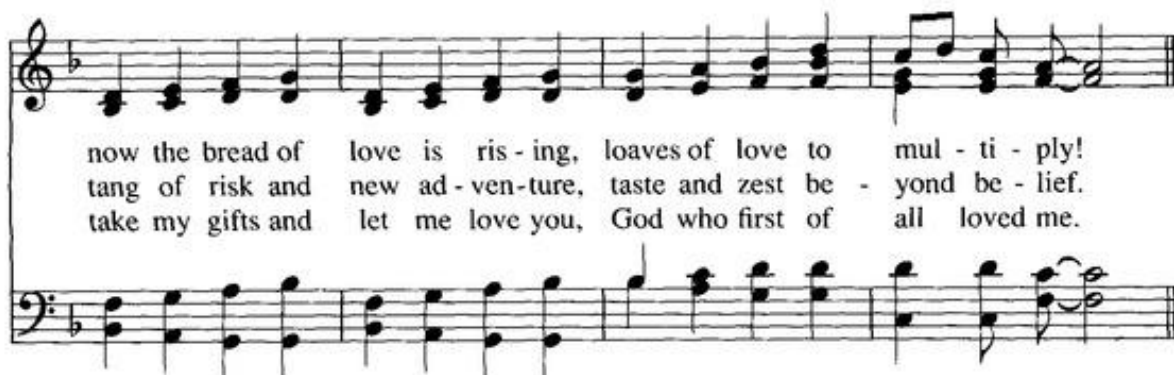
1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
 2 Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir - it sowed,
 3 Take what - ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet to find,



gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,
 har - vest of your own com - pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,
 skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,



now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,
 spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,
 things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:



now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!
 tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.
 take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Shirley Erena Murray recounted that Colin Gibson composed this tune for her stewardship text "almost instantaneously." Gibson has served as professor at the University of Otago, as well as organist and choir director in Dunedin, New Zealand.

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE 8.7.8.7.D.

Colin Gibson, 1991

Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

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

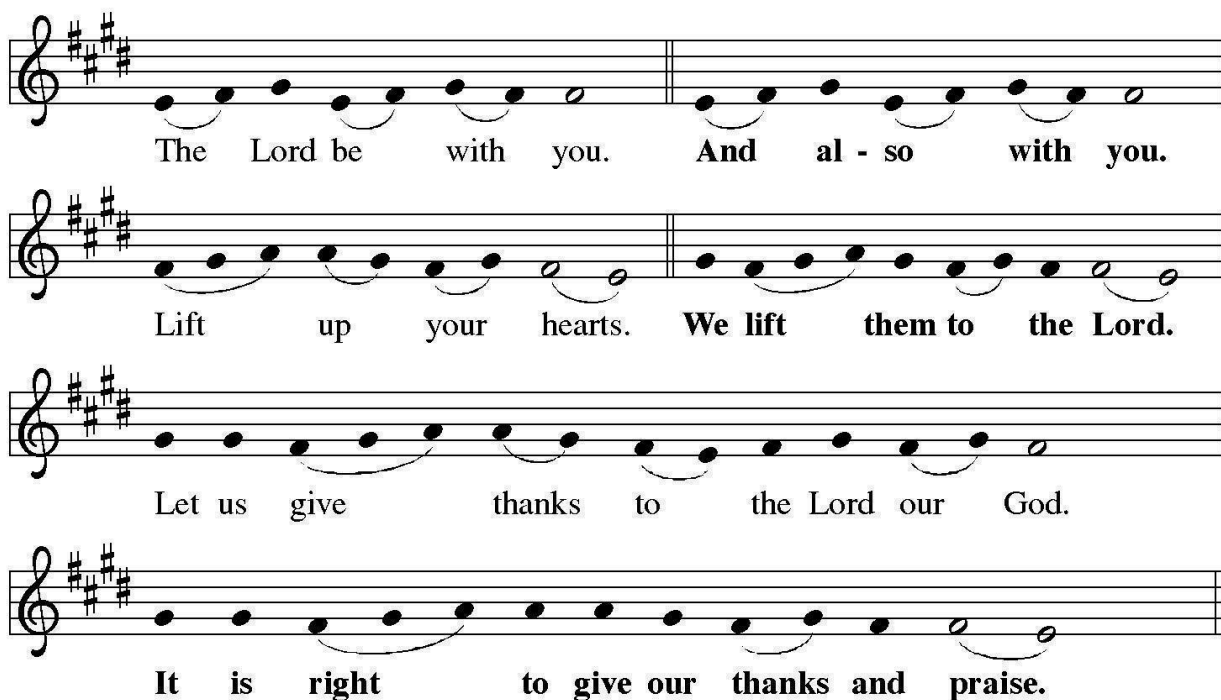
Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Please stand

P: 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



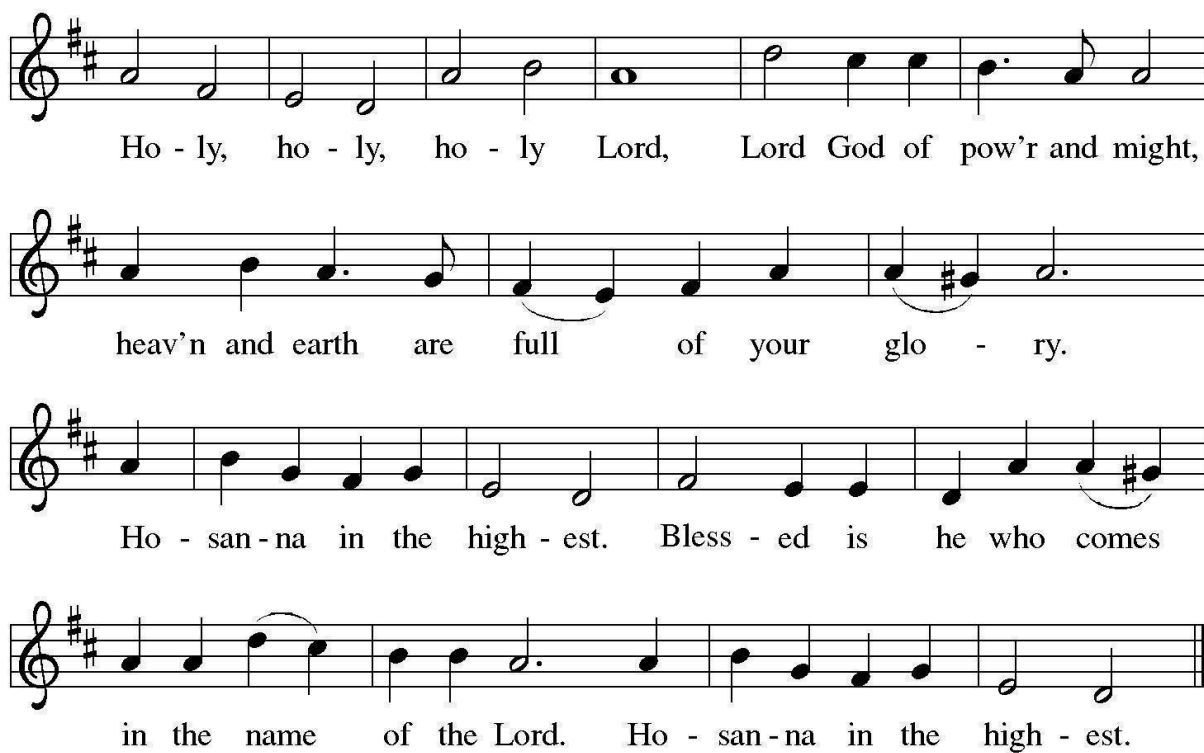
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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 #469 *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.



Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952
Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Communion Hymn #744

Lord, Be Glorified

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic foundation.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick

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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

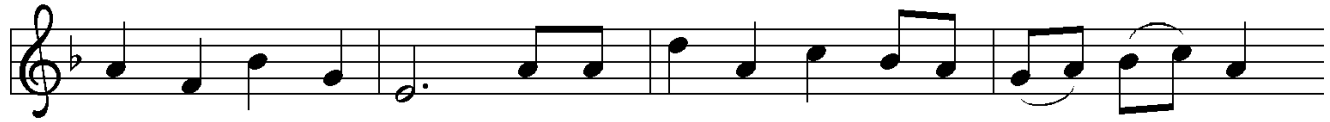
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn #709

When Our Song Says Peace



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will
2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will
3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.
who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: JENKINS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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Postlude

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Andy Yee

Pastor Sara Funkhouser

Assisting Minister

Chrissie Goldstein

Keiko Long

Carolyn Boswell & Gordon Trembley

Julie Moe (1st & psalm)

Chris Foss (2nd)

Lollie Ellingson

Preacher

Presider

Steve Olson

Musician

Communion Assistant

Ushers

Lectors

Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18*

Psalm: *Psalm 1*

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

Gospel: *Matthew 22:34-46*

Financial Reports

Gross - \$9671.98

Net - \$7930.27

Roof Fund - \$250.00

Feeding Ministry - \$40.00

Room Use - \$358.91

Memorial Garden - \$500.00

Feeding Ministry

Balance January 1 2026	4,104.84
Donations	
Cash	1,505.00
In kind (Where known)	1,685.64
Expenses (including 'in kind' goods)	<u>(4,557.16)</u>
Balance September 30 2026	<u>2,738.32</u>

Roof Fund

Received Jan 1 2024 – Sept 30 2026	28,320.69	
Giving In Kind	<u>296.09</u>	
	28,616.78	
Paid from Roof Fund direct to roofing company	(8,447.09)	
Repayment to MGF (A)	(12,000.00)	
Giving In Kind utilized	<u>(296.09)</u>	
	(20,743.18)	
Balance in BECU as of September 30 2026	<u>7,873.60</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	12,000.00	
LMLC BECU Account (Roof Fund)		12,000.00
Repayment to LMLC's MGF account for funds withdrawn for roof repair.		
LMLC BECU Account	12,000.00	
MGF Account		12,000.00
Quarterly withdrawal of funds		

(B) – for MGF reimbursement

Announcements:

Bell Choir Resumes October 18th: In preparation for Christmas, our Bell Choir resumed rehearsals! 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.

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 25-30 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.

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!

Grief Group: Our grief group will be moving to regularly scheduled times on Wednesday mornings, with our next grief group gathering being on Wednesday, October 21st, at 11:00 A.M. at church.

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 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, all are welcome to join! We will not be meeting October 25th, but we will meet again on November 8th.

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.

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. So, we decided to give that a try this year, especially since many people have been asking for more opportunities for education and engagement!

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!

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
- Hygiene products: toothbrush, toothpaste, period products, soap, etc.

As the weather begins to cool off, we will hopefully be able to start putting out fresh produce again! 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!

18	OCT, SUN	9:30 – 10:15am	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
		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	
19	OCT, MON	6:45 – 7:45pm	NA - Afterparty Group	Celebration Hall	
20	OCT, TUE	1 – 3pm	Quilting Group - Elaine	Celebration Hall	
		7 – 8pm	Church Council Meeting	Zoom	
21	OCT, WED	9:30 – 11am	Seekers Bible Study	Library	
22	OCT, THU	6 – 9:30pm	Sound Harmony	Sanctuary	
23	OCT, FRI	12 – 1pm	Pause for Prayer	Zoom	
		6 – 8pm	NAMI	Library	

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