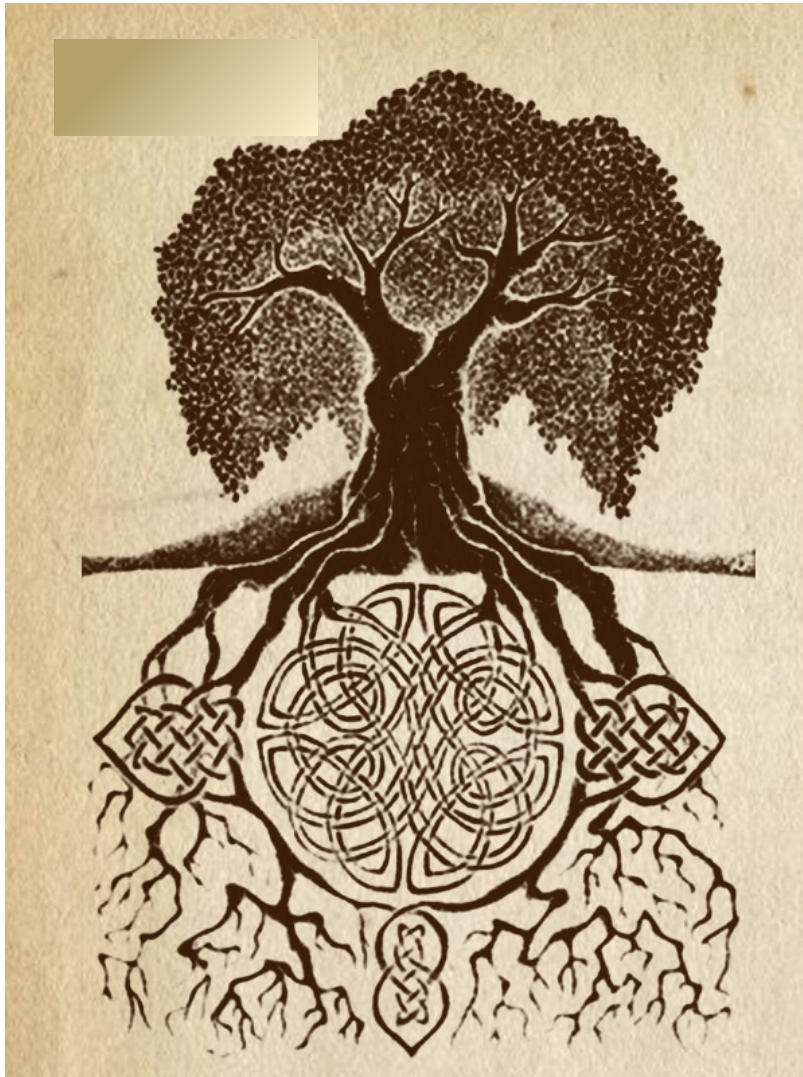




9th Sunday after Pentecost

Being

26 July 2026, 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME!



*As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.*

OUR VISION *In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.*

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- **Communion can be taken at your seat; please let an usher know.**

We are gathered on this land, which touches the shared waters of the peoples of the Suquamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot Nations. This is God's creation and home to the Coast Salish peoples, whose long history, voices, and practices call inhabitants to loving stewardship, faithful advocacy, and inclusive story-telling. We honor the Creator's presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and proclaim our interconnectedness with God's creation and all its creatures.

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In this service:

*W&P 22, Bring forth the kingdom **00026**
ELW 172 - Halle, Halle, Hallelujah **04366**
ELW 681, We plow the fields and scatter **PD**
W&P 122, Seek ye first **400**
ELW 793 Be thou my vision **PD**
ACS 1042 May this church be like a tree **13856***

**Asterisks: You are invited to stand in body
or in spirit*

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC

Gianfranco Foddai

*BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Remember that we were at a time without Christ, being aliens...[and] strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near.

He has made...in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and so he might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross.
(*Ephesians 2:12-16*)

The God who made the world and everything in it, God who is Lord of heaven and earth,...gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

From one ancestor God made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth...so that they would search for and perhaps fumble about for and find God—

though indeed God is not far from each one of us. (*Acts 17:24-27*)

So Christ came and proclaimed peace to us who were far off and peace to those who were near,

for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. (*Ephesians 2:17-18*)

So then, we are no longer strangers and aliens, but we are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone;

in Christ the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom we also are being built together spiritually into a dwelling place of God. (*Ephesians 2:17-22*)

For we are what he has made us,
created in Christ ✚ Jesus for good works. (*Ephesians 2:10*)

For ‘In him we live and move and have our being.’ (*Acts 17:26-28*)

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)
And also with you.

*OPENING SONG

Bring Forth the Kingdom



1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the king-dom of God!



Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the cit - y of God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Wonderful Counselor, as you open your word through the light of Christ, help us to understand and live in light of your commands for our lives, with all our heart. Order our footsteps in your word, and let iniquity and oppression have no rule over us. Turn to us and be gracious to us in love for your name's sake. Reveal your presence so we may serve your purposes and keep your teachings.

(adapted from lectionary; Psalm 119:129-136)

Raise us up as descendents of our ancestors in faith, and—like living stones—let us be built into a spiritual house through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(adapted, Matthew 3:9, 1 Peter 2:4-5)

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Romans 8:26-39

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;
and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.
(Colossians 3:16)

Hear what the Spirit is saying. **Our ears and hearts are open.**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, **but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.** And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. **Who will separate us from the love of Christ?** Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

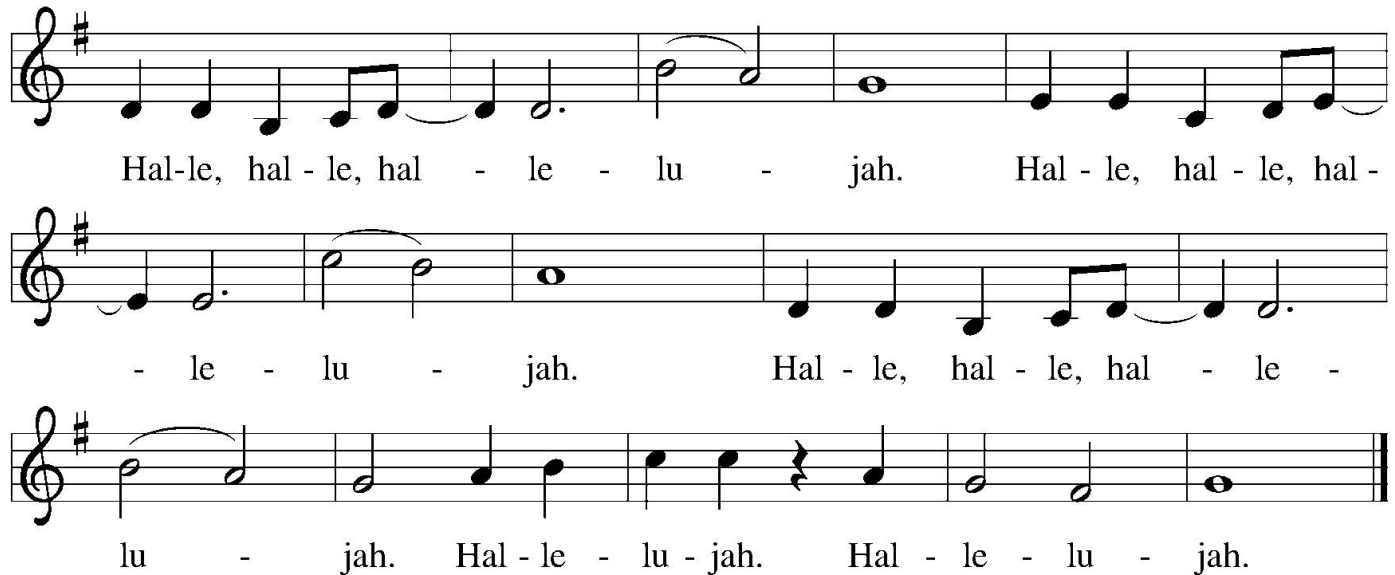
No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (*2 Corinthians 4:4*)

Glory to you, O Lord!

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, **so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.**"

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "**Yes.**" And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. (*2 Corinthians 4:5*)

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

The King of Teamwork

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

to Refrain

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Music accompanies the prayers, as they are spoken.

The same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (*Romans 10:12-13*)

Silence for contemplation.

After offering a prayer, please close with the words,

“God in your mercy,” and we will all respond with the refrain:

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer_____

Gracious God,
 may we abide in the love of Christ,
 that these prayers may be fulfilled in us,
 doing as he commanded—that his joy may be in us,
 and our joy may be complete.
 All these things we have spoken
 and those we’ve prayed in our hearts,
 we commend to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**
 (*adapted, John 15:9-11*)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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*PEACE

“Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.” (*Colossians 3:12-15*)

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*We greet each other with sign of Christ's peace
by gesture and word, such as “Peace be with you.”*

OFFERING

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. (*Ephesians 1:3-4*)

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or by scanning the QR Code.



OFFERING MUSIC

U2 - One

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Spirit of the Living God,
**unite the varieties of gifts and services
you have given us for the common good.**
As in one body we have many members,
so may we, who are many, be one in the body of Christ. Amen.
(*adapted, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, and Romans 12:4-6*)

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And also 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 God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God;
When your goodness and loving kindness appeared, you saved us,
not because of any works of righteousness that we had done,
but according to your mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
This Spirit you have poured out on us richly
through Jesus Christ our Savior. (*adapted, Titus 3:4-6*)

He was in the beginning with you.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
And what has come into being in him is life. (*John 1:2-4*)

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.
(*1 Corinthians 11:23-24*)

Joined to Christ through these gifts,
bring us to bear the fruits of salvation,
giving thanks as your beloved people.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
sanctify ✙ us, so we may keep the teachings of the gospel,
and stand firm in the traditions of faith,
so your church may live its call,
and fulfill the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**
(*adapted, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15*)

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Matthew 6:10-13)

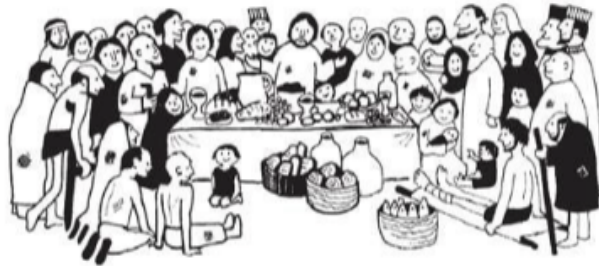
We speak in the languages of our hearts:

**Our Father in heaven,
holy be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Many of us have experienced
rejection, exclusion, and marginalization
at different times in our lives,
but we come here,
knowing we will not be turned away.
So come, whether this is your first time,
or your hundredth.
All who have tried to follow—
all God's people needing healing and wholeness;
Come to this simple feast. God's table is big enough for all of us.

All Are Welcome
to commune, including children (as parents permit).

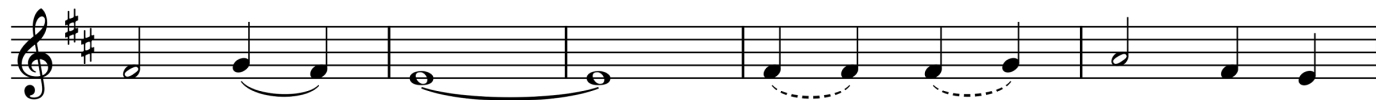


COMMUNION HYMN

Seek Ye First



1. Seek Ye___ first the___ king - dom of God and God's
 2. Hu - mans shall not live by bread a - lone but by___
 3. Ask and___ it shall be gi - ven un - to you; seek and___
 4. If the___ Son shall set___ you___ free, Ye shall br
 5. Let your___ light so___ shine in this world, that all may



right - teous - ness___ And all these things shall be
 e - very___ word___ That pro___ ceeds from the
 you shall___ find;___ knock at the door shall be
 free in - - deed.___ Ye shall know the truth and the
 see your good works___ And___ glo - ri - fy your___



ad - ded un - to you.
 mouth___ of___ God
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 truth shall set you free.
 God___ in___ Heaven.



COMMUNION SONG

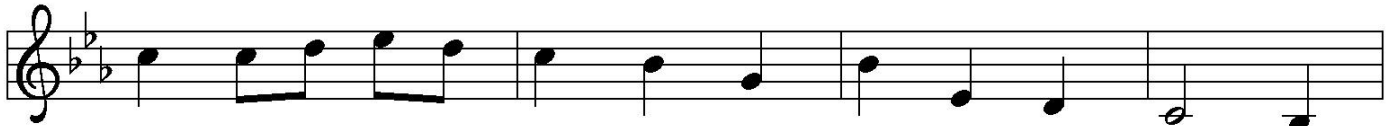
Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*TABLE BLESSING

Because there is one bread, **we, who are many, are one body.**

Just as the body is one and has many members,

and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

(1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 12:12)

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ
strengthen you, and keep you in everlasting grace
and in eternal life. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God, we give you thanks
for these gifts of grace
you have given us in Christ Jesus;
**enrich us in every way, in speech and knowledge of every kind
to strengthen our witness to Christ among us,
and the partnership in him, through which you have called us. Amen.**
(1 Corinthians 1:4-9)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ways of Service/Community

- [.Events Team](#)
- [.Generosity Team \(Begin September\)](#)
- [.Sunday Service Sign Up Sheet \(Narthex\)](#)
- [.LWR School Kits, Supplies](#)
- [.The Journey/Prospective Members](#)

Upcoming Events/Dates

- [.August 1, 9am Liturgical Arts Team](#)
- [.Wonder Wanders + Lunch TODAY - North Beach \[July 26, August 2, 9, 16\]](#)
[Next Week: Brianna and Doug, Golden Gardens](#)
- [.August 3, 5pm Ladies' Night Out](#)
- [.August 15, 3-6pm, Emmaus Table Beyond Separation w/ Mandy Neill](#)
- [.August 19, 6:30pm, Conversation about Confirmation \(2026-2028\) \[entering Fall 2026\]](#)
- [.August 29, Time 1-4pm, Neighborhood Ice Cream Social \(w/ Bounce House/games!\)](#)
[If you have lawn games, canopies, and time/hands we can borrow, contact staff!](#)

***BENEDICTION**

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. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ ✚ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:8,7)

*SENDING SONG

May This Church Be Like a Tree



1 *Que_es-ta_i* - gle - sia se - a_un ár - bol en el
1 May this church be like a tree, be - hind your
2 May this church be like a tree there in the
3 May this church be like a tree, O God, that



fon - do de tu ca - sa, que_ha - ya fies - ta, y_a - le -
house, there in your gar - den, meet - ing - place for joy, and
street or in the pla - za, for the birds a nest - ing -
thrives where you have plant - ed; may it stand to show the



grí - a y_o - ra - ción ba - jo sus ra - mas.
feast, and sim - ple prayer be - neath its branch - es.
branch, for pass - ers - by a wel - come shel - ter.
way, your way of lov - ing and self - giv - ing,



Con ra - í - ces bien pro - fun - das y sus bra - zos
With its roots in earth so fer - tile, and its arms raised
May it stand as if it's watch - ing, near my house, just
of - f'ring shade, and fruit for shar - ing, giv - ing up its



ha - cia_el cie - lo, que_es - ta_i - gle - sia sea fe -
high to heav - en, may this church bear fruits of
round the cor - ner, wait - ing for this wea - ry
wood for burn - ing. May this liv - ing church that



cun - da dan - do fru - tos de con - sue - lo.
jus - tice, acts of lov - ing and com - pas - sion.
pil - grim with its arms wide to em - brace me.
names you be a tree of life e - ter - nal.

Refrain / Estribillo



Ár - bol plan - ta - do jun - to a las a - guas
 Tree ev - er grow - ing by liv - ing wa - ter,

de vi - da_e - ter - na de nues - tro Dios.
 run - ning e - ter - nal, flow - ing from God.

Ár - bol plan - ta - do jun - to a las a - guas
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***DISMISSAL**

God calls into being the things that do not exist. (*Romans 4:17*)
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



*Many thanks
for serving today!*

Nursery Attendant: Kenna Hight

Online Host: Erica Lee

Musicians: Gianfranco Foddai

Coffee Setup: John McDermott

Communion Setup:

Usher/Greeter:

Worship Assistant:

Reader: John McDermott

Communion Assistant: Mary Melvey

Communion Cleanup:

Coffee Cleanup: John McDermott

IN OUR PRAYERS

Faye Buckalew, Jennifer Carter,
Pete D'Amico, Barb Dougherty, Ethan Duke and
family, Meggan Ellingboe, Gerry & Bob Faley,
Helene Fowler, Fowler family, Cindy Funai,
Jakhobi Hale and family,
Don Hansen and family, Donnalyn Hansen,
Margaret & Hlastala family, Holt family,
Tyson Hunter, Helen Jones, Ian Jones,
Steve King, Bud Knapp, Maddox and family,
Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Holly Mangold,
Martin, Melanie, Elaine Merceruio, Alan Murray,
Iko Rodenberger, Rosing family,
Michelle Rundle, Kjersti Sangrey,
Michael Schieffer, David Schrader, Carleen See,
Dave Shumway, Shirley Smith, Letty Silverberg,
Sharon Stearns, Lars Sveum-Hanson,
Carolyn Swanson, Todd,
Eliot Wright and family, Jon Wright;
Trinity United Methodist, St John United Lutheran,
UW Lutheran Campus Ministry.
asylum seekers, refugees, and those seeking
housing and a home;
those living with mental illness and loneliness;
those outside in the elements;
children and parents; immigrant families remaining
separated;
Ballard Food Bank; Road to Housing guests.

Those grieving the loss of

Julie Rosing, Jack Zingleman, Erling Berg, Norm,
Miranda Gamayunov.

*Please contact Pastor Thomas to request
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Be a familiar face in worship, and
share the gifts of the service!

Sign up in the narthex to help
with Summer-schedule services!

Happening This Week!

Sunday, July 26

9th Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM. Worship Service

(after service) Lunch,

Wonder Wanders:

Tad, North Beach

Monday, July 27

Tuesday, July 28

Wednesday, July 29

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Thursday, July 30

Friday, July 31

Saturday, August 1

9 am Liturgical Arts Meeting

10 am - 5pm Ballard P-Patch:

Art in the Garden

Sunday, August 2

10th Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM. Worship Service

(after service) Lunch,

Wonder Wanders:

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