



Creation in Christ

Being

6 September 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, Duwamish, 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 145, Waterlife **97131***

*ELW 879, For the Beauty of the Earth **PD***

*ELW 679, For the Fruit of All Creation **30684***

*ELW 771, God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
11445*

*ELW 824, This is My Father's World **PD***

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

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC

Joanna Elizondo, Fred Flickinger

*BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. **For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.** (2 Corinthians 5:19, 21)

For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,
we have a building from God, a house not made with hands...
in this [earthly] tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly dwelling,
surely when we have been clothed in it we will not be found naked.

The one who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit.
(2 Corinthians 5:1-3, 5)

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)

From now on, therefore, **we regard no one from a human point of view;**
even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,
we no longer know him in that way.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!
(2 Corinthians 5:16-17)

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

Waterlife

Leader or All



1 Be - fore I can re-mem-ber the cov - e - nant was sealed
2 A sim - ple sweet be - gin - ning, a lov - ing place to start:
3 My hope and ex - pec - ta - tion for true com-mun - i - ty



with Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, in wa - ter was re-vealed.
Christ be - gan the sing - ing that swells with-in my heart.
be - gins with res - ur - rec - tion, his death and life in me.



The cleans-ing was for cer - tain, with wa - ter and the Word;
His love be-came my call - ing, his life my min - is - try.
His Spir - it fills the Bod - y: his church through wa - ter sees



gen - tle words were spo - ken, in heav - en they were heard.
His name is my a - dop - tion in - to his fam - i - ly.
prom - ise for to - mor - row, his wa - ter-life in me.

Refrain
All



They were sing-ing wa - ter-life, be - gin - ning life, wa-ter-life



all my life, wa-ter-life, Spir - it life, wa - ter - life.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, may heaven and earth praise you. May we praise your name, for the creation of all that was and is and will be forever. From the smallest and microscopic life to the most complex of ecosystems, we seek strength to serve this earth and its many creatures. *(adapted from lectionary; Psalm 148)*

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)

Gather ✠ **Proclaim** ✠ Commune ✠ Send

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:4b-25

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.**

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground—then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, **and the man became a living being.** And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, **and from there it divides and becomes four branches.**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden **to till it and keep it.** And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it, you shall die.”

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; **I will make him a helper as his partner.**” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, **but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.** So the Lord God

caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, **and they become one flesh**. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Acts 17:22a, 24-28

A reading from Acts.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For **‘In him we live and move and have our being’**; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-5

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

Glory to you, O Lord!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

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

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

Clay, Hands, and Wheels

HYMN OF THE DAY

For the Beauty of the Earth



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Music accompanies the prayers, as they are spoken.

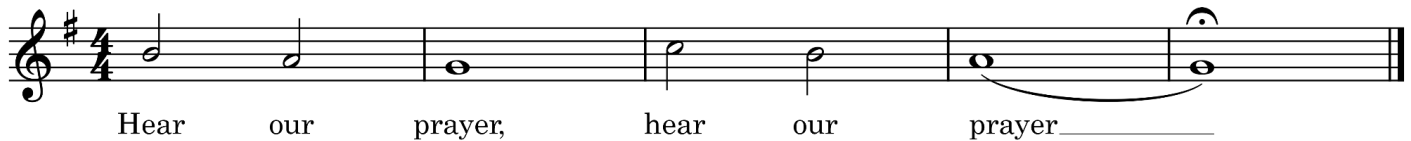
The same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

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:



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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OFFERING MUSIC

Joanna Elizondo, Fred Flickinger

*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)

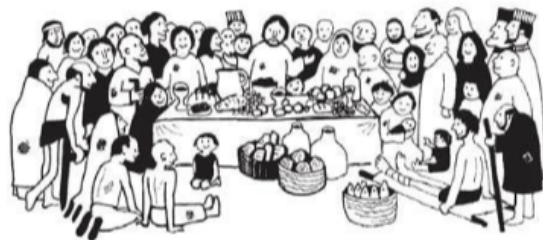
We speak in the languages of our hearts:

**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**

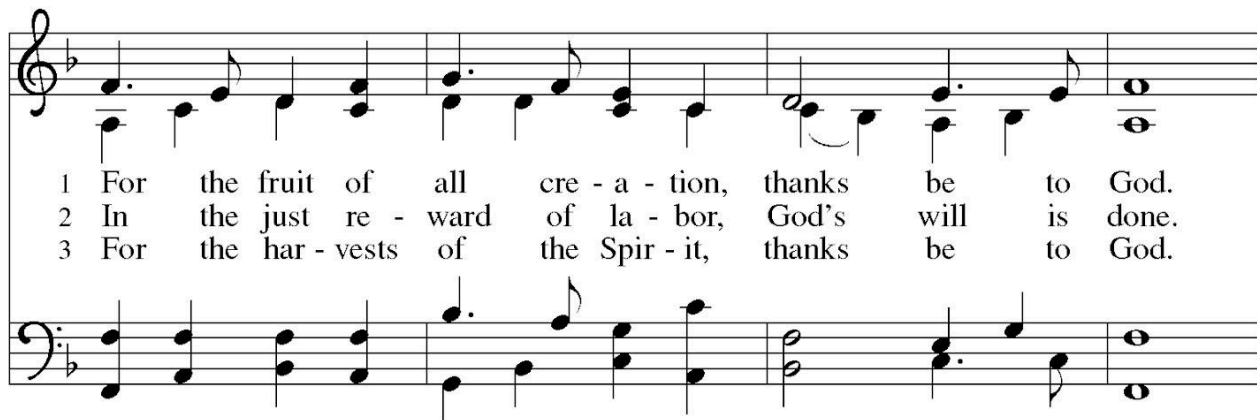
Many of us have experienced
rejection, exclusion, and marginalization
at different times in our lives,
but we come here,
knowing we will not be turned away.
So come, whether this is your first time,
or your hundredth.
All who have tried to follow—
all God's people needing healing and wholeness;
Come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

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

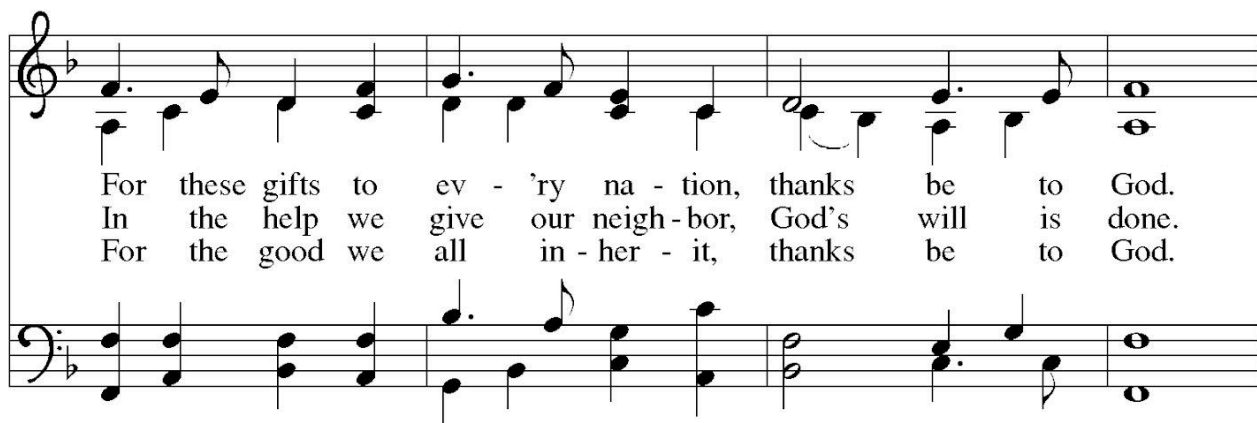


COMMUNION HYMN

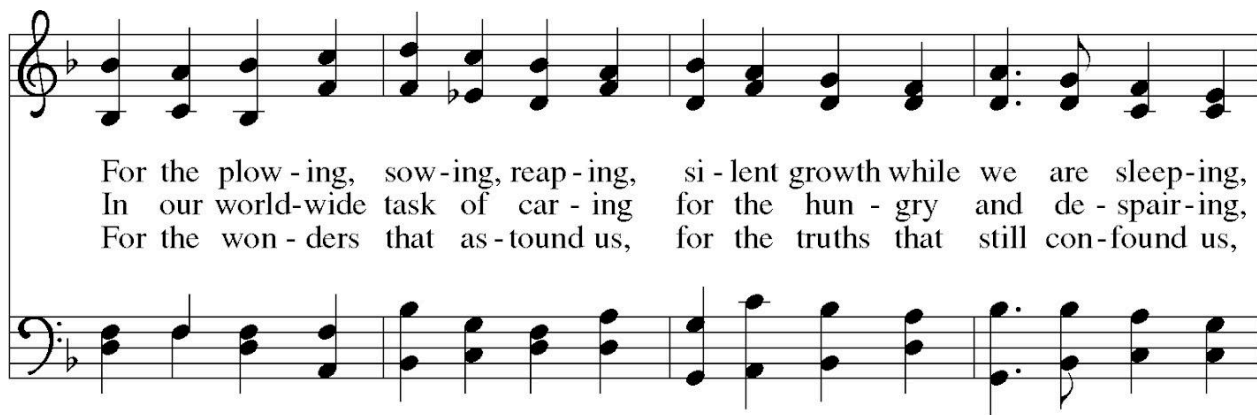
For the Fruit of All Creation



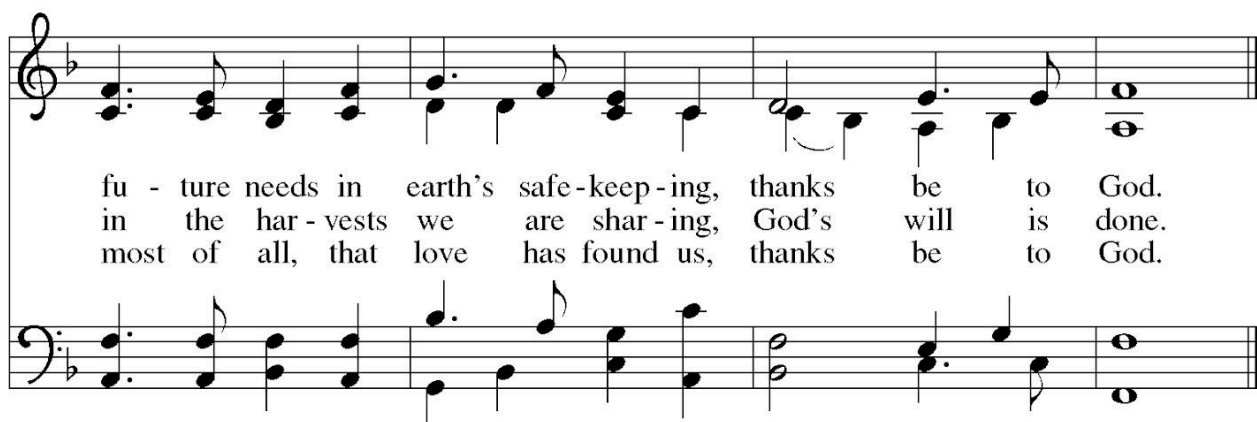
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

COMMUNION HYMN

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

*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

- .Generosity/Stewardship Season (October 4 - November 8)
Swedish Pancakes/Commitment Sunday, November 8
- .NEXT SUNDAY God's Work, Our Hands. LWR kits and Lunch
w/ Ballard First Lutheran Church
- .September 14, Ladies' Night Out, Old Stove Brewery, Ballard
- .September 20, 10:00 am+ Altar Dedication and Potluck
- .September 20, Ballard Sunday Dinner
- .October 24, Fall Movie Night. Food and Bevs served.

- .September 26, 1-4 pm. Oktoberfest. Non-Alcoholic Beers, Food, Music.
We need games like big-Jenga, cornhole, etc. This will be an indoor event.
Also, please sign up to help with cooking, serving, decorations/setup and cleanup!

- .October 3, 9a-4p, WELCA RetreatAugust 29
- .The Journey/Prospective Members [Sunday evenings, September 27-October 25]
RSVP by September 14.
- .Safety Training and Refresher
- .Ballard Food Bank - Peanut Butter Competition
- .Reign (Soccer) Game, 4pm, November 1st
- .Thanksgiving Team Leads

Kick Off Sunday, September 27
9:00 am and 11:00 am services begin
with 10:00 am Faith Formation.

We will have only 10:00 am services on
October 25, Reformation Sunday
and November 1, All Saints Day

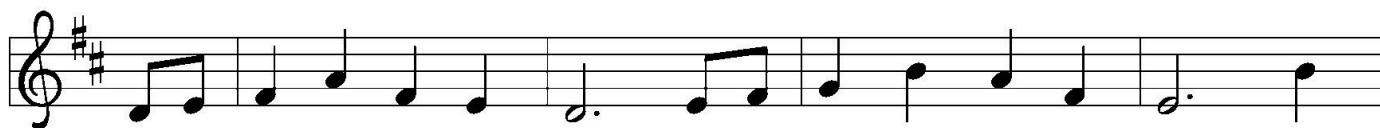
*BENEDICTION

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.

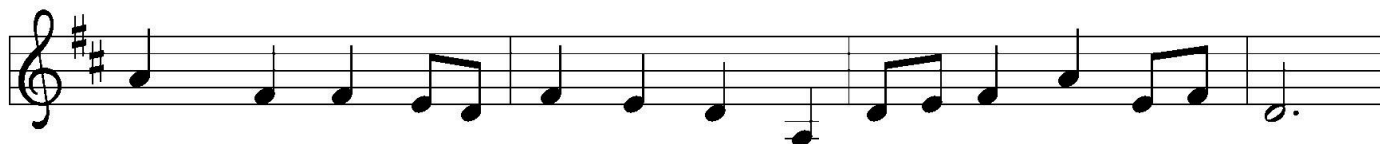
(Philippians 4:8,7)

*SENDING SONG

This Is My Father's World



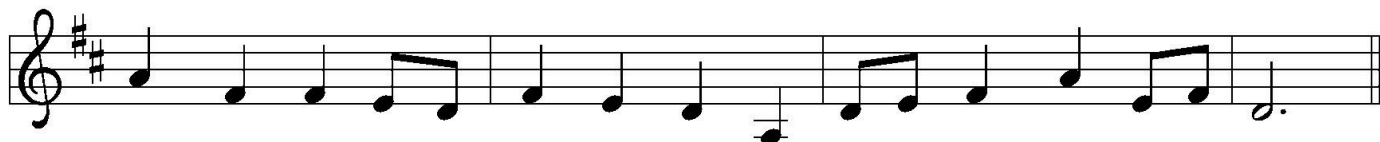
1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

***DISMISSAL**

God calls into being the
things that do not exist.

(Romans 4:17)

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

IN OUR PRAYERS

Bill Anderson, Faye Buckalew, Jennifer Carter,
Chase De Alessi, Pete D'Amico, Barb Dougherty,
Ethan Duke and family, Gerry & Bob Faley,
Helene Fowler, Fowler family, Cindy Funai,
Hale family, Don Hansen and family, Donnalyn
Hansen, Higgins Family,
Margaret & Hlastala family, Holt family,
Tyson Hunter, Helen Jones,
Steve King, Bud Knapp, Maddox and family,
Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Holly Mangold,
Melanie, Elaine Merceruio, Alan Murray,
Prentice Family, Iko Rodenberger, Rosing family,
Kjersti Sangrey,
Michael Schieffer, David Schrader,
Carleen and the See family,
Dave Shumway, Shirley Smith, Letty Silverberg,
Barbara Smith, Sharon Stearns, Elaine Stevens,
Lars Sveum-Hanson,
Carolyn Swanson, Arlene Templin, Todd,
Eliot Wright and family, Jon Wright;
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, Norm, Miranda Gamayunov.

*Please contact Pastor Thomas to request
additions to our prayer list.*

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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!**

*Many thanks
for serving today!*

Nursery Attendant: Jordan Holt

Online Host: Erica Lee

Musicians: Joanna Elizondo (flute), Fred
Flickinger (violin), Gianfranco Foddai, Karen
Lee

Coffee Setup:

Communion Setup:

Usher/Greeter:

Worship Assistant:

Reader:

Communion Assistant:

Communion Cleanup:

Coffee Cleanup:

Happening This Week!

Sunday, September 6
15th Sunday After Pentecost
Creation in Christ

10 AM. Worship Service

Monday, September 7
Labor Day, Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8
7 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

Thursday, September 10

Friday, September 11
10 AM - 12 PM. Grounds Crew
6 PM Council Retreat Dinner

Saturday, September 12
8:30 AM - 4 PM Council Retreat

Sunday, September 13
God's Work. Our Hands.
10 AM. Worship Service
(after service) Lunch and LWR Kits
with Ballard First Lutheran Church



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