



Creator Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Holy Disruptors – Summer Series

Presiding Pastor Emillie Binja

Guest Musician Matthew Lotz

Today's Scriptures – Ezekiel 36:24-28
and Ephesians 2:1-10

Martin Luther (1483–1546) was a German monk, theologian, and reformer whose writings sparked the Protestant Reformation. In 1517, he famously nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church, challenging the Catholic Church's practice of selling indulgences. Luther emphasized salvation by grace through faith, the authority of Scripture over church tradition, and the priesthood of all believers. His translation of the Bible into German made Scripture more accessible to ordinary people. Excommunicated by the Pope, he continued to write, preach, and shape the Lutheran tradition until his death in 1546.



If you are visiting us today, please fill out a blue Welcome Card in the lobby!



The Gospel reveals God's astounding grace as an unconditional gift of love for all people, so ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status are not barriers to joining our worship or leading our community. We are committed to racial equality. As an inclusive community grounded in God's love and following Jesus' example, we celebrate the diversity of God's creation.

This service will be a hybrid service. We are one community worshipping in multiple places – in person, live online via Zoom and Facebook, and rebroadcasted on YouTube.

If you are worshipping online, please use this bulletin as you join us for worship. If you are joining us on Zoom, add the prayers of your heart to the chat. You are invited to have wine/ grape juice and bread available so you may join in communion. You may create an intentional sacred space around you. Please see [WomenOfTheELCA.org](https://www.WomenOfTheELCA.org) for tips on making your space. Use the "Resources" tab and search for "sacred spaces."



Setting: Call Us Home

Welcome to Creator!

The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage children to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags are also available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works for you and your child.

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.

A: In the beginning God created all things declaring them to be good. When God created human beings, they were given the charge of all creation.

P: As God's days of creation ceased, ours began. Through God's given gifts we are called to continue God's creative work.

A: In worship we come to give thanks and to share in this task.

C. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gathering Song ~ "Build a Longer Table"



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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Confession

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess the ways we have failed to love God and our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**C: Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

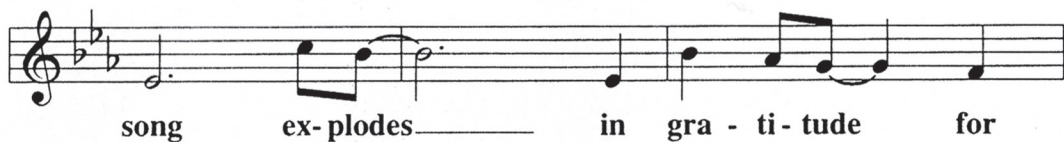
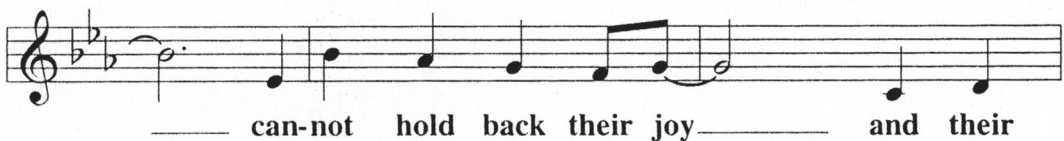
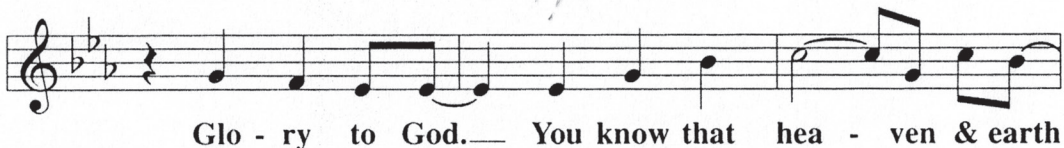
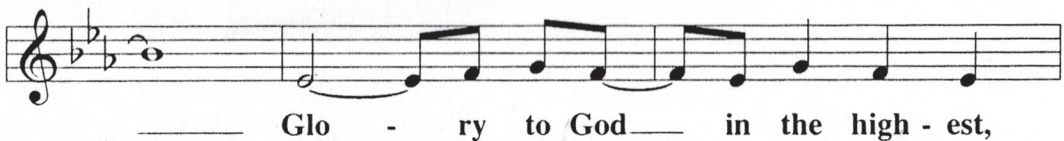
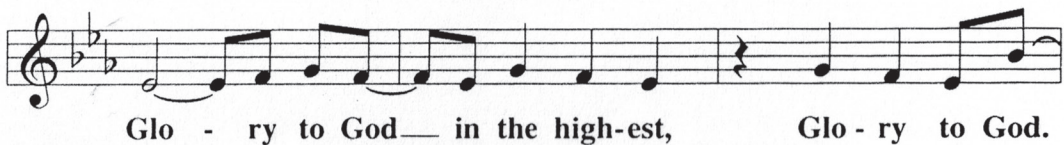
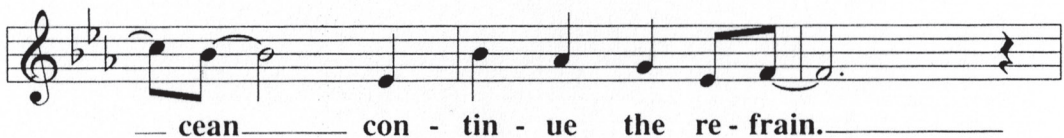
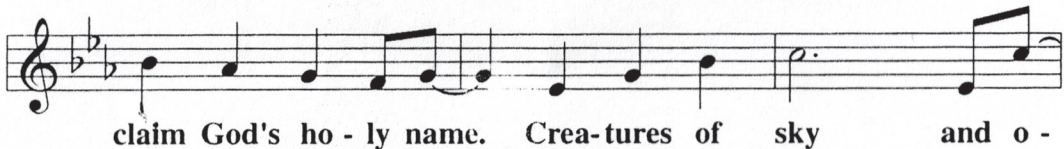
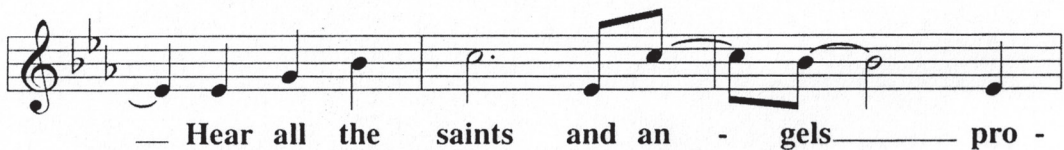
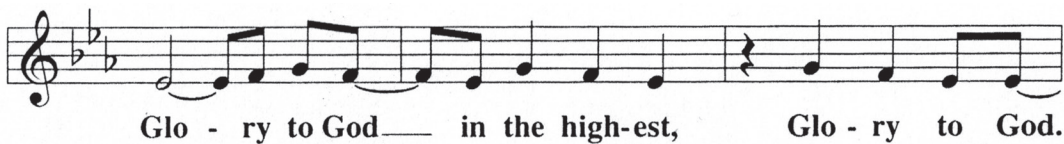
Glory to God ~ Hymn of Praise from Call Us Home

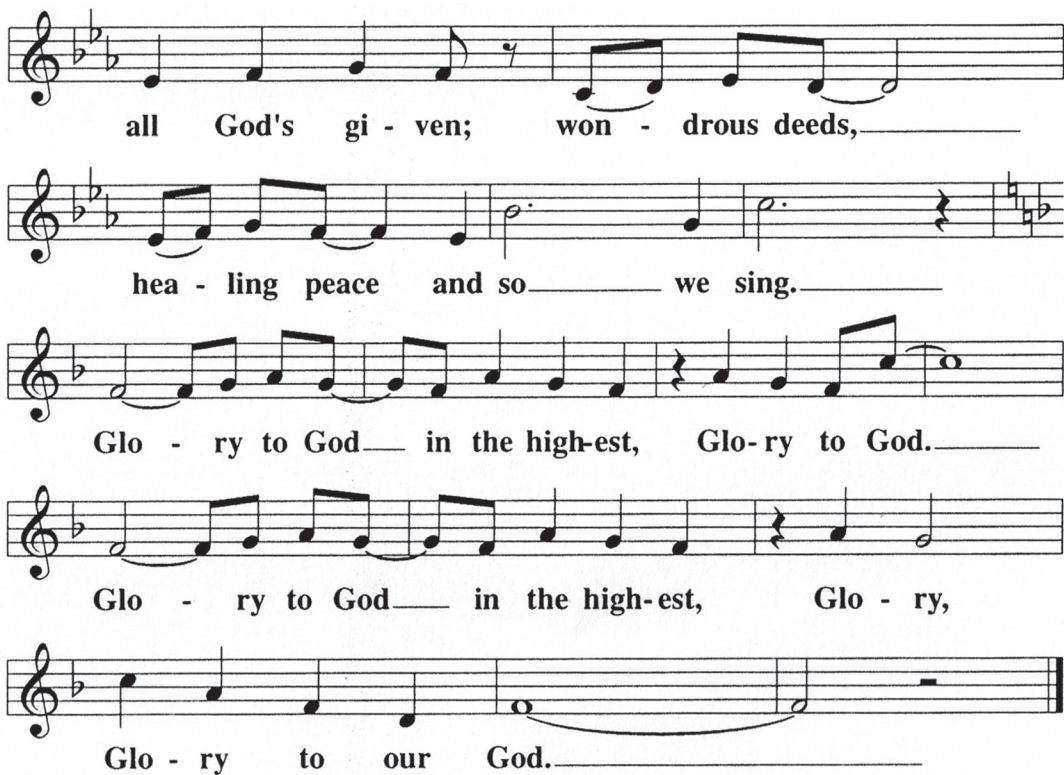


Glo - ry to God



— in the high-est, Glo - ry to God. —





Prayer of the Day

A: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message with Pastor Emillie



Ezekiel 36:24-28

²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. ²⁸ Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.



R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation ~ "Alleluia" from *Call Us Home*

Al - le - lu - ia, sing

al - le - lu - ia. Lord to whom shall we go? _____

Christ, we greet you with al - le - lu - ias; rise to wel-come you,

Lord. You have the words that a - wa - ken our

souls. _____ Al - le - lu - ia, we

1. sing. _____ 2. sing. _____

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, ⁴but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.



R: The Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God**

Message - Pastor Emilie Binja

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day ~ "Spirit, Open My Heart"

Refrain

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.
1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



Refrain



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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Creed - Apostles' Creed

Let us affirm our faith together with the words of the apostle's creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

He descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life is everlasting. Amen.**



Prayers of the People

A: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A: Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing (*especially pages 17 & 18*). Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Feel free to greet or wave to those attending via Zoom.

Please be seated.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward.

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.

First staff of music, treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), 4/4 time. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note D, a half note E, a quarter note F#, a quarter note G, a half note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note B, a quarter note A, a quarter note G, a quarter note F#, a quarter note E, a quarter note D. The staff ends with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket.

fed with the Bread of Life.

Offering Prayer

A: Creator God,

C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you made the world. You made it and mothered it, shaped it and fathered it, filled with life and with song and variety. This is your world, the earth and all its people, and all good gifts come from you. It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who is the light made manifest to all nations, and so with the church on earth, all of creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus ~ "Holy, Holy, Holy" from *Call Us Home*



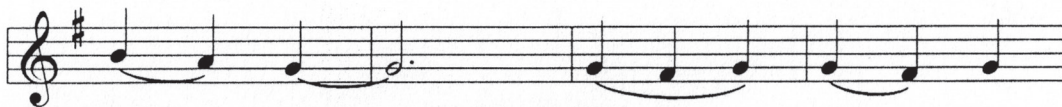
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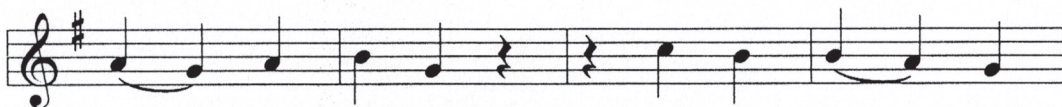
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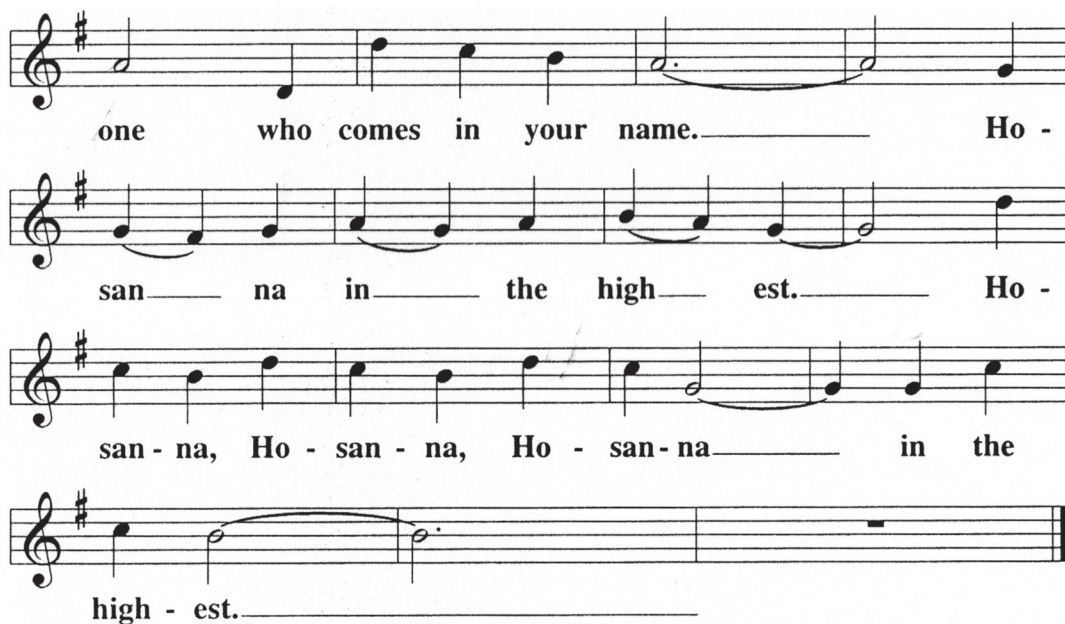
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glo - ry._____ Ho_____ san_____ na



in_____ the high - est. Bless - ed is_____ the



Eucharistic Prayer

P: Generous God of life and light, our hearts are full of gratitude, for in the beginning, you loved us into life and gathered us to your heart. Promising that your light would never be extinguished, you brought it into the world in the person of Jesus, who on the night in which he was betrayed, 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.”

C: We remember, O God, and with this bread and cup we feast at your table in joyful anticipation of that day when all creation will find its home in you.

The Lord's Prayer

Please join in praying in the version and language closest to your heart.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against
us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

**Our God in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil one.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

**Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni,
jina lako litukuzwe;
ufalme wako ufike,
utakalo lifanyike
duniani kama mbinguni.
Utupe leo chakula chetu cha kila siku,
utusamehe makosa yetu,
kama tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.
Usitutie katika kishawishi,
lakini utuokoe maovuni.
Ufalme wako ufike utakalo
Lifanyike duniani kama mbinguni.
Amina.**

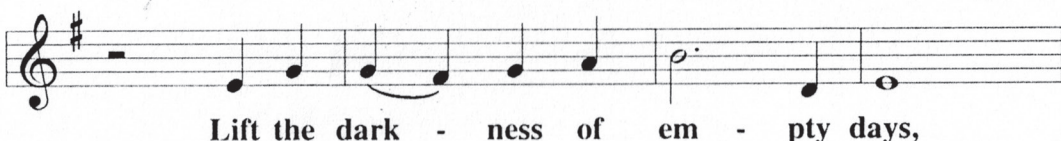
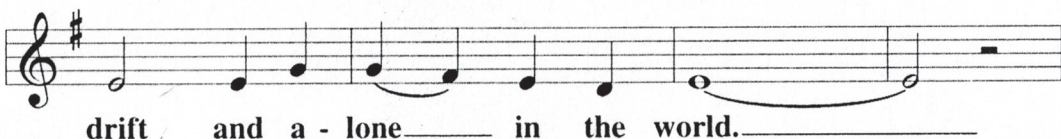
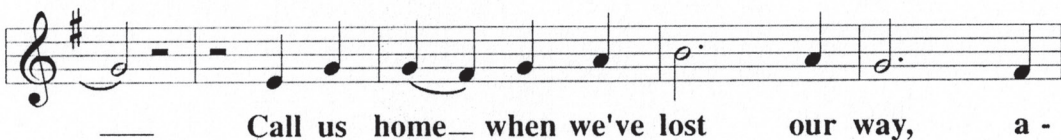
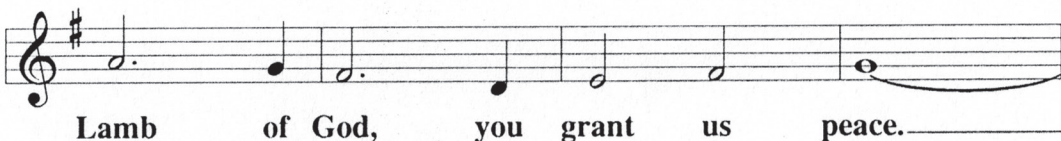
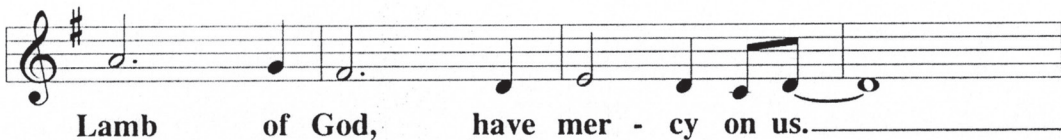
**Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielos.
Santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
En la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
y perdona nuestras deudas
como nosotros perdonamos nuestros
deudores
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación
sino que líbranos del malo.
Amén.**

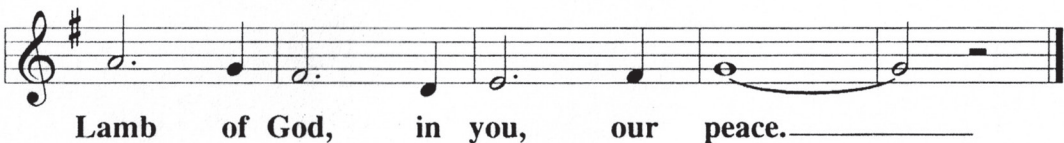
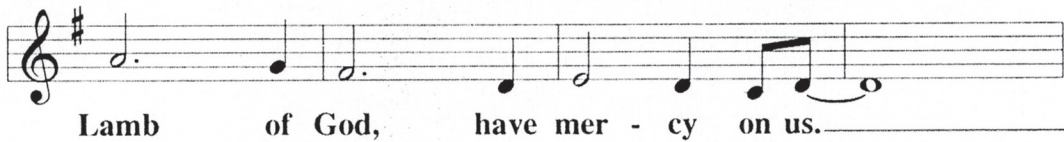
Invitation to Communion

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.



Communion Song ~ "Lamb of God" from *Call Us Home*





Communion Prayer

A: Mothering God,

**C: you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.**

**Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Creator Announcements

Please see page 19.

Blessing

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Song ~ "Send Us Out" from *Call Us Home*

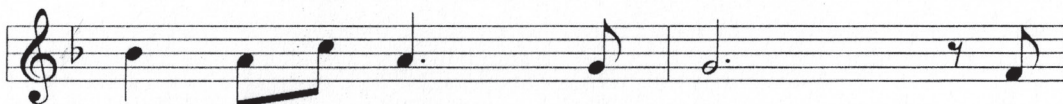


1. We

2. (Now)



lift our hearts _____ in gra - ti - tude to the
send us out. _____ Our souls are at rest. We've come



God who has called us home. For
home to the heart of God. How



we've been fed with the Word and the Bread, _____ with the
we've been loved, _____ for - giv - en and blessed; _____ by our



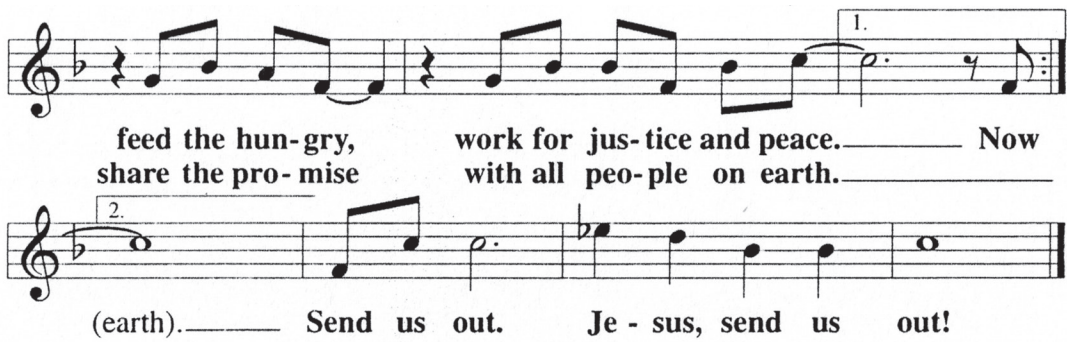
sto - ry of love, _____ the gos - pel of truth. _____
mer - ci - ful Lord, _____ our lives are re-stored. _____



Send us out to wel - come the stran - ger. _____
Send us out with cou - rage and pow - er. _____



Send us out to bind up the wound - ed,
Send us out to love and to serve, _____



Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Prayer List

For Healing, Comfort, Peace, and Strength:

- The Armstrong Family – peace, comfort and strength as they navigate the next few weeks with Bob's cancer diagnosis – requested by Pastor Emillie (7/8)
- Deanne Frolich – battling cancer – requested by Suzanne Jaynes (6/22)
- Scott & Katie Vroman – prayers as decisions are being made to move Scott to paliative or hospice care. Katie, Jan's sister, is his caregiver. – requested by Jan Mallory (6/15)
- Gene – healing after an accident involving a table saw – requested by Craig Edberg (6/15)
- Lonnie Porter – Protection while stationed in Quatar – requested by Amy Haase (6/15)
- Missy Porter – grace, love, comfort, and peace as her son, Lonnie, is overseas serving in Quatar – requested by Amy Haase (6/15)

For those grieving:

- The Maier Family – Travel mercies for the family as they travel to Seattle for the memorial service for Donn – requested by Pastor Emillie (7/9)
- Pray for Joan Johnson & family – Wayne Johnson has passed away. Memorial service on 7/13 at 2pm at Spirit of Life Lutheran in Gladstone – requested by Emilie Murray (6/26)
- Pray for the repose of Vince Berg's soul after his death last week – requested by Suzanne Jaynes (6/22)
- Family & Friends of Carol Wallan upon her death. Carol, a joyous, loving and giving woman, lived to 100 years and 5 months! She is Janice's bonus/step mom. – requested by Jan Mallory (6/15)
- Megan Brooksby – comfort while processing grief after the loss of her father – requested Amy Haase (6/15)

Ongoing Concern:

- Evelyn Nguti & Valentine Mungyeh, safety while traveling in Cameroon to see family– requested by Debi Stromberg (6/11)
- Pr Emillie's mom Vela with family in Canada – requested by Debi Stromberg (6/11)
- Please keep the family of Creator 'Madres' friend Elizabeth Arrieta in your prayers as she begins treatment for stage 4 breast cancer. – requested by Debi Stromberg (6/2)
- Pray for those living with political conflict and instability, that they will grow in hope and resilience and experience lasting peace, justice and healing.
- Pray that, where religions conflict, the Spirit will help bridge divides through dialogue, collaboration and mutual respect as we care for neighbors in need and advance justice in our communities.



Creator Events & Announcements

All announcements and prayers should be emailed to office@creatorlutheran.org by 11AM Thursday or given to worship leaders on Sunday morning before the service. For prayers, please record them on the yellow sheet just outside the sanctuary doors.

- ★ **Coffee & Fellowship:** Weekly after worship service, we gather in the Fellowship Hall for cookies and coffee. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with other, enjoy some treats, and build community.
- ★ **Milk Donations:** 25 half gallons of milk for Veteran's Village are needed by the first Thursday of every month. August 7 is the next date.
- ★ **Children's sermon:** 2nd and last Sundays.
- ★ **SE PDX Youth Collective:** Camps are coming up! Watch for more news weekly!
- ★ **Wednesday Night Bible Conversations:** Join us through the summer as we study the lectionary readings starting at 5:00PM. Emails are sent weekly with readings and additional study materials. Meetings are available in person in the Youth room and on Zoom.
- ★ **Crafty Creator Saturdays:** Off for summer break. Keep calm and craft on!

A note from Pastor Emillie

Our synod's theme this year is Anam Cara—a Celtic idea of a soul friend who walks with us, even through death. It's a reminder of our call to walk with one another, especially in times of tension in our Country. As your pastor, I offer this gentle reminder of who we are and the Spirit who unites us: rooted in God's love, we embrace each person as they are—who and where they are. This welcome is not just a value we hold, but a way of being we live into together. Each of us contributes to the spirit of this place—through our words, our actions, and our presence. And so we are called to be thoughtful: about the language we speak,

the symbols we bring, and the ways our presence can open or close space for others.

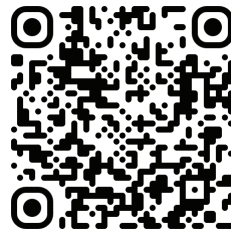
*With love and care,
Pr. Emillie. B*

Note from the Office

Changes are coming to online giving soon! Be on the lookout for an email with instructions on how to sign up and set up your regular giving through Tithe.ly.

As we transition to Tithe.ly, you are welcome to find our new app through your device's App Store and create an account. Explore, if you wish, but this is still a work in progress and will be more functional as time progresses this summer. Thank you, Early Adapters! If you need help, don't hesitate to call the office.

- If you require a name tag and mailbox, please let our admin, Emilie, know. She recently updated both, but is concerned she may have missed somebody.
- Emilie has been working on collecting images for our new website and would love some full resolution photos from the congregation. She really needs are more candid and relaxed photos of attenders, services and events. If you have some you would like to share, please make arrangements with Emilie by emailing the office.
- Posted in the Narthex is a visual mood board with images and the ideas Emilie shared last week.

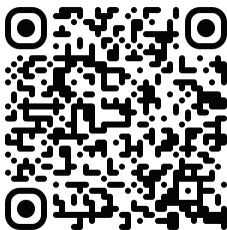


News from the Oregon Synod and more:

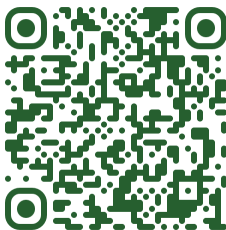
Synod Assembly Report from the Synod office is now available. Catch all the details and decisions by using the **BLACK** QR code below.

July's Synod E-News is now available to view. Check out all the news, events, opportunities and resources from the Oregon Synod. Use the **GREEN** QR code below.

Bethlehem Lutheran and St. Mark's Lutheran congregations are partnering for a joint ministry called *Sacred Space* at the Portland Pride Festival, July 19–20, 2025, at Waterfront Park. This booth offers a peaceful place where attendees can receive Holy Communion, share stories, get a temporary tattoo or a hug, enjoy cold water, and be reminded of God's love. Volunteers are welcome—scan the BLUE QR code on the left for details on how to get involved.✝



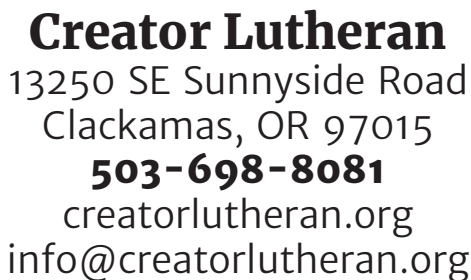
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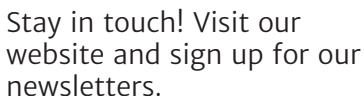


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@ Pride Festival



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