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FIRST SUNDAY IN SEASON OF CREATION
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Season of Creation
Worship in-person and livestream

For Jesus, community is not a numbers game.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands
Thanksgiving for Baptism
Gathering Song For the Beauty of the Earth red book No. 879
Greeting
Kyrie Page 213
Glory to God Page 213
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children’s Message
First Reading Exodus 12:1-14 ...Thanks be to God.
Psalm 149
Second Reading Romans 13:8-14 ...Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation Page 216
The Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20 ...Glory to you, O God.
...Praise to you, O Christ.
Sermon
Hymn of the Day Womb of Life and Source of Being blue book No. 948
Prayers of the People Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.
Peace Sharing The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

In the church community we give our time, our gifts, and our resources.
We collect an offering as one way of giving.

Offering of Gifts
Offering Song Psalm 84 - arr. H. Hopson - Choir
Offering Prayer

The Creator be with you. ...And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. ...We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to Creator, our God. ...It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Insert
Thanksgiving Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer Page 112
Lamb of God Insert

All are welcome at Christ’s table. The wine is served in individual glasses and the common cup. Red grape juice is in the centre of the trays. Gluten-free bread is available by asking the server. You may commune with bread or wine alone or ask for a blessing. Those worshipping online are invited to commune where you are.

Communion Songs Gigue from Violin Partita No. 3 - J. S. Bach
Before the Waters Nourished Earth blue book No. 1049
Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth red book No. 735

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Song Hallelujah! Sing Praise blue book No. 1091
Dismissal ...Thanks be to God.
Postlude

Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall following worship.
Thank you to all who contributed for hosting. Flowers on the alter are given by Jane Wicksteed.

Worship Assistants
Assisting Minister Don Storch
Kantor Nathan McDonald
Musician Carolyn Hoekstra
Artist in Residence Kira Gill
Choral Scholar D.J. McGrath
Reader Donna Delaney
Livestreaming Christopher McDonald
Communion Susanne Standeven, Zain Bhatti
Ushers Thiago Hinkel, Laura Cochrane

Psalm 149

Refrain: Sing the Lord's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

- ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord ¹ a new song,
God's praise in the assembly ¹ of the faithful.
² **Let Israel rejoice ¹ in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful ¹ in their ruler.**
³ Let them praise their maker's ¹ name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- ¹ rine and harp.
⁴ **For the Lord takes pleasure ¹ in the people
and adorns the ¹ poor with victory. R**
⁵ Let the faithful re- ¹ joice in triumph;
let them sing for joy ¹ on their beds.
⁶ **Let the praises of God be ¹ in their throat
and a two-edged sword ¹ in their hand,**
⁷ to wreak vengeance ¹ on the nations
and punishment ¹ on the peoples,
⁸ **to bind their ¹ kings in chains
and their nobles with ¹ links of iron,**
⁹ to inflict on them the judg- ¹ ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. ¹ Hallelujah! **R**



Livestream Text

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Exodus 12:1-14

¹ The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord.

¹² I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ "This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance."

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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