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THIRD SUNDAY IN SEASON OF CREATION

September 20, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Season of Creation
Worship in-person and livestream

Jesus is guilty of unfair labour practices.

GATHERING

Prelude Kira Gill, violin
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands
Gathering Song God, Be the Love blue book No. 1084
Greeting
Kyrie Page 213
Glory to God Page 213
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children’s Message
First Reading Exodus 16:2-15 ...Thanks be to God.
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Second Reading Philippians 1:21-30 ...Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation Page 216
The Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16 ...Glory to you, O God.
...Praise to you, O Christ.
Sermon
Hymn of the Day Canticle of the Turning red book No. 723
Holy Baptism Kezia Devasthasan Page 227
Baptismal Verse You belong to Christ, red book No. 212
in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.
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 A Simple Thanksgiving - J.M. Martin - choir anthem
Vesting Pr. Eli with chasuble
Offering Prayer
Great Thanksgiving 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 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters red book No. 445
At the River - duet - A. Copland
Take My Life, That I May Be red book No. 583
Prayer

SENDING

Installation of Kira, D.J., and Sabrina
Announcements
Blessing
Sending Song Lift Up Your Heads blue book No. 1032
Dismissal ...Thanks be to God.
Postlude
Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality, hosted by Women in Faith, and square dancing demonstration in the Upper Hall.
Worship Assistants
Assisting Minister Boston Laferté
Kantor Nathan McDonald
Musician Karen Johnson-Lefsrud
Artist in Residence Kira Gill
Choral Scholar D.J. McGrath, Sabrina Blaase
Livestreaming Skylar Smith
Communion Ann Baty, Judy Bergbusch
Ushers Grant Froyland, Murray Nelson

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Refrain: Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples. Hallelujah!

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call up- ¹ on God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord a- ¹ mong the peoples.
- ² **Sing to the ¹ Lord, sing praises, * and speak of all God's ¹ marvelous works.**
- ³ Glory in God's ¹ holy name; * let the hearts of those who seek the ¹ Lord rejoice.
- ⁴ **Search for the strength ¹ of the Lord; continually ¹ seek God's face.**
- ⁵ Remember the marvels ¹ God has done,
the wonders and the judgments ¹ of God's mouth,
- ⁶ **O offspring of Abra- ¹ ham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's ¹ chosen ones. R**
- ³⁷ You led out your people with sil- ¹ ver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not ¹ one that stumbled.
- ³⁸ **Egypt was glad to ¹ see them go, * because they were a- ¹ fraid of them.**
- ³⁹ You spread out a cloud ¹ for a covering * and a fire to give ¹ light by night.
- ⁴⁰ **They asked, and ¹ you brought quail,
and satisfied them with ¹ bread from heaven.**
- ⁴¹ You opened the rock, and ¹ water flowed, * so the river ran in ¹ the dry places.
- ⁴² **For you remembered your ¹ holy word * and Abra- ¹ ham your servant. R**
- ⁴³ So you led forth your peo- ¹ ple with gladness, * your chosen with ¹ shouts of joy.
- ⁴⁴ **You gave your people the lands ¹ of the nations,
and they took the fruit of ¹ others' toil,**
- ⁴⁵ that they might ¹ keep your statutes * and observe your teachings. ¹ Hallelujah! **R**

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Exodus 16:2-15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸ And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but

against the Lord." ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' " ¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. ²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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