

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 28, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship

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The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

***Proclamation Hymn**

All Are Welcome

ELW #641
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All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

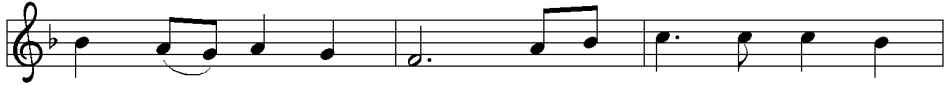
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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*Hymn of Praise

God Welcomes All

ACS #978

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a two-staff musical score for the hymn 'God Welcomes All'. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The music ends with a double bar line.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...O, God,

you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Abraham was prepared to obey God's command amid extreme contradiction: the child to be sacrificed is the very child through whom Abraham is to receive descendants. God acknowledged Abraham's obedient faith, and Abraham offered a ram in the place of his son Isaac.

Genesis 22:1-14

¹ God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of

Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.”⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together.⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”⁸ Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”¹² [The angel] said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide,” as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

In response to the story of the testing of Abraham, we sing Psalm 13. As if we were Abraham in his misery, or Isaac bound on the altar, we now praise God for having saved us.

Psalm 13

¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

² **How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day?**

How long shall my enemy triumph over me?

³ Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God;
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

⁴ **lest my enemy say, "I have defeated you,"
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

⁶ **I will sing to the LORD,
who has dealt with me richly.**

Second Reading: *Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

Romans 6:12-23

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

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

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two lines of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The third system has two lines of lyrics. The music is a simple, rhythmic melody with a steady bass line.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Gospel: *When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

***Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew...
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a

righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Stephanie White

***Hymn of the Day**

God, We Gather As Your People

ACS #1038

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***Apostles' 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,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

***Peace**

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

Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering plate at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated. Also at this time, please take a minute to sign the red book and the end of pews and pass it down. Thank you!

***Offertory**

Take Me Lord
sing twice

STS #41

Take me, Lord, I give to you,
everything and all I do!
My love, my life, is my offering
that I give to you.

***Offering Prayer**

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

***Prayers of the Church**

...God of grace,
hear our prayer.

*Lord's Prayer

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 the glory
forever and ever. Amen

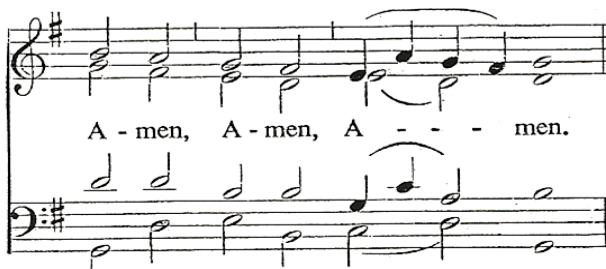


SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Benediction and Threefold Amen

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
‡ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

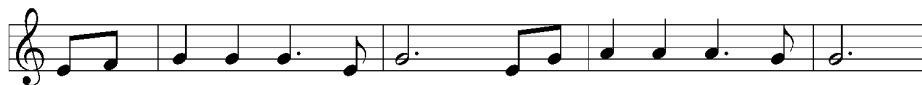


*Sending Hymn

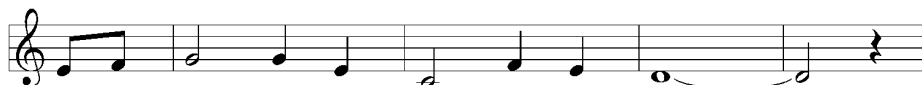
Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

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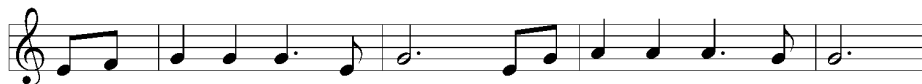
All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.



Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is call - ing you to - day.



Go and tell gos - pel news ev - 'ry - where.



Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is call - ing you to - day



to bring truth and love to ev - 'ry na - tion.

Text: Handt Hanson

Music: GO IN PEACE, Handt Hanson

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*Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Nancy Killian, Heather Stein, Jan Dillon, , Kristie Huseh, Diane Brooks, Jon Christianson, Tom Gustafson, Larry and LaVonne Forsberg, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Shawn Groven, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Michelle Kasprick, Shari Safranski, Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Laurie Miller, Wayne and Adam Holthouse (deployed to Iran.)

If you have service members that you would like to add to the prayer list, please let Pastor Steph or the office know.



**Altar flowers are given by
Tom Kays
In loving memory of
Mike & Sandy Parker.
Blessed is their memory.**

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

**Week Ending
June 21, 2026
\$ 6,480.63**



Volunteers are needed to read, usher and serve communion. If you can help out in any of these roles, please fill out a volunteer sheet found on our new church app. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Coming this week:

Monday, June 29 – Nursing Home Visit

Tuesday, June 30 - 9:00 – Quilters

3:30 – 6:00 Techy Tuesday

Wednesday, July 1 – 6:30 – Cookies and Conversation

Friday, July 3 – Office Closed

Sunday, July 5 – 9:30 – Worship with Holy Communion

Thank you to Allen and Phyliss Johnson for trimming the bush and cleaning the flower garden up on the West side of the building.

Need help with our new app for the church? Katelyn is having Techy Tuesday from 3:30 to 6:00pm every Tuesday. Stop in and she will help get the app downloaded to your phone, show you how it works and answer any questions you may have.

Sign up sheet of Heart to Heart Visitation is in the Narthex. Prayerfully consider taking a few minutes once a month to make a visit to someone and make a difference in their life. See Pastor Steph for more details.

Katelyn is hosting Cookies and Conversation to be held on July 1 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30.

Redeemer will be hosting Vacation Bible School in partnership with Trinity Lutheran and Zion Lutheran churches. It will be held August 3rd through August 6th from 9-3 daily. More information will be coming soon.

Women of the ELCA - Trinity Lutheran in Crookston is the place to be on September 18th & 19th. They are hosting the 38th annual Convention. More information and the registration sheets are on the table in the Narthex. Early registration is due by July 1st

The Church office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of the holiday. Enjoy a safe and Happy 4th of July!

Pastor Steph will be on vacation July 4th through July 13th. We wish her well and Godspeed on her time off. Pastor Terri will be preaching in her place the first two Sundays in July.



Updates from the Synod

June 2026

We are Church, Together

Summer in Northwestern Minnesota brings changing rhythms, busy schedules, travel, camp ministry, long evenings, and opportunities for renewal. In every season, God continues to gather us into communities of hope, service, worship, and care for our neighbors. Thank you for the many ways your congregation participates in the shared ministry of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod.



Thank you to all who participated in the 2026 Synod Assembly. We are grateful for the ways the Spirit moved through worship, prayer, conversation, learning, voting, and relationship-building throughout our time together. Thank you to voting members, volunteers, presenters, musicians, tech teams, congregations, and ministry partners who made the assembly possible.

Assembly recordings, reports, resolutions, election results, and additional resources are available on the synod website.

Upcoming Events

JUNE | JULY | AUGUST

July 6-August 14

Online Boundaries and Anti-Racism Training

July 17

In-Person Boundaries & Anti-Racism
Training in Alexandria

We give thanks for all those who serve faithfully during these summer months—pastors, deacons, musicians, volunteers, camp staff, interns, synodically authorized ministers, and lay leaders.

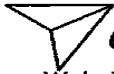
Welcome to New Synod Staff

We are excited to welcome two new staff members to the Northwestern Minnesota Synod beginning June 2!

Nick Stanley will serve as Finance & Roster Administrator, stepping into the role following Joan Meulebroeck's retirement.

Dr. Lisa Sethre-Hofstad will serve as Minister for Generosity, following the retirement of Pastor Keith Pearson.

We give thanks for Joan and Keith and their faithful years of ministry and service, and we look forward to welcoming Nick and Lisa to the synod staff team!



Share your Stories

Website: nwmnsynod.org

Facebook: Northwestern Minnesota Synod ELCA

If your congregation has events, ministry stories, celebrations, or photos to share, we would love to help tell the story of ministry happening across Northwestern Minnesota.



Prayer Corner

Gracious God,

Be with the congregations, leaders, and ministries of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod this month. Guide us with wisdom, patience, and grace as we gather, serve, and discern together. Renew us in hope and remind us that your Spirit continues to lead your church forward.

Amen.

Synod Staff

Pr. Bill Tesch | Bishop

Pr. Genelle Netland | Associate to Bishop for Leadership

Pr. Rebel Hurd | Associate to Bishop for Mission / D.E.M.

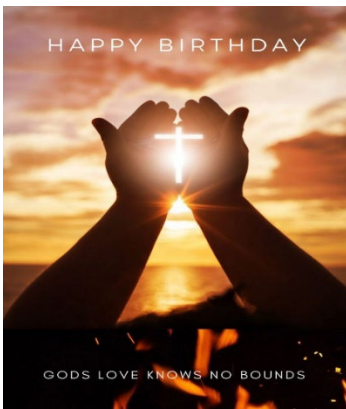
Morgan Olson | Communications & Events

Rachel Haun | Office Administrator

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June Birthdays

June Birthdays –

1 – 2 - Jacinda Zemcik, Jodie Rondorf, Peter Ihle **3** Cayda Reiersen **4 – 5** – Nicole Dennis, Maya Johnson **6** - Kiptyn Anderson, Kassidy Mostrom, Dakota Garcia **7** – Melissa Comstock, Dennis Bendickson **8** – Art Anderson, Nathan Carlson, Diedre Hodgson, Kara Skiple **9** – Phyllis Johnson **10** – Corlynn Jorde, Vicki Halsa, Joyce Olson **11** – Kathy Carlson, Laureen Halvorson, Blake Walker, Trevor Thompson **12** – Braylee Weinen, Julie Tjelle, Aundriah Bucholz **13** – Nancy Kirkeide, Julie Olson **14** – Kelsi Wilson **15** – Reid Froiland, Owen McLean, **16** – Dave Ulrich, Jessica Klemetson **17** – Kimberly Ellefson, Ryder Hall **18** – Yvonne Wahlbeck, Michelle Barry **19** – Irvin Larson, David Ulrich, Alison Dennis, Ann Bregier, Keaden Kempert **20** – Kyeser Klaven, Mattea Bugge **21** – Sandy Parker **22** – Maryel Anderson, Mckenzie Hintz, Lane Anderson **23** – Darlene Kelley, Scott Mostrom, Emerson Carlson, David Vigen **24** – Corbyn Nessen **25** – Kathy Barry, Sharon Forsberg, Kallie Houske, Sheyenne Johnson **26** – Brayden Johnson, Jenae Johnson, Kim Heimstra, Brock Brockhardt **27** – Chad Berg **28** – Carol Ihle, Lynn Grahn, Don Hejlik, Mandi Shaaheim **29** – Mary Jo Mugaas **30** – Storm D Camp

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Reid Froiland, *organist/liturgist/choir director*
Chris Cuppett, *cantor*
Mike Lundgren, *custodian*
Dave Ulrich, *videographer*

SYNOD MISSION TEAMS

NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD

**This is discipleship in action.
JOIN US!**

Equity, Justice, and Right Relationship

This team helps our synod grow in living out God's call to love our neighbors in just and meaningful ways.

- Anti-racism learning and practice
- Right relationship with Indigenous communities
- Honest conversation and growth

**This work is about the Gospel shaping
how we live together.**

Companion Synod

Our synod's companion relationship is with the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC) in India.

Through this relationship, this team:

- Joins in prayer and mutual support
- Learns from one another's faith
- Builds relationships across cultures through accompaniment
- Explores ways to engage in national issues together for the sake of growth and equality.



In Christ, we belong
to one another.

Contact

NW MN Synod Office

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- 218.299.3019
- www.nwmnsynod.org

Hunger Table

The Hunger Team exists to help our synod respond faithfully to hunger in our communities. This work is both immediate and systemic, caring for those in need today while also addressing the deeper causes of food insecurity. Join Us!

Until All Are Fed.

Care For Creation

Our Mission Statement:

Compelled by Christ and the urgent need for action, we strive to promote, educate, and advocate care for God's good creation, and to support congregations called to do the same.

Reach out for:

- Assistance in planning/goal setting
- Providing educational presentations
- Assistance in obtaining tax incentives & rebates for energy improvements

Accompaniment Team



Recognizing and Welcoming the
Gifts of LGBTQ+
Candidates for Ministry

This Team accompanies congregations while they prayerfully discern their congregation's needs and the gifts of their next leader.

WHOEVER



WELCOMES YOU



welcomes me