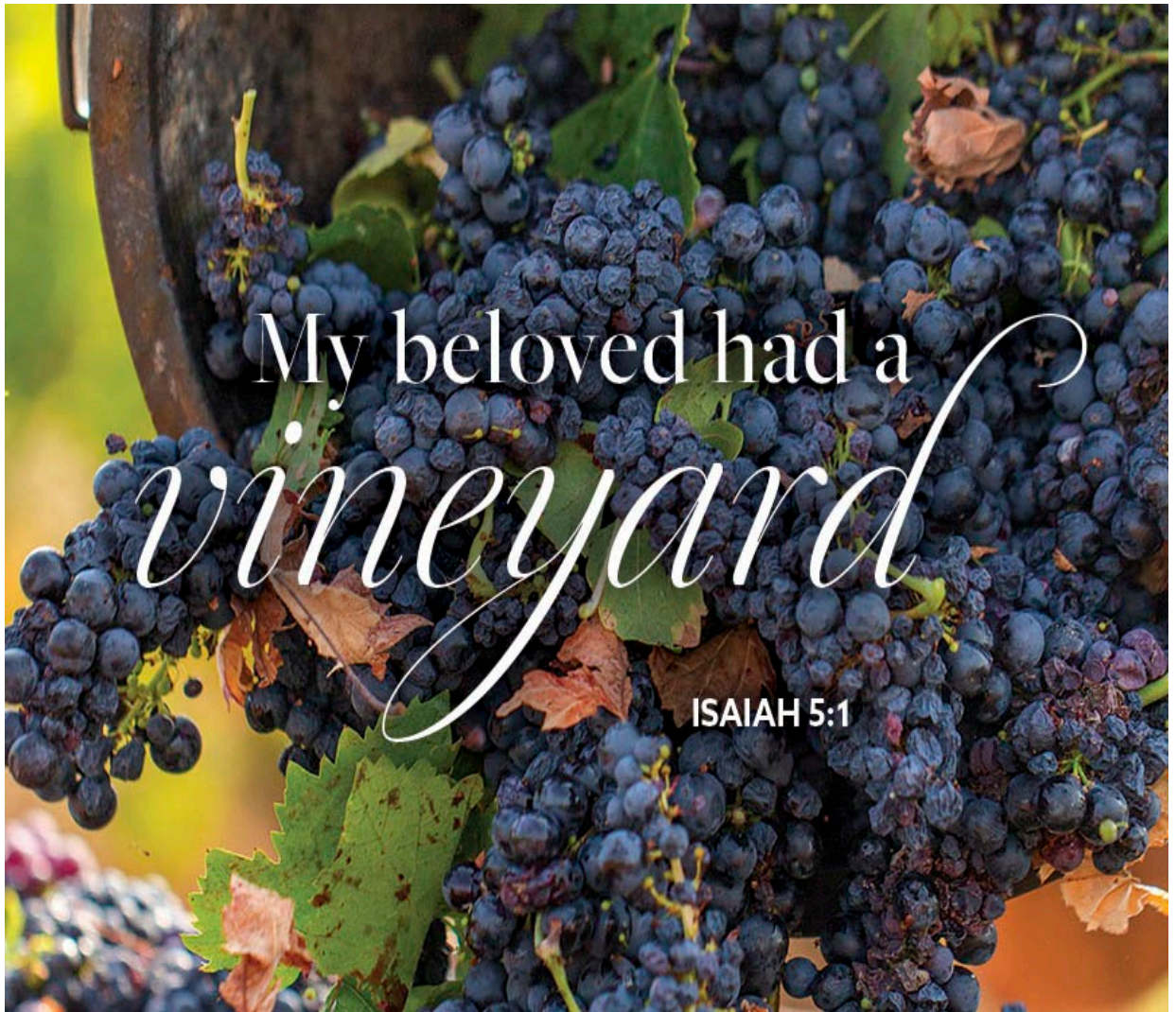




REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 4, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship

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In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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

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.

Gathering

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.

Let us bless God, who created heaven and earth.

Our Creator's name be praised.

God blessed them, and God said to them,

"Be fruitful and multiply

and fill the earth and subdue it

and have dominion over the fish of the sea

and over the birds of the air

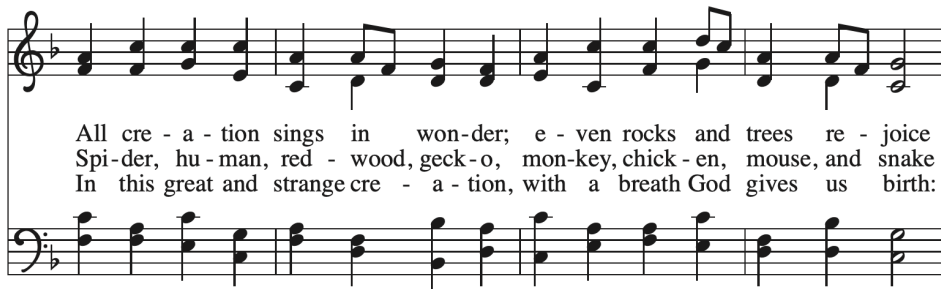
and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
 Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...Holy Spirit,
you move through all creation with sighs too deep for words. Open our hearts to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Speak through your church to rebuke the forces that seek to exploit your planet. Join our human prayers with the voices of all creation and move us to honor you by preserving the gifts of nature that reveal your glory. Amen.

Responsive Reading

But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;

Ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you,
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

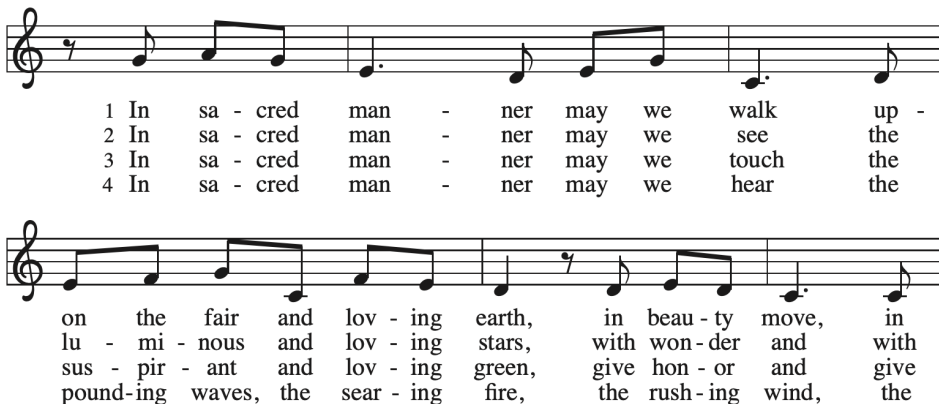
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?

In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

Hymn

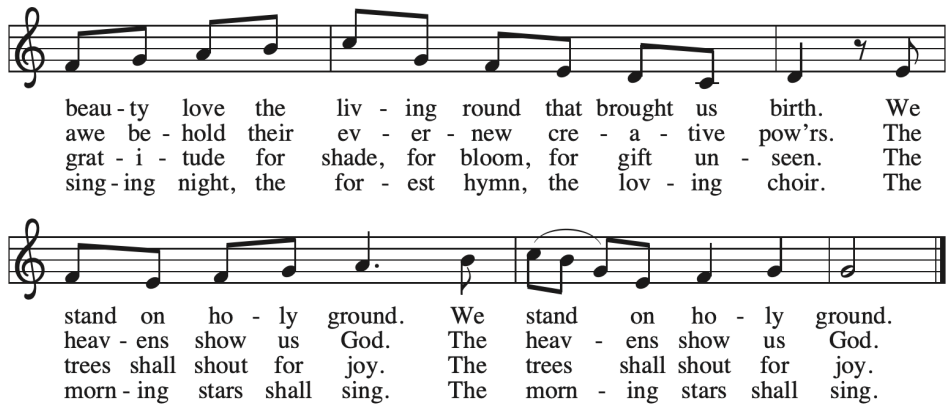
In Sacred Manner

ACS #1071



1 In sa - cred man - ner may we walk up -
2 In sa - cred man - ner may we see the
3 In sa - cred man - ner may we touch the
4 In sa - cred man - ner may we hear the

on the fair and lov - ing earth, in beau - ty move, in
lu - mi - nous and lov - ing stars, with won - der and with
sus - pir - ant and lov - ing green, give hon - or and give
pound - ing waves, the sear - ing fire, the rush - ing wind, the



beau - ty love the liv - ing round that brought us birth. We
 awe be - hold their ev - er - new cre - a - tive pow'rs. The
 grat - i - tude for shade, for bloom, for gift un - seen. The
 sing - ing night, the for - est hymn, the lov - ing choir. The

stand on ho - ly ground. We stand on ho - ly ground.
 heav - ens show us God. The heav - ens show us God.
 trees shall shout for joy. The trees shall shout for joy.
 morn - ing stars shall sing. The morn - ing stars shall sing.

5 In sacred manner may we live
 among the wise and loving ones,
 sit humbly, as at sages' feet,
 by four-legged, finned, and feathered ones.
 The animals will teach.
 The animals will teach.

6 In sacred manner may we walk
 upon the fair and loving earth,
 in beauty move, in beauty love
 the living round that brought us birth.
 We stand on holy ground.
 We stand on holy ground.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
 Music: SEATTLE, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950
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Prayer

Let us pray, God, creator of all living things,
**you fashioned a world in which lands and waterways, plants and animals,
 together meet the needs of all that you made. We pray that such vitality may
 flourish around the globe. Bless those who work the soil and who manage
 animals. Uphold their towns and villages. Nurture bees and other pollinators.
 Protect farmlands and ranches from drought and flood. Free children from
 forced labor in the fields. Grant an economy that can sustain those families
 who treasure a rural life. Teach us how to share with everyone the benefits of
 each harvest, and accept our gratitude for all sustenance you provide, in the
 name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
 you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

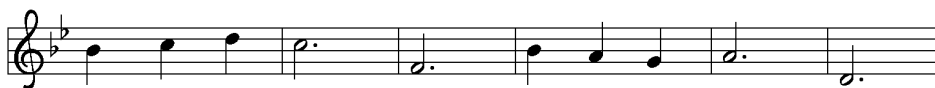
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

Hymn

Touch the Earth Lightly

ELW #739



1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,
we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: TENDERNESS, Colin Gibson, b. 1933

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Prayer

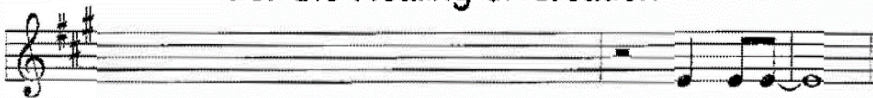
Let us pray, Holy God,

we lift to you the animal inhabitants of the earth. For those seen and unseen creatures and living things that attest to your creative power, we ask your blessing. We pray for victims of animal cruelty. Bless all who care for injured and abused animals. Comfort those who mourn for their pets and for endangered and extinct species. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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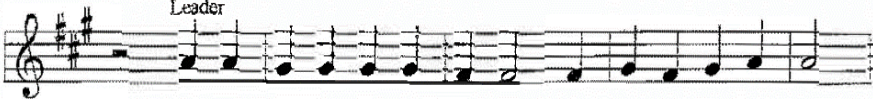
Litany of the Nations

For the Healing of Creation



God, re-new.

After each verse:
Leader



For the heal-ing of cre - a - tion, we pray to you, O God.

Assembly

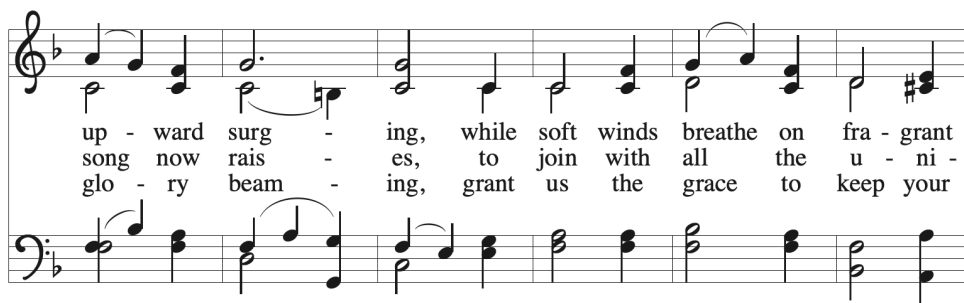


For the heal-ing of cre - a - tion, we pray to you, O God.

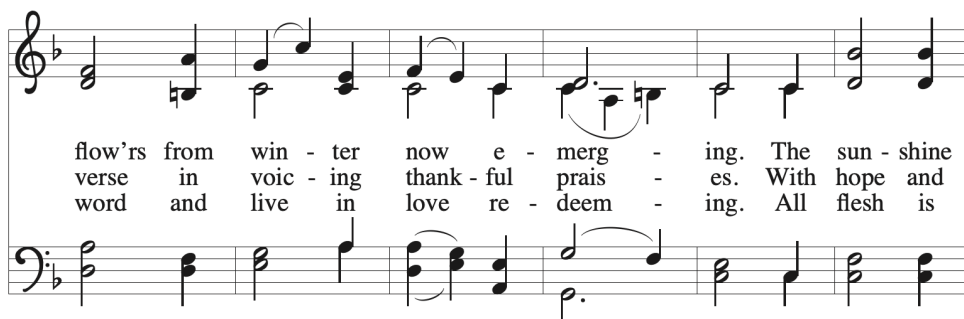
Responsive Reading

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life,
**bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and
of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.**

On either side of the river is the tree of life
with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month,
and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.



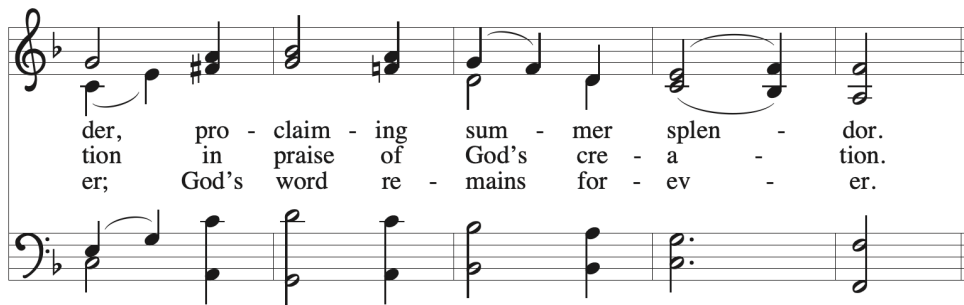
up - ward surg - ing, while soft winds breathe on fra - grant
 song now rais - es, to join with all the u - ni -
 glo - ry beam - ing, grant us the grace to keep your



flow'rs from win - ter now e - merg - ing. The sun - shine
 verse in voic - ing thank - ful prais - es. With hope and
 word and live in love re - deem - ing. All flesh is



bright gives warmth and light to bud - ding blos - soms ten -
 joy their songs em - ploy a rap - turous ex - ul - ta -
 grass, the flow - ers fade, and time is fleet - ing ev -



der, pro - claim - ing sum - mer splen - dor.
 tion in praise of God's cre - a - tion.
 er; God's word re - mains for - ev - er.

Text: Carl David af Wirsén, 1842–1912; tr. Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936, and Kenneth Jennings, 1925–2015

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Prayer

Let us pray, Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Most high, most powerful, good Lord,

Praise, glory, honor and blessing are yours. . . .

Praise be to you, my Lord, with all your creatures,

Especially to my reverent Brother Sun . . .

Beautiful is he and radiant with splendor great;

singing of your significance.

Praised be my Lord, for Sister Moon and for the stars . . .

Praised be my Lord for Brother Wind . . .

Praised be my Lord for Sister Water . . .

Praised be my Lord for Brother Fire . . .

Praised be my Lord for our sister, Mother Earth,

Praised be my Lord for those who forgive others for your sake . . .

Praised be my Lord for our sister, Death . . .

Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks.



1 Lord our God, with praise we come be - fore you.
 2 God is God, though lands were all for - sak - en.
 3 Vales and hills shall move from their foun - da - tions;




Let all na - tions hum - bly now im - plore you.
 God is God, though all by death were tak - en.
 heav'n and earth shall crash in con - ster - na - tion;




May we en - deav - or to praise you ev - er, and
 Al - though all rac - es had left no trac - es, in
 moun - tains tran - scend - ing will have their end - ing. Then




ceas - ing nev - er, may we for - ev - er a - dore you.
 star - ry spac - es God's love em - brac - es cre - a - tion.
 Christ de - scend - ing shall bring un - end - ing sal - va - tion.



Prayer

Stir up your power, O God, and save your good creation.

The earth groans in travail. Forests fall, oceans rise, crops fail. The air is thick with so much burning. Free us from the powerful who destroy the air, water, and land. Frustrate their violence, expose their lies, overthrow their schemes.

Pour out over the earth justice that rolls down like water to nourish the life of the world. Preserve the health of your beloved creation. Strengthen those who serve and protect the garden of this earth.

Restore the choir of your creatures and let us sing for joy. Gather us at your river, under the tree of life. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth; in the name of the one who from a wounded tree birthed a new creation, Jesus our redeemer. Amen.

*Sending

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May we go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Recessional Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

(see next pages)

stanzas 1 and 2: all

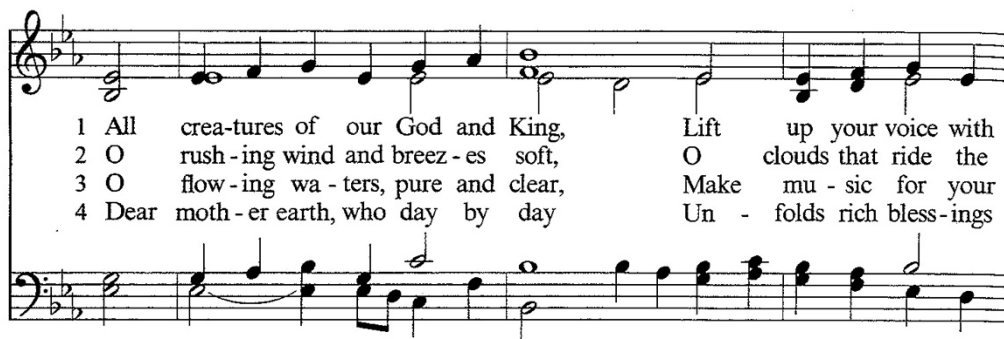
stanza 3: men

stanza 4: women

stanzas 5-7: all

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

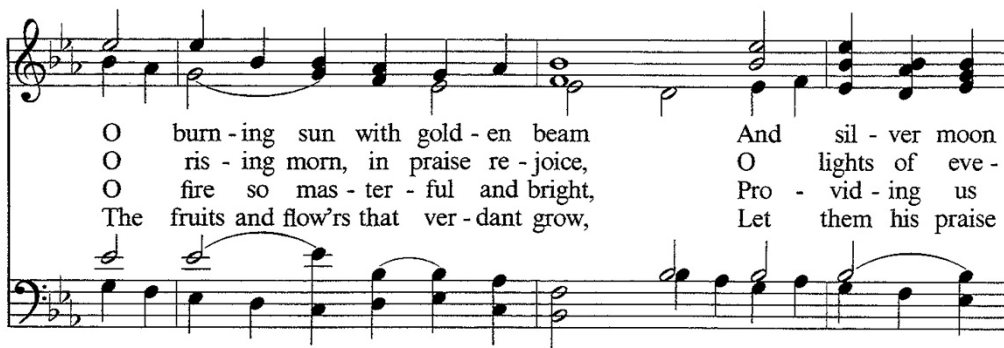
All Creatures of Our God and King



1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with
 2 O rush-ing wind and breez-es soft, O clouds that ride the
 3 O flow-ing wa-ters, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for your
 4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un-folds rich bless-ings

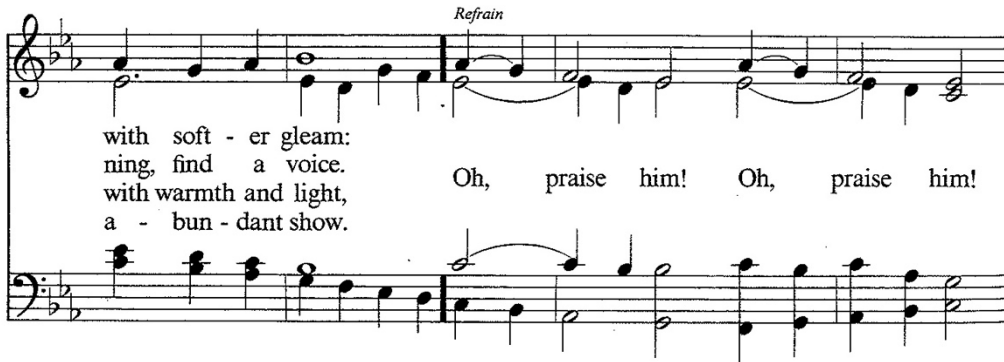


us and sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 winds a - loft: Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord to hear. Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!
 on our way, Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!

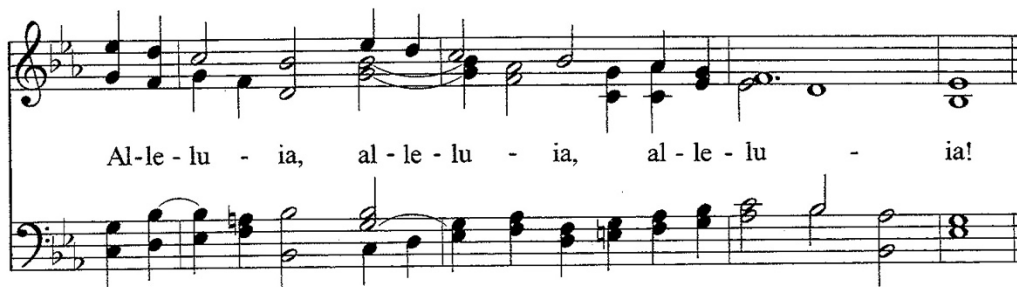


O burn-ing sun with gold-en beam And sil-ver moon
 O ris-ing morn, in praise re-joyce, O lights of eve-
 O fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, Pro-vid-ing us
 The fruits and flow'rs that ver-dant grow, Let them his praise

Refrain



with soft-er gleam:
 ning, find a voice.
 with warmth and light, Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
 a - bun-dant show.



- 5 O ev'ryone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care. *Refrain*
- 6 And you, most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our final breath,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
You lead to heav'n the child of God,
Where Christ our Lord the way has trod. *Refrain*
- 7 Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One, *Refrain*

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Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

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Acolytes:

Serving at the Altar:

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Dale Dillon, Kathy and Craig Slick, Hunter Crotty, Joe Caswell Family, The Larry Forsberg Family, Shane Defreece, Hannah Holthouse, Roger Forsberg, Nancy Killian, Heather Stein, Kristie Huseeth, Diane Brooks, Jon Christianson, Tom Gustafson, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Rick Harbott, Michelle Kasprick, Shari Safranski, Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Lillian Ancoa, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Laurie Miller, Adam Holthouse (deployed to Iran.)

If you have anyone to add to the prayer list, please let Pastor Steph or the office know.

Sign up sheet for Meals on Wheels is on the table in the Narthex. Look it over and see if there is a time that would work for you to help the elderly in our community.

Altar flowers are given today
by
Dave Ulrich
In loving memory of his Dad,
William R. Ulrich.
Blessed is his memory.



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

**Week Ending
September 27, 2026
\$ 3,502.37**



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.

The 36th Annual Hospice Spaghetti Dinner will be October 5th beginning at 5p.m. There is a sign up sheet by the east door for donations of treats and times.

Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the Coffee Cart every Thursday from 9am to 11am. Bring a friend and come have coffee, tea, or another beverage along with a treat.

Coming this week:

Monday, October 5 – 5:00 HIA Hospice Spaghetti Dinner

Tuesday, October 6 – 9:00 Quilters

3:30 Techy Tuesday

5:15 Altar Guild

6:00 All Committees

6:30 Worship and Music

Wednesday, October 7 – 9:30 Staff

5:45 J.A.M.

6:30 Evening Prayer Worship

7:00 Confirmation for Grades 6-8

7:00 Confirmation Pictures – Grade 9

Thursday, October 8 – 9:00 Coffee Cart with Katelyn

1:00 Greenleaf and Valley Home

Sunday, October 11 – 9:30 – Worship – Blessing of the Quilts

Donut Fellowship

WELCA Conference 2 Fall Gathering will be October 17th beginning at 8:30 a.m. At Silver Creek Lutheran Church in TRF. Guest speaker is Glenice Johnson. Cost is \$10 Hope to see you there!

Blessing of the Quilts will be on Sunday, October 11th. Quilts will be on display from Wednesday, October 7th through Monday, October 12th. They will be available for purchase for a minimum donation of \$75. They can be picked up after worship on Sunday the 11th. Congratulations to the quilters for completing 200 quilts!

Bethany Lutheran Smorgasbord Dinner is October 11th beginning at 11:30. Enjoy a Scandinavian Meatball dinner with all the fixings. Cost is \$20

Food Drive carts are out in the Narthex. Please remember to bring a donation to help the hungry in our community. All donations will be brought to the local food shelf. Thank you! The theme is **Kid Friendly!**

Please download the app for Redeemer on your electronic devices. If you are needing help with this, please contact Katelyn. Stop in and she will help get the app downloaded to your electronic devices, show you how it works and answer any questions you may have.

The 2nd Annual Hootenanny will be on October 25th at 5:00 p.m. Hot dog lunch will be served. Come and join in the fun!

Confirmation pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 7th.

Confirmation will be on October 25th this year.

 **HIA Hospice** A grief support group meets on the 3rd Thursday at 1:30 p.m. each month at the Heritage Center. Open to all adults dealing with the loss of a loved one through death. All meetings are free. You may call 800-237-4629 with questions

Five key qualities of good stewardship are faithfulness, trustworthiness, diligence, generosity, and gratitude.



October Birthdays

October Birthdays –

1 – Kylea Bernier **2** – Grace Littlefield, Hunter Goulet **3** – David Voecks, Imogene Helle, Fern Melbye **4** – Logan Kruchowski, Melanie Lunsetter, Wally Sjaaheim, Reagan Dagg **5** – **6** – Cindy Dally, Beckem Johnson, Grace Gillespie, Archie Aahles **7** – **8** – Becky Berg **9** – Henley Anderson, Michelle Kasprick, Renae Dalen, Sue Dupree **10** – Arlette Defreece, John Mattson, Daylin Eakes, Mya Eidelbes **11** – Jenna Holthouse **12** – Dave Thompson **13** - Barb Gehrls, Amanda Miller, Joyce White **14** – **15** – Tim Bergerson **16** – Eva Eickman, Rolek Anderson **17** – **18** – LaVay Hickerson, Spencer Hempel, Paula Praska, **19** – Heather Bayne **20** –**21** – Seth Anderson, Cassandra Reierson, Ryan Haugen, Karen Borg **22** – **23** - Maizey Ziegler, Diedre Nordin **24** – Bruce Olson, Janet Myers **25** – Julie Olson, Leah Walker **26** –Steve Milender **27** –**28** – **29** – **30** – **31** – Nate Halsa, Brielle Johns, Myles Johnson

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Think Fast



Easy! Come up with three (3) answers for each phrase. Fastest person wins!

Animals Adam might have named			
Fruit that could have been in the garden			
Things God made that fly			
Things God called as "good"			
Rivers mentioned in Eden			
Things God created on Day 4			
Things God created that humans use daily			
Things God made in the sky			
Things Adam might have seen on his first day			
Plants that might have grown in Eden			
Ways humans were different from animals at creation			
Colors you might see in creation			



I AM

the LORD

YOUR GOD, WHO



BROUGHT YOU OUT of the land of EGYPT,

OUT OF THE HOUSE OF

SLAVERY.

Your Prayer Labyrinth

