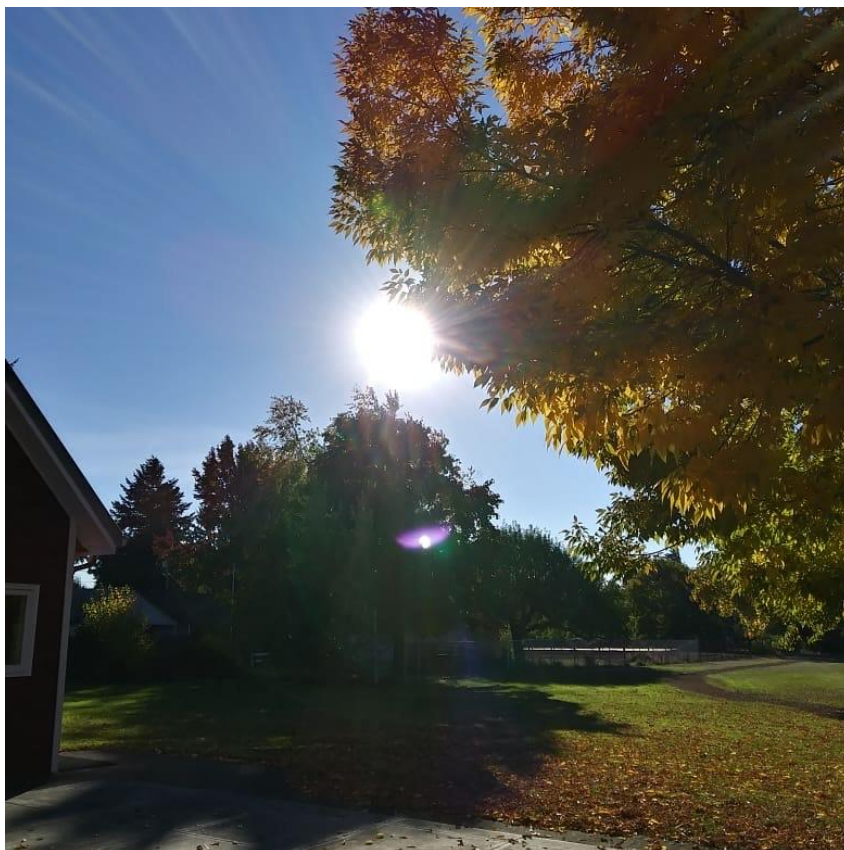


Fifth Sunday of Season of Creation
July 27, 2025
8:30am Worship



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Welcome to Worship!

Central Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Oregon Synod, is a Reconciling in Christ community: We affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's wondrous grace and unconditional love.

We celebrate both the human variation and inclusive unity of God's family. Following Jesus' example, we embrace all of God's people, regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, economic circumstance, and we firmly commit to racial equity. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, education, fellowship, and service.

Our mission is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another, nurturing faithful living, serving those in need, and sharing the Gospel.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Méditation religieuse

Henri Mulet

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY OF GRATITUDE AND GRIEF

Creator God, we give you thanks for the life you continually make to spring forth in this world.

We grieve that alongside that life is death and suffering.

We give you thanks for the gifts of Creation that we constantly receive.

We grieve that we continually squander those gifts and turn them against one another.

We give you thanks for the new life in Jesus Christ which provides us with new opportunities and new signs of Creation every day.

We grieve all that we have lost.

As we embrace the newness of life in you, we leave behind what was before.

We hold gratitude and grief together as present realities of life in you and in our world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name.

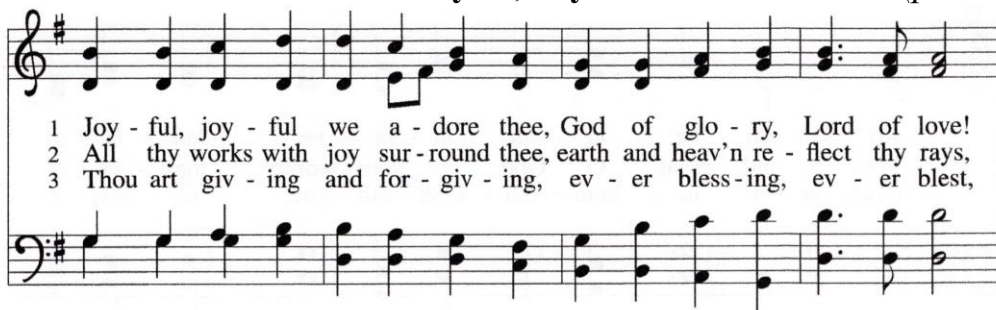
If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sin, we trust that from God comes life which includes forgiveness and reconciliation.

(silence is kept for reflection and self-examination)

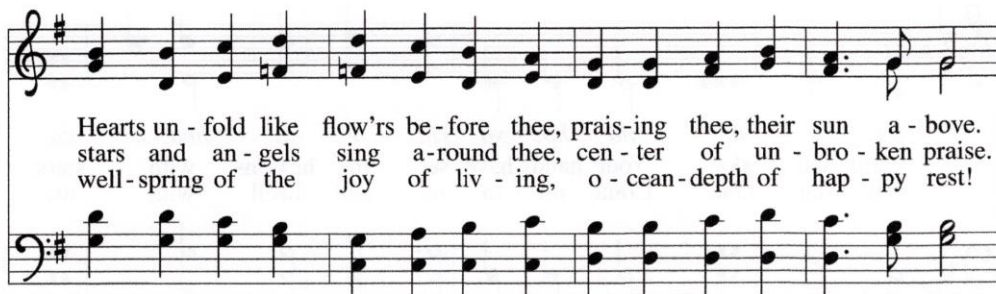
Most merciful God, we confess that we remain captive to sin and cannot save ourselves. We have seized your creation, twisted it and attempted to make it our own. We have not stewarded creation toward life for all, but selfishly exploited it for our personal benefit. We have not respected one another as creations of your hand. We have not seen your presence in all of creation and have become disassociated from creation, one another, and even ourselves. We have lost our way. We pray for your forgiveness in your boundless mercy.

Our Creator God is a God of life and God's life has overcome our sin in the death and resurrection of Christ. Where we have tried to twist creation to our own ends, Christ has brought into himself every aspect of creation including us. He has made us new as a new creation and thereby forgives us all our sins and brings us to productive, abundant, and everlasting life. **Amen.**

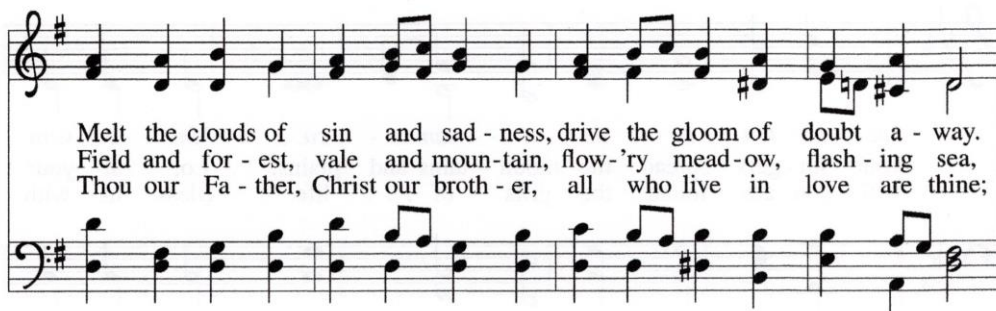
ENTRANCE HYMN #836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee *(please stand)*




1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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.**

KYRIE

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1. 3 Lord _____ have mer - cy. Lord _____ have mer - cy.
 2. Christ _____ have mer - cy. Christ _____ have mer - cy.

Lord _____ have mer - cy. Lord _____ have mer - cy.
 Christ _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Organ Introduction

1. Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised
 2. By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth,
 3. Yet our pride makes us fall; so Christ came
 4 Now has Christ tru - ly ris'n, and his Spir -

with a song! To the Lord we be - long: chil-dren of our ma - ker,
 light and shade, na-ture's won - ders dis-played, we to rule cre - a - tion
 for us all not the righ - teous to call by his cross and pas - sion,
 it is giv'n to all those un - der heav'n who now walk be-side him,

God the great life giv - er. Shout for joy, joy, joy, Shout for joy,
 from its first foun - da - tion.
 bring - ing us sal - va - tion.
 though they once de - nied him.

joy, joy, God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of abundance, **you have not abandoned your Creation. We give you thanks that amid the crises we face in our world, we know that you are present and are acting in our midst. Remain with us and guide us into a further love of you and your Creation. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

FIRST READING Colossians 1:9-20

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 65



You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.
Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

**You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

ANTHEM *O Divine Redeemer* – Gounod David Gustafson, Tenor

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Cantors sing first, then congregation joins.)*

Christ be-fore me, Christ to the right of me, —

Christ be-hind me, Christ to the left of me, — Christ a - bove me, Christ be - low

me, Christ with - in me. —

Stephen Rodgers, June 2024

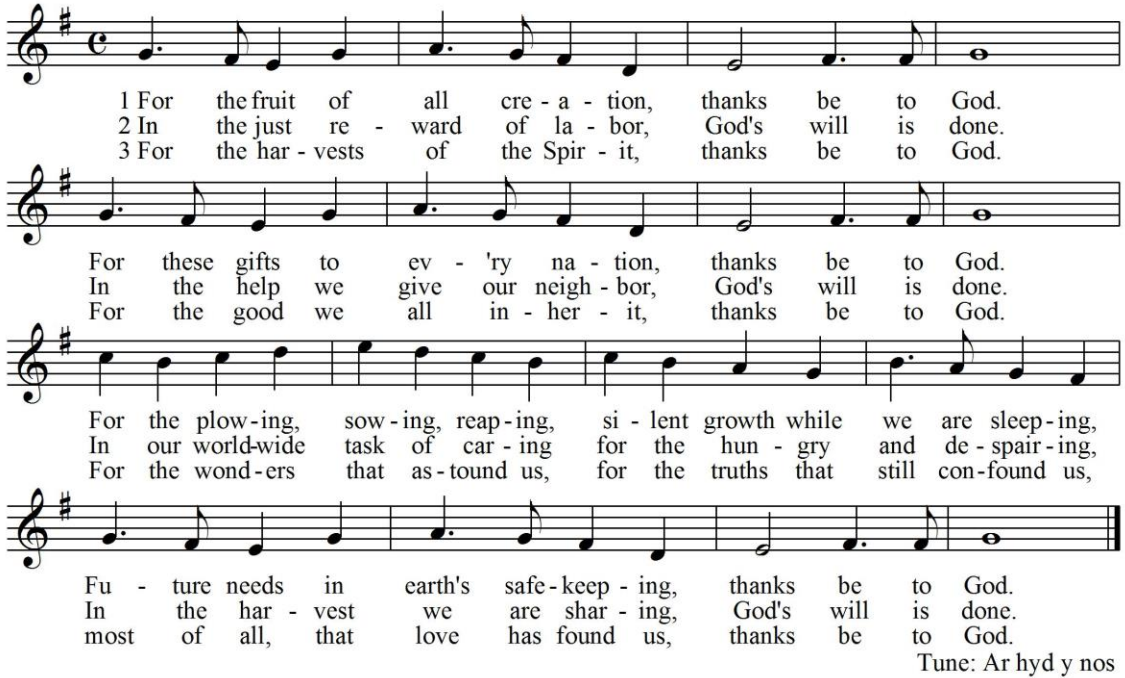
GOSPEL Luke 5:17-26

The Gospel according to Luke, the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

One day while Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem were sitting nearby, and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. Just then some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a stretcher. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven you.” Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, “Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the one who was paralyzed—“I say to you, stand up and take your stretcher and go to your home.” Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen incredible things today.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(please be seated)*

HYMN OF THE DAY #679 For the Fruits of All Creation *(please stand)*



1 For the fruit of all cre-a-tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re-ward of la-bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev-'ry na-tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in-her-it, thanks be to God.

For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
 In our world-wide task of car-ing for the hun-gry and de-spair-ing,
 For the wond-ers that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,

Fu-ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
 In the har-vest we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Tune: Ar hyd y nos

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our Christian faith.

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. *(please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ANTHEM

City of Heaven – Johnson

Siri Vik, Soprano

OFFERING

You may bring your offering forward during communion to place in the plate.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Creator God, 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 *(please stand as you are able)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

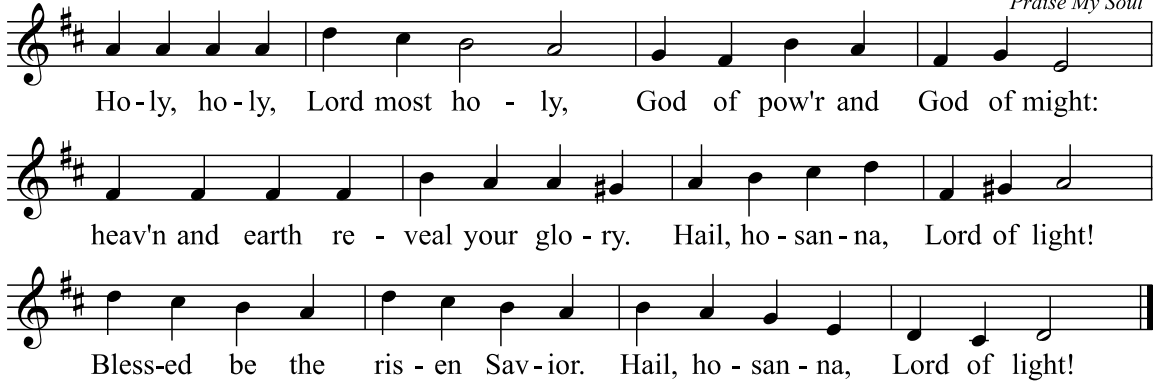
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; through whom You created all things, who in his crucifixion and resurrection, bestowed on us new life as the new creation. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Praise My Soul



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord most ho - ly, God of pow'r and God of might:
heav'n and earth re - veal your glo - ry. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!
Bless-ed be the ris - en Sav - ior. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song: **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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. *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS & DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to Christ's meal. With outstretched hands you may come forward to receive the bread in the form of a wafer (gluten-free wafers are available) and then you may dip it into the cup with red wine or white grape juice. For those who do not wish to receive communion today you are invited to come forward for a blessing or remain seated throughout the distribution.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf - fered death our lives to — save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us — free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Pie Jesu (Requiem)* - Andrew Lloyd Webber

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

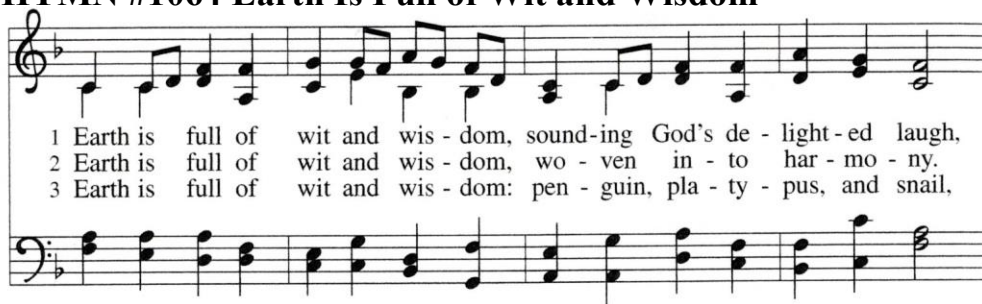
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Hold us in your love amid our feelings of grief as well as gratitude and send us out into the world hungering to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *(please stand as you are able)*

God, the Source of glory; God, the Word of life; God, the Spirit of truth ✠
bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

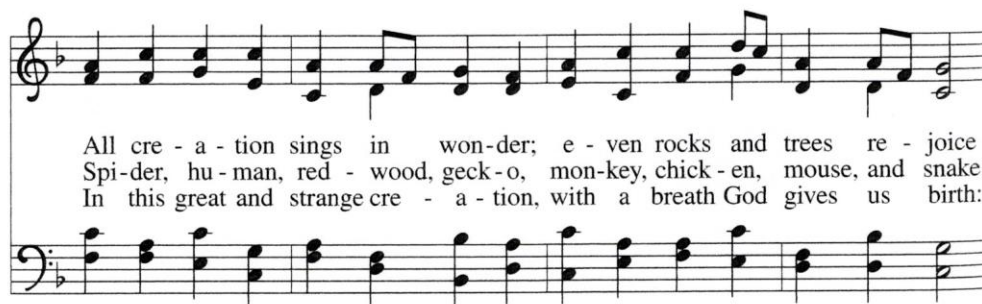
HYMN #1064 Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom



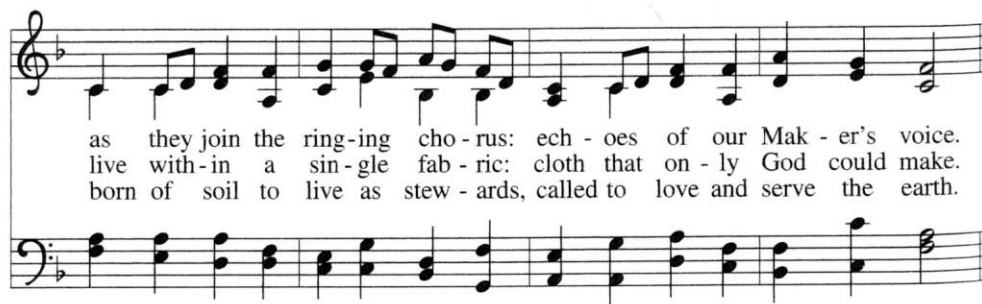
1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



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.

DISMISSAL

Your Creation is a gift, O God. **And so, we give you thanks.**

Your Creation is groaning, O God. **And so, we grieve its pain.**

Your Creation sends us into the world, **to love and to serve one another.**

Depart in peace. God is with you and all of creation. **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Allegro Vivace* from **Sonata I** - Mendelsohn

Today's Cantors: Siri Vik & David Gustafson

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You are invited to join us for our final midweek Season of Creation

Vespers service on Wednesday, July 30th at 7:15pm on the lawn at Emmaus (18th and Polk). Chairs are provided.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events with Vicar Ian:

"Gather Eugene" (previously known as the Young Adult Bible Study) will have a picnic/potluck at Washington Park on August 6th at 6 pm. There will be outdoor games and food. Bring a side dish, dessert, or snack to share!

The final "Walk with the Intern" will be on August 9th at 9am at Pre's Trail. This will be a flat, mulched trail that will be held rain or shine. Meet at the parking lot by the trailhead.

A farewell potluck for Vicar Ian & Alexis will be held on Sunday, August 10th at 5pm at United Lutheran in their fellowship hall. This will be a joint potluck between both churches. Bring your best dish to share! This will be a great opportunity for you to say goodbye to Alexis and Ian before they return to Ohio.