

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship - Summer 2026



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WELCOME



ELCA Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Welcome Newcomers

We hope you are comfortable here. A few notes about our bulletin and worship. The white part of the bulletin gets re-used each week to conserve resources. The right-side margin contains details about the service and readings to help you connect more fully with worship. The yellow insert contains today's readings, songs, prayer requests, and announcements. Please take it home for your continued use this week. You can find more details for newcomers on the back page of the white bulletin. We are glad you are here - you are welcome in this space because of who you are.

Being Lutheran

As Lutherans, we see, hear, teach, and follow Jesus for the sake of our neighbor. Neighbor means anyone other than us, including creation. We see God in vulnerability - God meets us at the cross. In our deepest pain, God is present. Baptized into Christ, we live a new life - claimed and named forever as God's beloved. In the bread and wine of communion we receive and share Christ with all of creation. This is because of who God is, not because of what we do (or don't do). We receive God's grace through faith - in Scripture, the living word of God, and the sacraments of baptism and communion, which transform our lives so that we love and serve God, our neighbor and all of creation. A transformed life is one centered in Christ by the Spirit, following and trusting in God alone; freed to love, liberate, and serve.



Season after Pentecost

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence for Reflection

Compassionate God,
we confess to you our sin.
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.

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,
Creator, ☩ Christ and Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

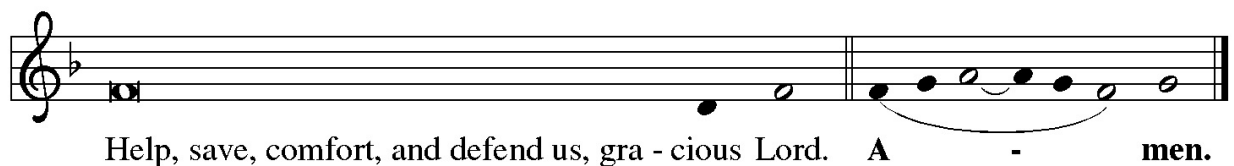
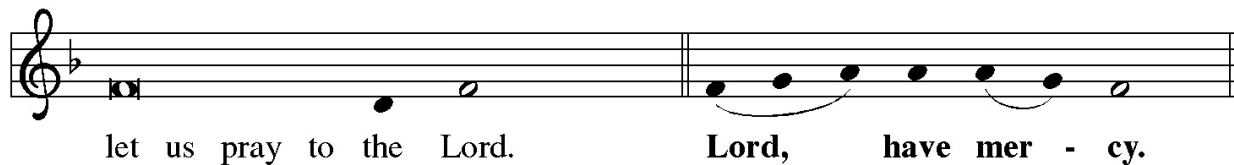
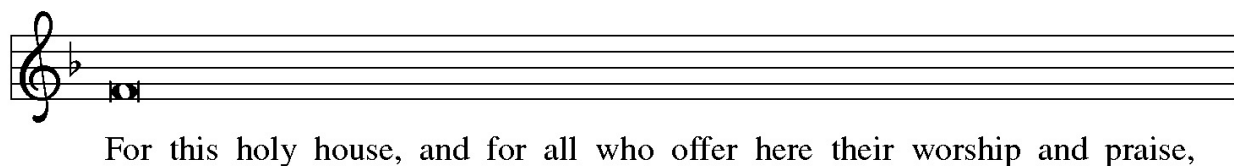
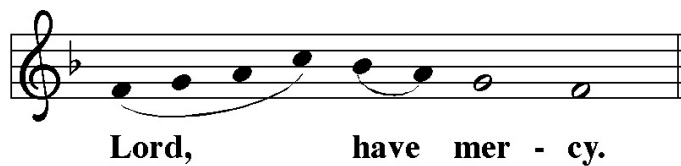
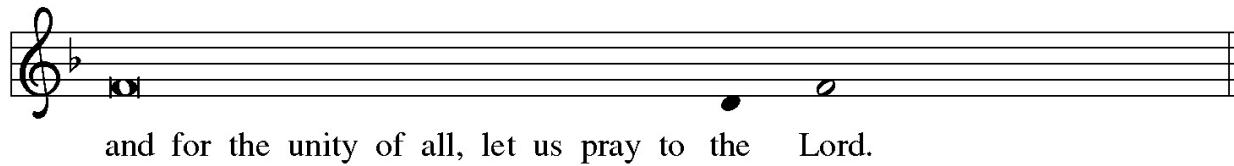
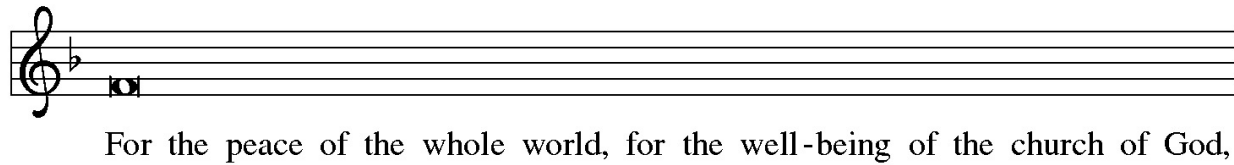
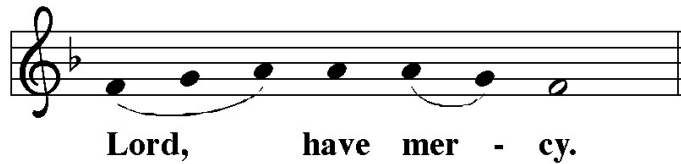
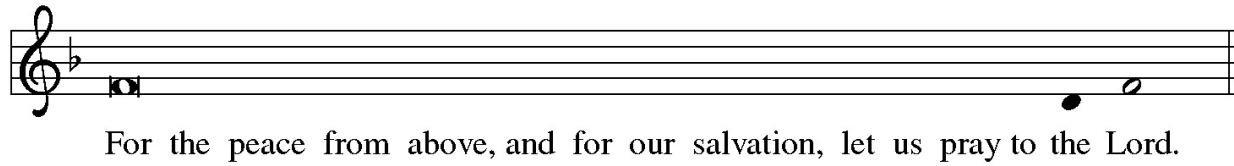
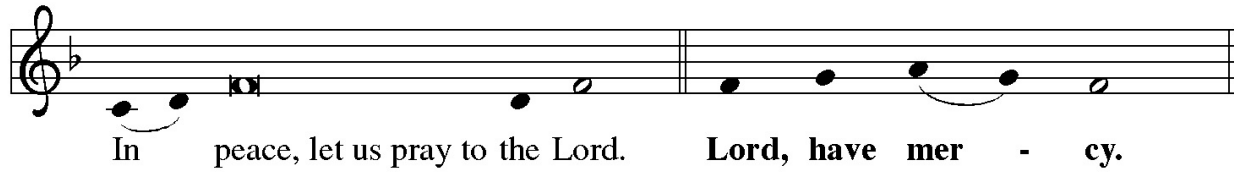
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should stand in body
and/or spirit.
Congregation's
speaking and singing
parts are in bold
font.*

*As we prepare for
worship, take time to
look around, to settle
in, to receive the Holy
Spirit's presence.*



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

*KYRIE



Christ, Our Peace

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ, Our Peace'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system has the lyrics 'Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;'. The second system has the lyrics 'Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.'.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

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*GREETING

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: *See insert*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: *See insert*

SECOND READING: *See insert*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

WORD

The readings and psalm can be found in the yellow insert.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two systems of music, each with a single treble staff. The key signature is D major (two sharps). The first system has the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second system has the lyrics 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.'.

ELW, Setting 3

*GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to...
Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY *See insert*

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERING SONG

Stand and sing in English or Spanish as offering is brought forward.

*Listen deeply as the
gospel lesson is being
read*



God Bless to Us Our Bread (2 x)

Ben - di - ce, Se-ñor, nues-tro pan, y da pan a los que tien - en
God bless to . . us our . . bread, and give bread . . to all those who are

ham - bre y ham-bre de jus - ti - cia a los que tien - en
hun - gry, and hun - ger for jus - tice to those who are

pan. Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan.
fed. God bless to . . . us our . . . bread.

Text: Argentine traditional, collected by Federico Pagura, 1923–2016; tr. John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: BENDICE NUESTRO PAN, Argentine melody, collected by Federico Pagura; arr. John L. Bell
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*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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

In the night... do this for the remembrance of me.

Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and Creator, we pray as Jesus taught,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

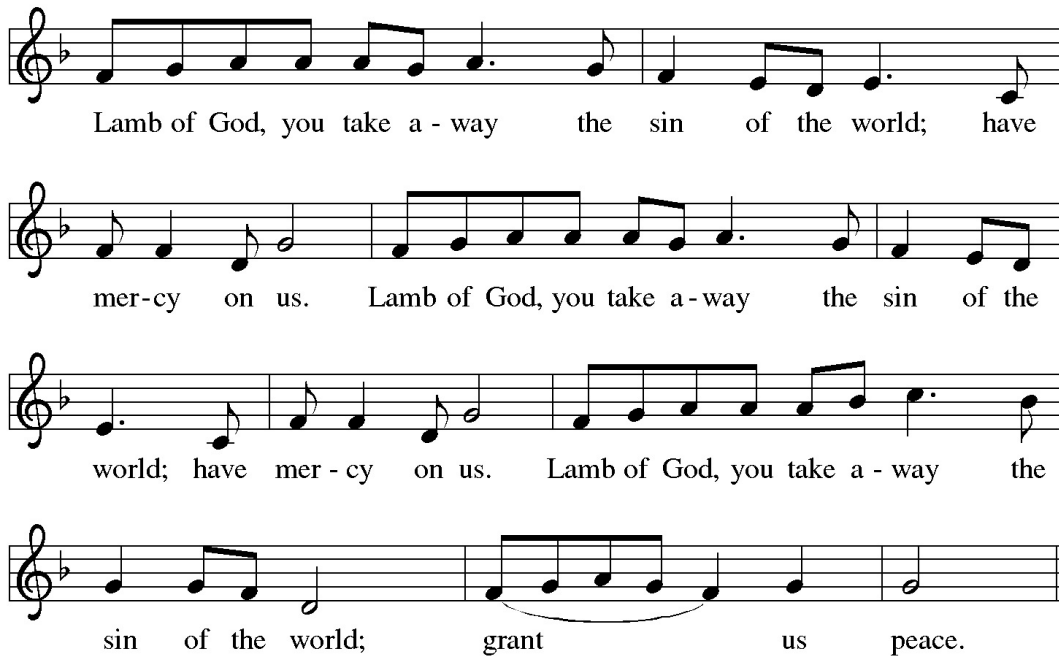
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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.

COMMUNION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

COMMUNION HYMNS



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns See insert

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN See insert

*DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

This congregation tends to use the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to pray using other versions, words, or languages that may be more familiar to you. You are also encouraged to address God in a way that most opens your heart to relationship with God (Creator, Father and Mother, Abba, Our Only Home are a few options). Jesus taught this form of prayer to the disciples to encourage sincere and meaningful conversation with God.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome, without exception. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your heart. Gluten-free wafers available by request. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.



Turn to follow the cross as it passes and leads us to love and service in the world.

Deepen Your Faith This Fall

Chancel Choir - Thursdays, 6:30 PM, begins September 3

Everyone is welcome to join our choir. Experienced and new singers are invited to help us share music during worship. Chancel Choir rehearses weekly with Dr. Aysen Millioğulları and sings twice a month during worship. Talk to Aysen if you would like to learn more.

Bell Choir - Mondays at 6:30 PM, begins September 14

We welcome all who are interested in ringing or just curious to see what is involved. If you have any questions, ask any current bell ringer or contact Kathie (kmmiller@hotmail.com)

Come & See – Tuesdays at 11:00 AM, begins September 1

Weekly faith formation conversations for anyone, no preparation needed. We spend time reflecting on one of the upcoming readings for Sunday and with the "Hidden Gem" reflection prepared by John Indermark. The conversation is intended to deepen contemplative Scripture reading and prepare for Sunday worship. Held in the Patio Room. Bring your Bible or borrow a Lutheran Study Bible. Led by Pastor Amalia.

Sunday Forums, Sundays at 10:30 AM, begins Sept 13

Throughout the fall, we will hold a variety of learning opportunities on Sunday mornings following worship. Check the bulletin or Weekly eNews for upcoming forums.

Worship Ministers

Help prepare for and lead worship. Ushers, assisting ministers, altar care, A/V tech team – offer to do what you love or learn a new skill. Talk to Pastor Amalia or email oslc@lutherantucson.org

Public Faith Team

Hear the Gospel on Sunday, live it on Monday. Meet with others to engage in community advocacy in support of immigrants, people who are homeless, and others in need. Talk with Paula Miller (paula@lutherantucson.org)

Coffee Hosts

Do you come to church for the coffee? Help make it happen – hospitality-minded people needed to prepare coffee and serve treats (brought by others)

Other Weekly Events at Our Saviour's

Meditation Group, Mondays at 1:30 PM. Call Kevin 520-290-6949 for more information.

Men's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 7:00 AM, Activity Building

Spanish Class, Tuesdays, 6:30 PM – open to all levels, free

Community Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:30 AM, Activity Building

Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinner & Worship, Wednesdays (UA, PCC, other young adults)



Newcomers + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Families + we have a small play area (pray-ground) up front. The joyful sounds and movements of children in worship are the welcome sounds of children growing in faith. Parents, thank you for doing the hard work of worshipping with children. This congregation is here to support you.

Hearing Assistance + headphones are available to assist in hearing the service. Please contact an usher to get set up with one.

Nametags + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

Expansive Language + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

Liturgy + Our sung liturgy is Setting 3 from Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

Online Offering

We have partnered with the ELCA and Tithely to offer secure online giving. Scan the image below using your smart phone to make your offering. Or, contact the church office to set up regular online giving.



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Sunday Worship

9:00 - Sanctuary
Coffee following

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FIRST READING Genesis 45:1-15

[After Judah offered himself in place of his brother Benjamin,]¹ Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt."⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors.⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay."¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck.¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

SECOND READING Romans 11:1-2, 29-36

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now [I] receive mercy.³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

³³ O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are God's judgments and how inscrutable God's ways!

³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been God's counselor?"

³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to God,
to receive a gift in return?"

³⁶ For from God and through God and to God are all things. To God be the glory forever. Amen.

Sunday August 16, 2026

Our first reading is from the book of Genesis.

Last Sunday's reading ended with Joseph's brothers selling him into slavery. But what seemed the end of Joseph is only a beginning. Where dreams once got Joseph tossed in a pit, dreams now pave the way for Joseph's rise to power. He is second only to Pharaoh in Egypt, in charge of Egypt's grain storehouses. Famine strikes, and his brothers come to Egypt looking for grain.

Our second reading is from Paul's letter to the church at Rome.

Ten years ago this week in the streets of Charlottesville, White Christian Nationalists chanted this. "Jews will not replace us!" The extreme irony of those words links to our reading from Romans. Paul maintains God's covenant with Judaism is ongoing. But in spite of Paul, a volatile belief emerges that Christianity has completely replaced Judaism. Period. In its extreme, that Replacement Theory sparked Inquisitions, the Ku Klux Klan, Pogroms and Holocaust.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise to you, O Christ

GOSPEL Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

***HYMN OF THE DAY ACS #1062 Build a Longer Table**

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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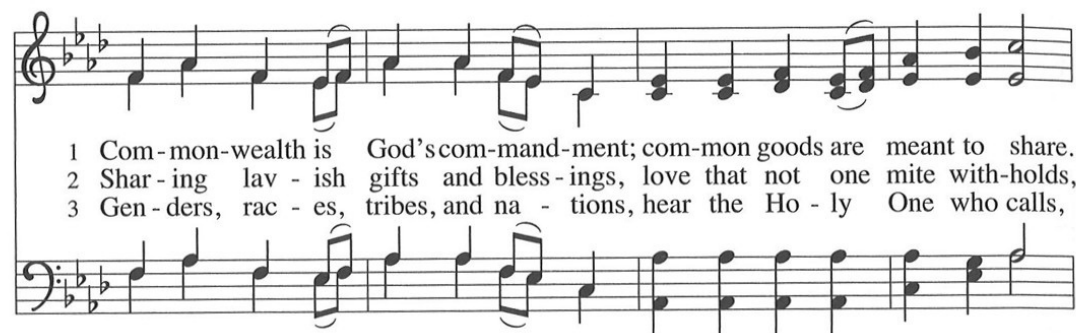
OFFERING *The Lone, Wild Bird* ("Prospect"), arr. by Gene Roberson

COMMUNION HYMNS

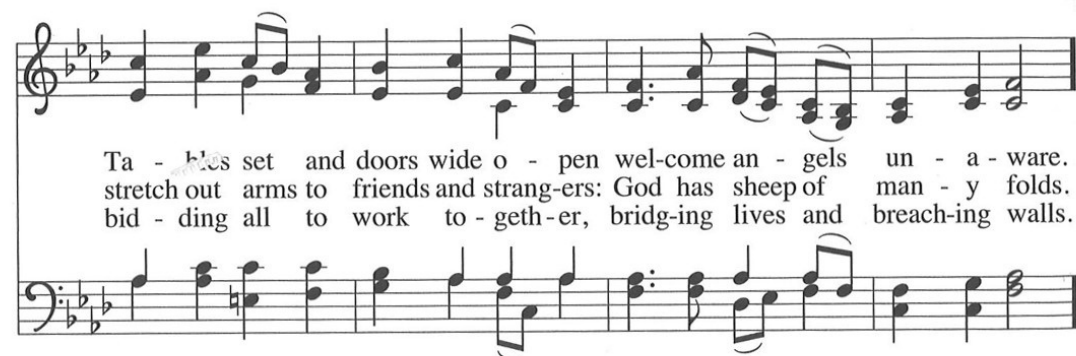
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ELW #532 Gather Us In - hymnal

1036 Commonwealth Is God's Commandment

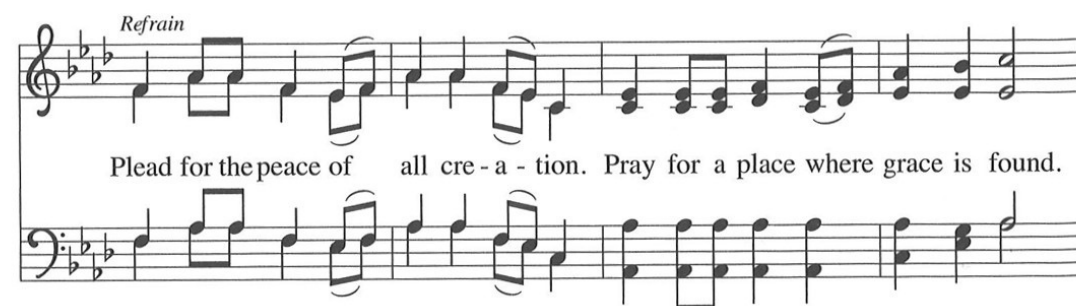


1 Com - mon - wealth is God's com - mand - ment; com - mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar - ing lav - ish gifts and bless - ings, love that not one mite with - holds,
3 Gen - ders, rac - es, tribes, and na - tions, hear the Ho - ly One who calls,



Ta - bles set and doors wide o - pen wel - come an - gels un - a - ware.
stretch out arms to friends and stran - gers: God has sheep of man - y folds.
bid - ding all to work to - geth - er, bridg - ing lives and breach - ing walls.

Refrain



Plead for the peace of all cre - a - tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan - ti, pax, sha - lom, mas - la - ha: com - mon good is ho - ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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RESTORATION
8 7 8 7 and refrain

*Please turn to follow
the cross as it passes
and leads us to love
and service in the
world.*

Prayer Requests: Alecia Chrin; Justin Schneider; Gerry Meyer; Corky Ronstadt; Mary Neff; Lydia Slipp; the Hughes Family; and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Family: Friends and Family of John Shelton upon his death (former member); Friends and Family of Kathy Gregory upon the death of her husband Gary (friends of Ann and Bill DeVinney); Liz (friend of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Sarah (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Jennifer, Sally, and Ashley, (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak); John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Sidibe, and Zinsou, (friends of Rachel Starner); Mary Etta (friend of Suzanne Hesh); Rita (friend of John and Judy Indermark)

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Names will generally remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for renewal. Please contact the church office for corrections, updates, and additions.

OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

The readings for the twelfth Sunday in Pentecost share the theme of reunion. Joseph reunites with long-estranged brothers. Paul asserts how God's mercy restores relationships. In Matthew, Jesus encounters a woman who is an outsider to Israel and whose daughter is in need of healing. The woman persists in cries for help in the face of indifference and hostility. Jesus finally commends her faith and heals her child.

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Sunday Forum - Sunday, August 30

We will offer another chance to see (or see again) the Oscar-nominated film about a Lutheran church wrestling with race relations during the height of the civil rights movement. The film debuted 60 years ago this year and continues to provoke good discussion and learning. Led by our Reconciling in Christ Team.

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THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 8/16/26

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Hildi Williams
Communion Assistants	
Acolyte	
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Dr. Aysen Millioğullari
Usher	Jeanne Gacke, David Lester
Greeter	Sophia Rankin
Cross Bearer	
Coffee Host	Catalina Rankin
Treats	Carla Mundt
Tech Team	Pflibsens/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 8/23/26

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Olga Ryan
Communion Assistants	Deacon Wendi Van Beek, Patty Sirls
Acolyte	Asher Havenhill
Keyboard	Dawn Hartley
Cantor	Nilu Dorschner
Usher	Anne and Bill DeVinney
Greeter	Joanna Keyl
Cross Bearer	Asher Havenhill
Coffee Host	Eric Howard
Treats	Adrian/Saphir Family
Tech Team	Pflibsens/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark