



Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Sunday, September 6th 2026

Lectionary 23 (Pentecost 15)

*Congregational responses are printed in **Bold Type**.*

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

Welcome to Resurrection Lutheran Church where different people come together for the shared purpose of worshiping God and encouraging each other through the inclusive love of Jesus. Whether you are our guest, looking for a church home, or already a member, we want you to feel welcomed by our congregation and inspired by our worship service.

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Introduction

Since the seventh century, September 1 has symbolized the day of the creation of the world in the Byzantine tradition and has been the opening feast of its liturgical year (known as the Feast of the Indiction), in parallel with Rosh Hashanah marking the Jewish New Year. Creation in Christ celebrates the ongoing creation of the world in and through Christ, who sustains, unites, and holds all created things. We hear today of the triune God who creates all things: sun and moon, shining stars, sea monsters, creeping things and flying birds—and, yes, even

human beings. God-in-Christ still takes care of all things and invites us to join in as caretakers of God's good creation.

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing praise among the faithful.

Let the people of God be glad;
Let us rejoice, dance and sing.

For the Lord rejoices in the people;
God gives glory to the humble of hearts.

Gathering Hymn As We Gather at your Table
ELW 522

joined by the staff of Fort Howard Mausoleum for service and funeral planning, as well honoring your final wishes.

Confirmation for All Ages

Never confirmed? Don't remember a thing from confirmation class as a kid? Then this one's for you. **Starting Monday, October 26 from 6-7:30 PM in the Gathering Room at Resurrection**, we're offering an 8-month course exploring what it means to be Lutheran — the Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and Baptism and Communion — built for adults, not teenagers. We'll meet twice monthly for 1.5 hours in a discussion-based setting that welcomes real questions. The course concludes with an optional opportunity to affirm your baptism in worship — no pressure, just an open door.

Trunk or Treat Support

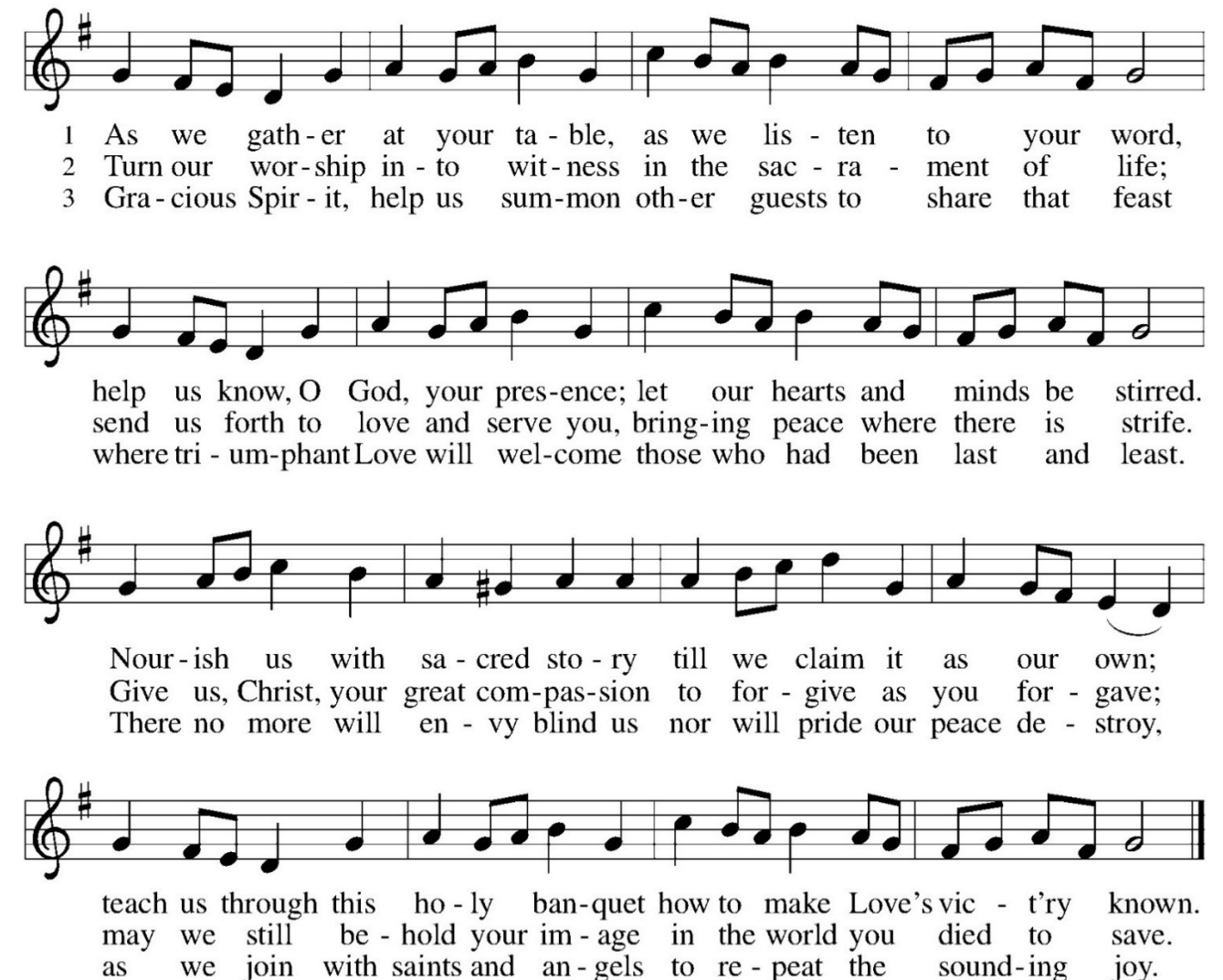
Outreach is looking for 4-5 individuals to apply for Thrivent Action Teams to help support Trunk or Treat on Oct. 10 so that the community can enjoy a free family event!

There will be a sign up for teams for the following categories:

- Printing/advertising
- Food
- Candy/s'mores
- Food pantry games

Please see Melissa Smith if you're willing to apply for Thrivent Action Teams on Resurrection's behalf.

As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710
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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our hope, our heart, our home. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end,
**we confess that we participate in systems
that perpetuate oppression and injustice.**
**We are often numb to the pain of the world around us,
resistant to change that costs us something,
and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves.**
**We sin against your good creation,
failing to be faithful stewards
of the land, the sea, and all their creatures.**
**Make your home among us once more, O God,
naming us beloved and opening our hearts
to do your will. Amen.**
All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you:
God knows you, forgives you by the self-giving of Jesus Christ,
and frees you to love the world as you have been loved.
Creation’s story will not end until mourning, crying, and pain
are no more. When everything else changes, God’s love is
steadfast and sure. Nothing can ever separate you from the love
of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Upcoming Events

Assisting with Worship	Serving us today	9/13/26
Musician	Greg Pagel	Greg Pagel
Usher	Ken Rudie	Ken Rudie
Communion Deacon	Christina Marcin	Carol Borremans
Counters	Jean Halloran & Debbie La Plante	Jean Halloran & Debbie La Plante
Lector	John Koch	Larry Nelson
Altar Guild	Sandy Krakow	Sandy Krakow
Fellowship	Sandy Krakow	Janelle

The Chosen Bible Study

Please bring your own lunch and join us for episodes of *The Chosen* followed by a discussion in the Gathering Room at church on the following Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00 pm.

- September 15
- October 13

Breaking Bread

Join us the second Tuesday of each month with Bethel for Breaking Bread at The Rite Place Restaurant at 5:30 pm. Food and drink will be available for purchase. The restaurant is located at 1580 Bellevue Street in Green Bay.

End of Life Planning Workshop

Please join us on September 19 from 1-3 PM in the fellowship hall at Bethel for an End of Life Planning Workshop. We will be

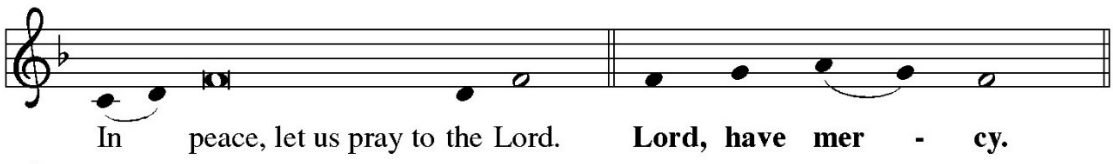
The Blessing

Go in peace. Flourish with creation. **Thanks be to God.**

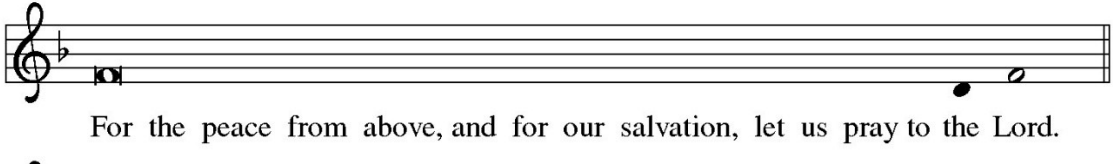
This Week at a Glance

Office Hours: Tues.-Thurs.	9 am-2 pm
Monday	
Meth Anonymous	6:00 pm
Tuesday	
Quilters	9:00 am
Thursday	
Food Pantry	9:00-11:00 am
Friday	
Alcoholics Anonymous	9:00-10:30 am
Cocaine Anonymous	7:00-9:00 pm
Sunday	
Worship Service	10:00 am

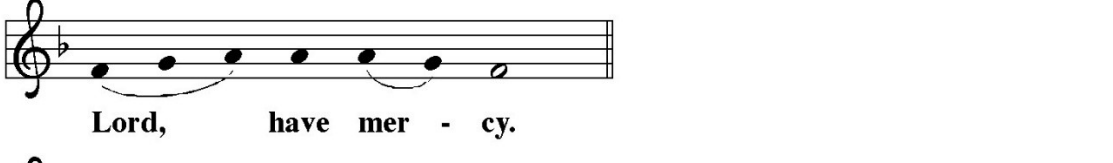
Kyrie *ELW Page 138*



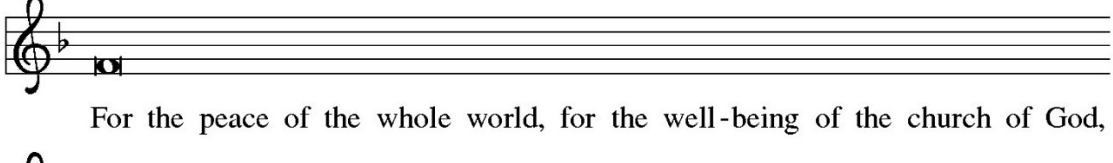
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



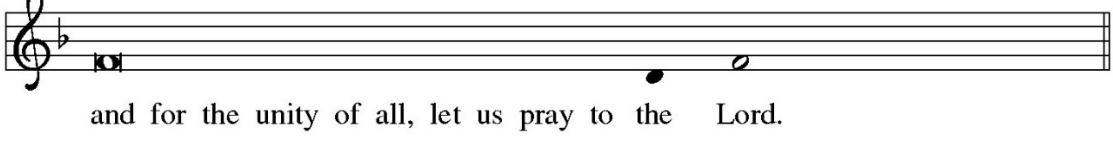
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



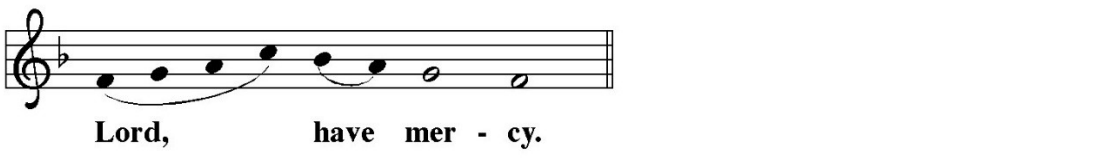
Lord, have mer - cy.



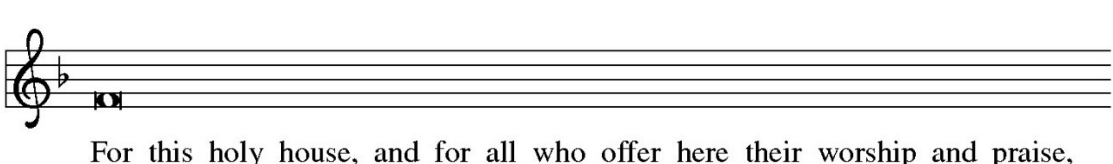
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



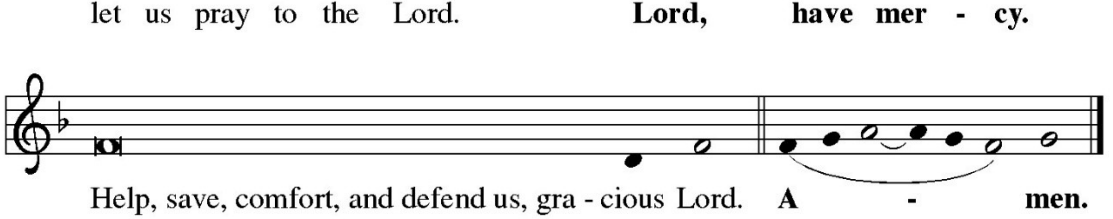
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Gloria *ELW Page 139*

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.

Table Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation,
**we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become
Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for
all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing

Creator God bless you and keep you.
Creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy.
Creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace. **Amen.**

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Prayer of the Day

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe.

We praise you for your wondrous creation.

**Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light and
direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading Genesis 1:1—2:3

1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on

Preface

It is indeed, our right, our duty, and our joy...and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy ELW Page 144

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

On the night...let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The 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.

Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Offering

Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

27 So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them.

28 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.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

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

Psalms 148:

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD^l from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the LORD^l from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

For the earth we pray: that this bounteous creation receive continued divine blessing, that the air be wholesome, that the waters be plentiful and clean, that the land be treasured, and that animals be protected. Grant that what on earth has been despoiled will be healed. Hear us, O God, our creator:

Your mercy is great.

For the nations we pray: That farmers, herders, foragers, fishers, and grocers provide the food humans need, that legislators strive in all things for the common good, and that science and technology lead us toward more responsible ways to live. Hear us, O God, our stronghold: **Your mercy is great.**

For our country we pray: that national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges be safeguarded, that all natural resources benefit the whole population and that our children learn respect for nature. Hear us, O God, our guardian: **Your mercy is great.**

For those in need we pray: that humankind be sheltered from pandemic and from extreme weather and that all who are sick or suffering receive medical attention and communal support. Give heed to those whose names we call out to you. Hear us, O God, our healer: **Your mercy is great.**

We praise you for all believers who have lived and died in communion with the earth. Grant that in your good time we join with all your creatures in your presence forever. Hear us, O God, the beginning and the end. **Your mercy is great.**

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**

Prayers of the People

We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator,
praying for the earth and for all in need, responding to each
petition with the words, "Your mercy is great."

O God of mystery, mercy, and might, for the church we pray:
that churches around the globe collaborate in care for the earth,
and that all the baptized nurture a zeal for the wellbeing of
creation. Hear us, O God, source of life: **Your mercy is great.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is
exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise
for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who
are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Acts 17:22a, 24-28

^{22a} Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ²⁴ "The
God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of
heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human
hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed
anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath
and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to
inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their
existence and the boundaries of the places where they would
live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble
about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from
each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our
being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too,
are his offspring.'

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

Gospel Acclamation ELW Pg. 142

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 Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st Chapter.
Glory to you O Lord.

Gospel: John 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Diane Martinson

Hymn of the Day God When Human Bonds are Broken
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God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to
 love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
 seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
 in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing;
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:
 give us grace and make us still.
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.
 set us free and grant us peace.
 make us stron - ger, give us faith.
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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