



Summer 2025

Welcome to Lord of Life!

All are welcome here. We extend a special welcome to visitors. We're glad you joined us today!

The following information may help you in your worship experience and getting to know Lord of Life.

Communal words spoken and sung will be on the screen and/or in this bulletin. The bold text is spoken together. Songs/hymns can also be found (with music) in either Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) cranberry hymnal or All Creation Sings (ACS) purple hymnal. Both can be found under a chair near you.

We are grounded in the sacraments of baptism and communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table, regardless of age. Our bread is dairy, nut, and gluten-free; wine and juice are both available. If you aren't baptized and would like to be, please talk to Pr. Kirsten.

Children are welcome in this place! At baptism, we celebrate our place in God's family and the community of Lord of Life. Children of all ages are integral members of the Body of Christ, and have a place in our community that includes worship. Children learn by seeing, hearing, and experiencing worship with adults who care about them (not just their parents). We embrace the sounds and activity that accompany them. We have a few resources for parents: *PrayGround*: Table up front with coloring supplies; go with your child, sit near the table, or send them independently. *Activity Bags*: things to occupy busy hands during worship, located in the shelves just outside the sanctuary; ask an usher if you need help finding them. *Nursery* (for children 0-5, 5-7 by exception): Our nursery is staffed by a capable young adult who is kind and has been background checked. There is a sign-in sheet for security. *Narthex* (Gathering/Entrance space): Benches, rocking chairs, or space to move around. *Children's Message*: children are invited up front to engage with part of the message in worship.

There are **Assisted Listening devices** available just outside the sanctuary doors for those that need amplified sound. Please ask an usher or member of the Sound & Tech Team if you need help.

Offering is an act of worship and a privilege to return to God a portion of what God has given us. If you are a guest, do not feel obligated to give. Offerings given today are joyfully used for outreach to the greater church/community and for the work and ministry of Lord of Life. You may donate by using the QR code that leads you to the website (www.lordoflife.org), by mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor).

If at anytime you are uncomfortable standing, you are free to remain seated.

If you are worshiping from home, you are invited to participate, not just observe. Please prepare your own sacred space for worship. You might include some candles, a cross, water for remembering your baptism, and, if you will be participating in Communion, bread and wine or suitable substitutes.

Lord of Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are located on the ancestral homeland of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Palouse, Wanapum, and Yakama peoples. We give thanks for their presence and care of this land since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

You can learn more at www.elca.org or thelordoflife.org.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, creation, and one another.

Silence for reflection

Creator God, **you have called us to be keepers of your earth. We confess that we have not paid attention to the whole of creation. In our concern for our own species, we have trampled others. We have considered the wild, beautiful, life-sustaining ecosystems of the world merely “our environment.”**

With industry, we have not understood how our actions influence the lives of bugs, birds, and fish.
With politics, we have not always cared how our policies affect the whole of creation.
We have taken for granted clean air, water, and soil.
We have elevated our existence over that of bears, whales, and dragonflies.
We have ignored our scientists and pushed aside the concerns of our children.
We beg forgiveness from future peoples.
We beg forgiveness from our sibling species with whom we share this planet.

God of creation, have mercy on us and help us. We don't know what we do. Turn us, change us, and heal us, that we might be good siblings and generous partners with creation.

Beloved of God, hear this word of hope. As people knit into the life of Jesus Christ, change is possible for us. Jesus healed the sick, forgave sinners, and gave aimless people deep purpose. Receive forgiveness for the past and new courage for the future. Knowing God's great love, may we live the way of ✠ Jesus.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

June 15: ELW #731 *Earth and All Stars!* verses 1, 3, 5

June 22: ELW #423 *Shall We Gather at the River*

June 29: ELW #632 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

July 6: ACS #1097 *Ten Thousand Reasons*

July 13: ELW #824 *This Is My Father's World*

July 20: ELW #704 *When Pain of the World Surrounds Us*

July 27: ELW #881 *Let All Things Now Living*

August 3: ELW #556 *Morning Has Broken*

August 10: ELW #502 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

August 17: ELW #554 *Lord, Your Hands Have Formed*

August 24: ELW #834 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: ELW #736 God the Sculptor of Mountains

This hymn text was written by John Thornburg, “a pastor, a song enlivener, a poet and a professional encourager,” after his first trip to Alaska, where he was overwhelmed by the vastness of creation. As he reflected on how to describe God, he didn’t want to limit himself to creation, so he continued with God in salvation history, God as experienced in the eucharist, and God as experienced in Christ.

We will sing a different mix of verses each month. In June, we will sing of God in creation and in the history of salvation (verses 1 & 2). In July, we will sing of God in creation and in the eucharist (verses 1 & 3). In August, we will sing of God in creation and experienced in Christ (verses 1 & 4).

1 God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation,
we are formless; shape us now.

2 God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
you are fount of all deliverance,
we are sightless; lead us now.

3 God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at every table,
we are hungry; feed us now.

4 God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet,
God the resurrected truth:
you are present every moment,

Text: John Thornburg, b. 1954

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Mighty and merciful God, **save your good 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 for 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.

WORD

All Christian worship is biblical. We have been following the Narrative Lectionary, but that ended on the Day of Pentecost (June 8). It will begin again in September. This summer, we get to celebrate the beauty of God’s creation and reflect on our part to care for it.

The readings for the summer are all in the back of this bulletin.

Hearing the proclamation of the Word is central to our worship experience. The Word is proclaimed throughout our worship, in our liturgy, prayers, sermon, hymns, and yes, scripture. You are invited to let go of the need to read along and simply listen, and let the Spirit lead your imagination and inspire your hearing.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

There is no children's message when we worship outside.

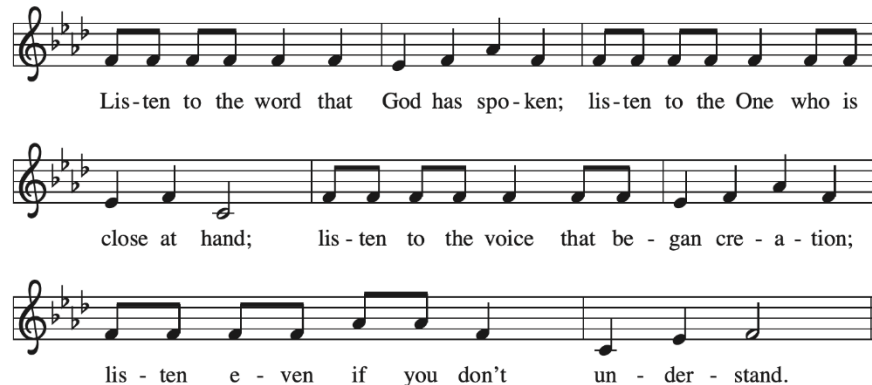
We end with this refrain:

All: You are a dearly loved child of God!

Children: And so are you!

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: ACS #974 Listen to the Word

There is a feeling of suspense when the word of God is broken open in worship. This simple, rhythmic chant helps us anticipate what is coming—even if we don't completely understand.



Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

READING OF SCRIPTURE *(The readings are printed at the back of this bulletin, sorted by date.)*

A reading from...

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

June 15: ELW #861 *When Long Before Time*

June 22: ELW #455 *Crashing Waters at Creation*

June 29: ACS #955 *Come to the Water of Life*

July 6: ELW #835 *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!*

July 13: *Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior (music at back)*

July 20: ACS #1065 *Can You Feel the Seasons Turning*

July 27: ACS #1091 *Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator*

August 3: ELW #731 *Earth and All Stars!*

August 10: *Fear Not for Tomorrow (music at back)*

August 17: ELW #512 *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

August 24: ELW #636 *How Small Our Span of Life*

APOSTLES CREED

The creeds are a response to and a proclamation of the word. In our liturgy, sometimes we will use the creeds within church doctrine, and sometimes we use affirmations of faith, like this one, that use modern language to articulate our beliefs. Different words sometimes open up new pathways for naming and claiming what we believe. This affirmation is adapted from an online service for the Season of Creation in October 2021, from Pr. Jeff Schlesinger and Lutherans Restoring Creation.

We believe in God who creates all things to live in harmony—
heaven and earth, sea and sky,
sun and moon, fish and birds,
mountains and valleys, forests and deserts,
all animals great and small, and all human beings;
who cares for all creation as our perfect, loving parent.

We believe in Jesus Christ, son of the living God,
who came to reveal the depth of God's love for all creation,
and taught us to live under God's reign of justice, mercy, and compassion;
who suffered death on the cross to save creation from oppression, violence, and hatred,
and free us from brokenness, sin, and self-conceit;
who raises us with him into new life to experience joy, peace, and unity
with God and all creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who calls, equips, and empowers us
to reject all hatred, oppression, and violence,
and to extend justice, mercy, love, and compassion to all things
—Earth, Creatures, and Humans—
regardless of how similar or different we are from one another.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As a community we offer prayer for the church, the well-being of creation, for peace among, the poor and all in need, local needs and special concerns, and in thanks for the faithful departed. At Lord of Life these petitions are voiced by the congregation. You are invited to bring voice to one of these petitions as they call upon your heart.

(Asst. Min.) God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

(Reader) We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as you love us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of this land. Help us and people everywhere to share, with justice and peace, the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority and to leaders of all nations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Asst. Min.) Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

As we share the peace with each other, remember that we all have different comfort levels of touch. You might use hand signals, a wave, a bow, a smile, a fist bump, or a handshake. We proclaim the peace of the risen Christ to each other!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. We offer to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Your financial gifts for LoL can be placed in the offering box at the baptismal font, made electronically through our website (www.thelordoflife.org), sent in the mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor). Please contact the Financial Secretary with questions.

OFFERING SONG AND PRAYER: ELW #739 Touch the Earth Lightly

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.

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Music: TENDERNESS, Colin Gibson, b. 1933
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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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

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

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.
You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection,
which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please use the version or language of your heart.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's table, as we receive the presence of Christ for us in bread and wine. This meal is for all regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, criminal record, or list of offenses.
Make your way to the front using the side aisle. There will be bread, wine, and grape juice. A basket to collect used cups is in the*

center. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the center aisle. If you have questions when you get up front, it is okay to ask. The bread is gluten-free, nut-free, dairy-free, and full of grace!

The Meal may be brought to your seat if it would be helpful; please let the ushers know and they will notify the leaders.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION - ELW #486 God Extends an Invitation



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -

vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we

so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the

sí es la co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

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COMMUNION HYMN

June 15: ELW #735 *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

June 22: ELW #468 *Around You, O Lord Jesus*

June 29: ELW #962 *In This Feast of Love*

July 6: ELW #856 *How Great Thou Art*

July 13: ELW #525 *You Are Holy*

July 20: ELW #479 *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

July 27: ELW #740 *God of the Sparrow*

August 3: ACS #1038 *God, We Gather As Your People*

August 10: *Why Should I Feel Discouraged (music at back)*

August 17: ELW #469 *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

August 24: ELW #522 *As We Gather At Your Table*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Creator God, **we give thanks for this meal of the body and blood of Jesus. Send us from this feast to love the Earth, the sky, the mountains, and all humanity. Give us strength to repair the damage we have caused and courage to advocate for all of God's Creation. In Jesus' name we pray.**

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all creation:
of flowers and trees,
of butterflies and bees,
of squirrels and mountain lions,
bless you, keep you, and strengthen you
for the work of loving all Creation;
in the name of the ✠ Triune God.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

June 15: ELW #771 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

June 22: ACS #1042 *May This Church Be Like A Tree*

June 29: ACS #985 *Let Us Enter In*

July 6: ELW #887 *This Is My Song (with alternate third verse, printed at back)*

July 13: ELW #841 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

July 20: ELW #771 *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

July 27: ELW #848 *Give to Our God Immortal Praise!*

August 3: ELW #689 *Praise and Thanksgiving*

August 10: ACS #984 *May the God of Hope Go With Us*

August 17: ACS #1063 *God of the Fertile Fields*

August 24: ELW #631 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for God's creation.
With God's help, We will! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC NOT FOUND IN HYMNALS

Hymn of the Day: July 13

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

Refrain



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;



Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Verses



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;
2. You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for;
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;



You are the Word who leads us in - to light;
 You are the one who speaks to us to - day;
 You are the Word whose on - ly law is love;
 You are the Word who calls us to be one;



You are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:
 You are the one who leads us to our fu - ture:
 You are the Word made flesh who lives a - mong us:
 You are the Word who teach - es us for - give - ness:



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
 Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
 Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
 Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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Hymn of the Day: August 10

Fear Not for Tomorrow



- 1 Fear not for to - mor - row and what it may bring, but
- 2 Fear not for to - mor - row and what lies a - head, though
- 3 Fear not for to - mor - row, but lift up your voice in

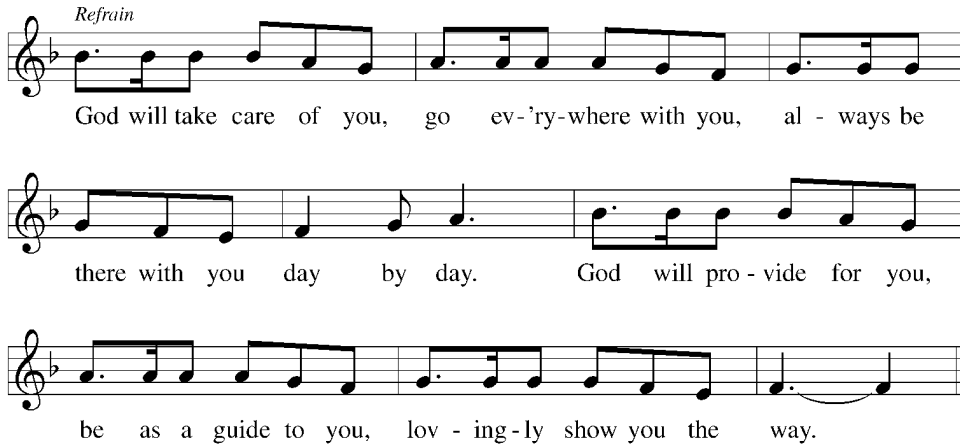


trust in the Lord and o - bey. In joy or in sor - row, in
 fu - ture e - vents be un - known; but wel - come the morn - ing with
 an - thems of glo - ri - ous praise. Give thanks for your bless - ings and



ev - 'ry good thing, the Lord will not lead you a - stray.
 cour - age in - stead, for you will not face it a - lone.
 tru - ly re - joice, for God will be with you al - ways.

Refrain



God will take care of you, go ev-'ry-where with you, al - ways be
there with you day by day. God will pro - vide for you,
be as a guide to you, lov - ing-ly show you the way.

Text: Natalie Sleeth
Music: FEAR NOT, Natalie Sleeth

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Communion Hymn: August 10, *Why Should I Feel Discouraged (His Eye Is On The Sparrow)*



1 Why should I feel dis - cour - aged, why should the shad - ows come,
2 "Let not your heart be trou - bled;" his ten - der word I hear,
3 When-ev - er I am tempt-ed, when-ev - er clouds a - rise,

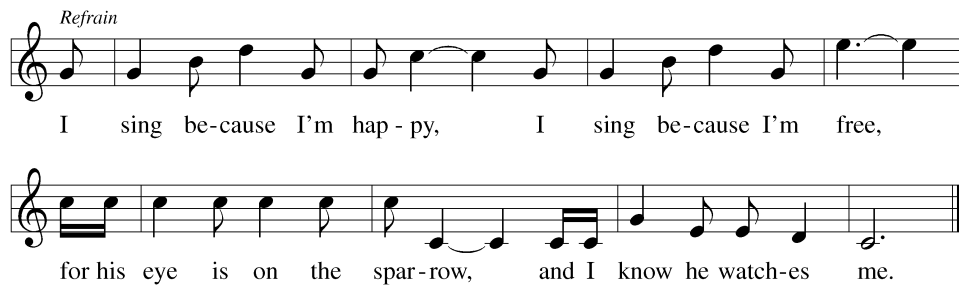
why should my heart be lone - ly and long for heav'n and home,
and rest - ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
when song gives place to sigh - ing, when hope with - in me dies,

when Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant friend is he:
though by the path he leads me but one step I may see:
I draw the clos - er to him, from care he sets me free:

his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch-es me;
his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch-es me;
his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch-es me;

his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch-es me.
his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch-es me.
his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch-es me.

Refrain



I sing be-cause I'm hap - py, I sing be-cause I'm free,
for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

Text: Civilla D. Martin, 1860–1948
Music: SPARROW, Charles H. Gabriel, 1856–1932

Sending Hymn: July 6

This Is My Song

Verses 1 and 2: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993
Verse 3: Susan Briebl

FINLANDIA
Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957
Arr. by Marty Haugen



1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2. My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o - cean,
3. Teach us to sing, O God of all cre - a - tion,
a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun-light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
a song of hope for o - cean, sky, and pine.
This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
but oth - er lands have sun-light, too, and clo - ver,
Teach us to walk the way that ends di - vi - sion,
here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine.
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
till ev - 'ry land and na - tion love en - twines.
But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
Then will all peo - ples see your glo - rious vi - sion:
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
the world at peace, be - lov - ed and di - vine.

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READINGS

June 15

Genesis 1:1-2:4a - In the Beginning

Lessons & Carols Version

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

ACS #1093 *In A Deep Unbounded Darkness*, v. 1-2

³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So 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. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

ELW #837 *Many and Great, O God*

¹⁴And 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, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

ELW #684 *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace*, v. 1-2

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So 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. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And 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. ²⁵God 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.

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²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind 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."

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

²⁸God 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." ²⁹God 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

June 22

Ezekiel 47:1-12 - Re-creating the World

¹Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. ²Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and the water was coming out on the south side.

³Going on eastward with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. ⁴Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. ⁵Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. ⁶He said to me, "Mortal, have you seen this?"

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. ⁷As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. ⁹Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-ge-di to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹²On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

June 29

Revelation 21:1-6 - A new heaven and a new earth

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

July 6

Psalm 104 - Bless the Lord, O My Soul

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

²wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

³you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

you make the clouds your chariot,

you ride on the wings of the wind,

⁴you make the winds your messengers,

fire and flame your ministers.

⁵You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.

⁶You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.

⁷At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

⁸They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys
to the place that you appointed for them.

⁹You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.

¹⁰You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,

¹¹giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.

¹²By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.

¹³From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

¹⁴You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth,

¹⁵and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.

¹⁶The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

¹⁷In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.

¹⁸The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the conies.

July 13

Job 38:1, 4-38 - From the Whirlwind

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb? —

⁹when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped?'

¹²"Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

¹³so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,

and it is dyed like a garment.

¹⁵Light is withheld from the wicked,

and their uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶"Have you entered into the springs of the sea,

or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.

¹⁹"Where is the way to the dwelling of light,

and where is the place of darkness,

²⁰that you may take it to its territory

and that you may discern the paths to its home?

²¹Surely you know, for you were born then,

and the number of your days is great!

²²"Have you entered the storehouses of the snow,

or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,

²³which I have reserved for the time of trouble,

for the day of battle and war?

²⁴What is the way to the place where the light is distributed,

or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth?

²⁵"Who has cut a channel for the torrents of rain,

and a way for the thunderbolt,

²⁶to bring rain on a land where no one lives,

on the desert, which is empty of human life,

²⁷to satisfy the waste and desolate land,
 and to make the ground put forth grass?
²⁸"Has the rain a father,
 or who has begotten the drops of dew?
²⁹From whose womb did the ice come forth,
 and who has given birth to the hoarfrost of heaven?
³⁰The waters become hard like stone,
 and the face of the deep is frozen.
³¹"Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades,
 or loose the cords of Orion?
³²Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season,
 or can you guide the Bear with its children?
³³Do you know the ordinances of the heavens?
 Can you establish their rule on the earth?
³⁴"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
 so that a flood of waters may cover you?
³⁵Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
 and say to you, 'Here we are'?
³⁶Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
 or given understanding to the mind?
³⁷Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
 Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
³⁸when the dust runs into a mass
 and the clods cling together?

July 20

Leviticus 26:3–22, 34–35, 40–45 - Covenant and Creation

³If you follow my statutes and keep my commandments and observe them faithfully, ⁴I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. ⁵Your threshing shall overtake the vintage, and the vintage shall overtake the sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full, and live securely in your land. ⁶And I will grant peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and no one shall make you afraid; I will remove dangerous animals from the land, and no sword shall go through your land. ⁷You shall give chase to your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. ⁸Five of you shall give chase to a hundred, and a hundred of you shall give chase to ten thousand; your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. ⁹I will look with favor upon you and make you fruitful and multiply you; and I will maintain my covenant with you. ¹⁰You shall eat old grain long stored, and you shall have to clear out the old to make way for the new. ¹¹I will place my dwelling in your midst, and I shall not abhor you. ¹²And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people. ¹³I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be their slaves no more; I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

¹⁴But if you will not obey me, and do not observe all these commandments, ¹⁵if you spurn my statutes, and abhor my ordinances, so that you will not observe all my commandments, and you break my covenant, ¹⁶I in turn will do this to you: I will bring terror on you; consumption and fever that waste the eyes and cause life to pine away. You shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. ¹⁷I will set my face against you, and you shall be struck down by your enemies; your foes shall rule over you, and you shall flee though no one pursues you. ¹⁸And if in spite of this you will not obey me, I will continue to punish you sevenfold for your sins. ¹⁹I will break your proud glory, and I will make your sky like iron and your earth like copper. ²⁰Your strength shall be spent to no purpose: your land shall not yield its produce, and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit.

²¹If you continue hostile to me, and will not obey me, I will continue to plague you sevenfold for your sins. ²²I will let loose wild animals against you, and they shall bereave you of your children and destroy your livestock; they shall make you few in number, and your roads shall be deserted.

³⁴Then the land shall enjoy its sabbath years as long as it lies desolate, while you are in the land of your enemies; then the land shall rest, and enjoy its sabbath years. ³⁵As long as it lies desolate, it shall have the rest it did not have on your sabbaths when you were living on it. ⁴⁰But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their ancestors, in that they committed treachery against me and, moreover, that they continued hostile to me — ⁴¹so that I, in turn, continued hostile to them and brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends for their iniquity, ⁴²then will I remember my covenant with Jacob; I will remember also my covenant with Isaac and also my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land. ⁴³For the land shall be deserted by them, and enjoy its sabbath years by lying desolate without them, while they shall make amends for their iniquity, because they dared to spurn my ordinances, and they abhorred my statutes. ⁴⁴Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not spurn them, or abhor them so as to destroy them utterly and break my covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God; ⁴⁵but I will remember in their favor the covenant with their ancestors whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, to be their God: I am the LORD.

July 27

Psalm 8 - How majestic is Your name

¹O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
²Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
⁶You have given them dominion
over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
⁷all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

August 3

Psalm 65 - God's Stream Full of Water

¹Praise is due to you,
O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,
²O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.

³When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
⁴Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

your holy temple.

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

⁶By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.

⁷You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

⁸Those who live at earth's farthest bounds
are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

August 10

Matthew 6:25-34 - Do Not Worry

²⁵[Jesus said to his disciples,] "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

August 17

Mark 4:1-9 - The Sower

¹Again [Jesus] began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ²He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." ⁹And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

August 24

Colossians 1:15-20 - Reconcile All Things

¹⁵He[, our Lord Jesus Christ,] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for 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. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He 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. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and 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.

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