



Redeemer
Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH IN AMERICA

We are a *Reconciling in Christ*
congregation, affirming the
diversity of God's children



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17th Sunday after PENTECOST WELCOME BACK!



September 27, 2020

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude


Lord of the Dance, arr. John Carter

Welcome

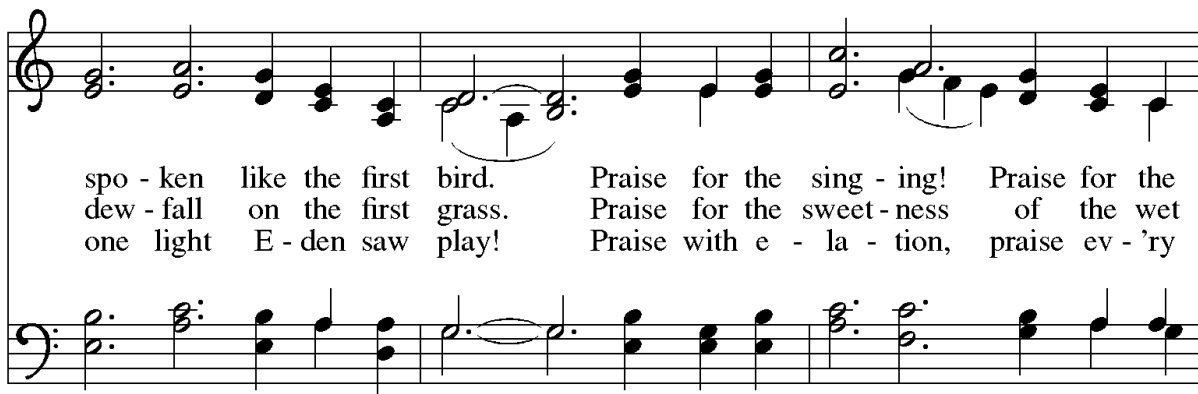
Hymn

Morning Has Broken

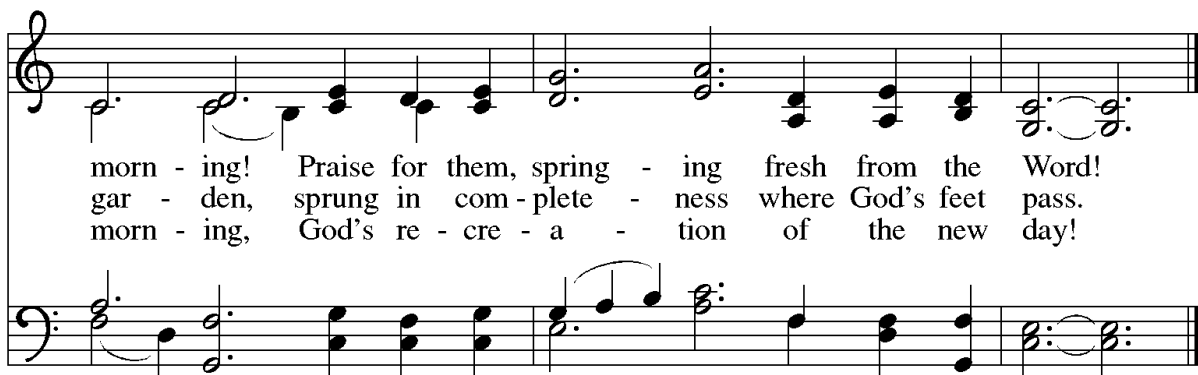
(sung by soloist)



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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Time with the Young People

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading

Philippians 2:1-13 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from the letter to the early church at Philippi

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of Abba God.

What I'm getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you've done from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I'm separated from you, keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. It is God at work in you that creates the desire to do God's will.

Psalm 96:1-6

Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the Lord, | all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.
Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.
Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.

Gospel Matthew 20:29-34 (The Inclusive New Testament, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus and the disciples left Jericho with a large crowd trailing behind. Two blind people sat by the roadside and when they heard that it was Jesus passing by, they began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

The crowd shushed them, but they cried out all the louder, "Rabbi, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

Jesus stopped and called them over and said, "What do you want me to do for you?"

They answered, "Rabbi, we want our eyes to be opened."

Jesus, moved with compassion, touched their eyes. Their sight returned immediately, and they followed him.

The Place I Want to Get Back To

The Place I Want to Get Back To
is where
in the pinewoods
in the moments between
the darkness

and first light
two deer
came walking down the hill
and when they saw me

they said to each other, okay,
this one is okay,
let's see who she is
and why she is sitting

on the ground, like that,
so quiet, as if
asleep, or in a dream,
but, anyway, harmless;

and so they came
on their slender legs
and gazed upon me
not unlike the way

I go out to the dunes and look
and look and look
into the faces of the flowers;
and then one of them leaned forward
and nuzzled my hand, and what can my life
bring to me that could exceed
that brief moment?
For twenty years

I have gone every day to the same woods,
not waiting, exactly, just lingering,
Such gifts, bestowed,
can't be repeated.

If you want to talk about this
come to visit. I live in the house
near the corner, which I have named
Gratitude.

(Mary Oliver, Thirst © 2006, Beacon Press)

Ministry of Music

In the Garden

arr. Lloyd Larson
Emily Kent

I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing.
and the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is ringing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
and He tells me I am His own,
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with Him
though the night around me be falling,
but He bids me go, through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
and He tells me I am His own.
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other, none other has ever known.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
and He tells me I am His own.



Community Prayers

Let us pray....

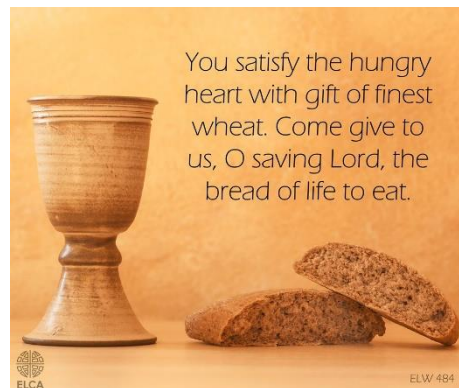
Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Dennis' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Amy DeLorenzo, Linda and Don Williams, Pamela Andrews, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's mother Maryland Belhorn and friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Bill Boys, Doretha Holland, Dolores Brannigan's husband Dave, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Dennis, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Larry Trover, Earl Bradley's brother Fay Bradley.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Lord's Prayer

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.



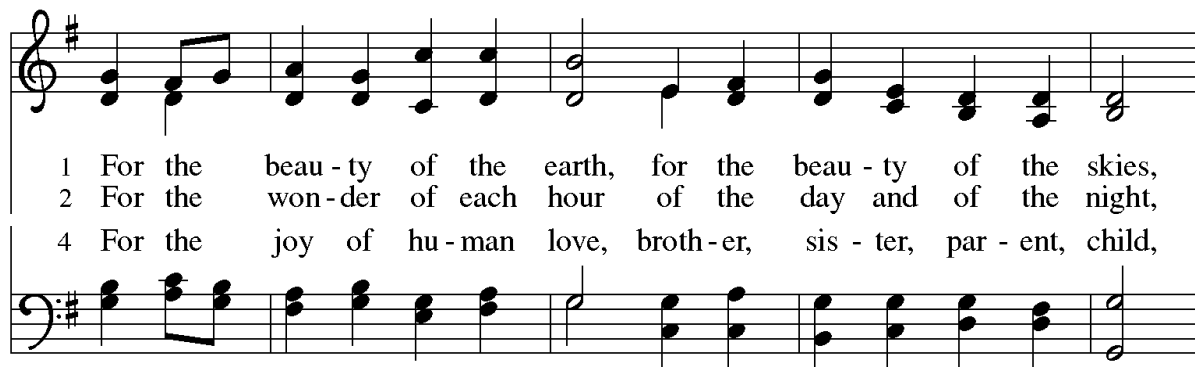
*The communion wafer is inside the lid of the cup of juice; it's not obvious, but it's there!
We will eat the bread and drink the cup together, as indicated by Pastor Dave.*

WE ARE SENT

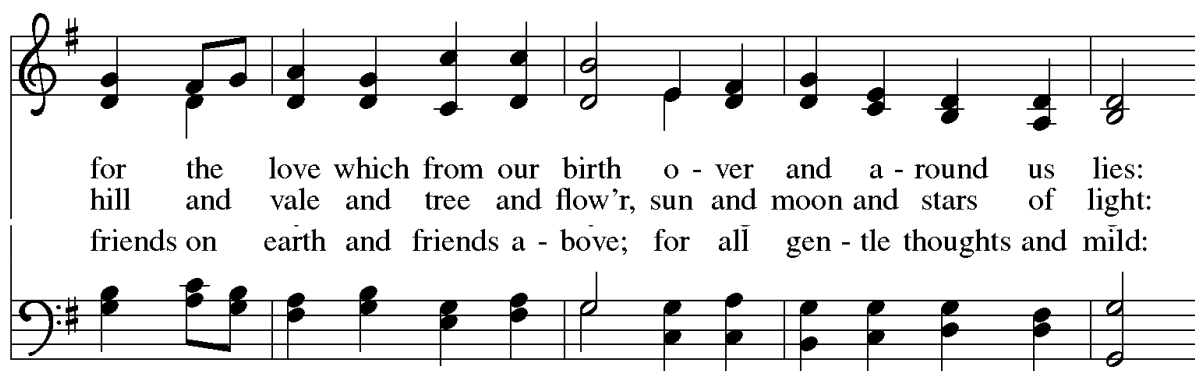
Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

(sung by soloist)

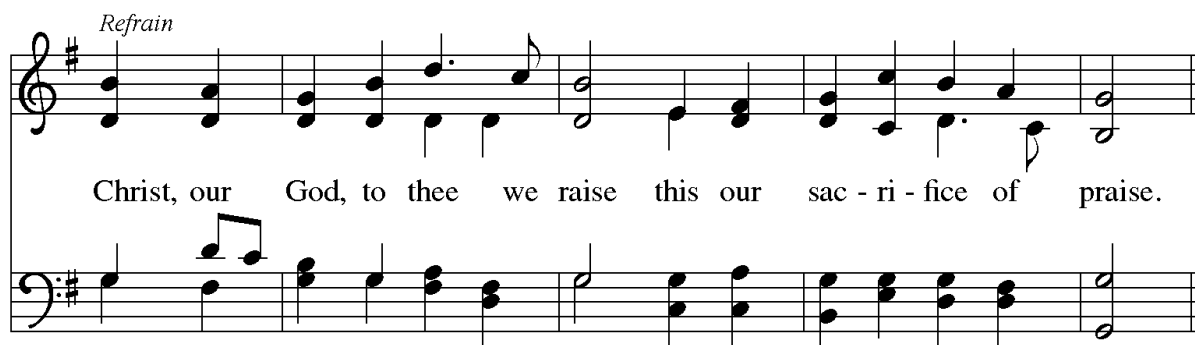


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

***Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*, arr. John Carter**

Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Bernice Stewart
ASL Interpreter	Tori Reed
Reader	Damon Stewart
Cantor	Emily Kent
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Producer	Michele Disbro

*Flowers are dedicated by **Julianne Johnson** in memory of **her dad**, born 100 years ago.
Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 4

Today	10:00 am	Worship on the Lawn with Holy Communion
Tuesday	10:30 am 1:00 pm	ZOOM Member Care ZOOM Bible Study
Saturday	11 am-2 pm	Sister Act Mini-Retreat at the home of Sue Yehling
Next Sunday	YouTube 10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Education



Announcement:

October 2 marks three years Edith Espinal has been living in sanctuary with Columbus Mennonite Church. We invite you to honor Edith's perseverance in one or both of the following ways: **(1)** A film company has completed a 20 minute documentary about Edith's attorney Lizbeth and Edith's case titled "The Undocumented Lawyer," which will be airing on HBO next spring. We have ticketed access to the full documentary from Sept 29 - Oct 5. Purchase tickets (\$12) [HERE](#) and watch it online anytime in that window. 100% of proceeds go to support Edith. **(2)** Join us for a virtual gathering Friday, October 2, 7pm through [THIS](#) link (free to all). We will mark Edith's 3 years and have a panel discussion including Edith, Lizbeth, and the film producers.



Tuesdays 1- 2:30 pm
The Book of Genesis
We'd love to have you join us via
ZOOM!

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting
Time: September 29, 2020 1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYNlYrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983
Passcode: 619946
Phone only: 646 876 9923

Adult Sunday School
10 am Sundays
Via ZOOM



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ___?

Topic: Redeemer Sunday adult ed Zoom Meeting
Time: October 4, 2020 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83783266885?pwd=S3hqdlQQR3lUbjdvYU9nWGk3Mnl0dz09>

Meeting ID: 837 8326 6885
Passcode: 043099
Phone only: 646 876 9923



Sister Act
Saturday October 3
11 am - 2 pm
At Sue Yehling's home
What is your Prakriti?
Please join us for fellowship and fun