

# SEASON OF CREATION: SKY



*When the stars were made,  
all my angels praised me with a loud voice.  
—Job 38:7*

September 19, 2021  
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Today we welcome Pastor Jeff Lindgren to preside and preach.

Pastor Jeff Lindgren has served congregations in St. Louis; Chicago; Rockford, Illinois; and Ferguson, MO. Following retirement from full-time ministry, he served as interim pastor of three local congregations.

He is married to Pastor Kendra Nolde (who presided and preached at Bethel last Sunday), and they live in South St. Louis City.

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#### CREATURES OF THE AIR

We give thanks for the work of the children and youth who made the cranes the adorn the church today to celebrate Sky Sunday. Thanks to the Faith Formation team for organizing this enhancement to our worship.

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In support of our goal of being a caring, inclusive, Christ-centered community, we

- ❖ care for God's creation
- ❖ promote the non-violence of Christ and care for those who suffer
- ❖ participate in the Spirit toward a global religious community

+ Season of Creation: Sky +  
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*Setting Ten*

10:00 a.m.

*The responses of the assembly appear in bold type.*

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### PRELUDE

from *Organ Concerto*  
"Gavotte in A minor"  
Music of Matthew Camidge (1758-1844)

### GATHERING HYMN

*Christ whose glory fills the skies*  
RATISBON

# 553



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

## APOSTOLIC 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.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Dear friends, we come to the God of mercy mindful that the world upon which we all depend is suffering. The sacred creation given to us, the immense beauty surrounding us, the complex web of life supporting us has been broken, not only by others, but by our own hand. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. *(A brief silence.)*

Loving God, you have placed us as stewards within your creation. Instead, we have abused your gifts. The beauty and abundance of the earth is falling apart under us. God of all life, we confess our part in a broken world.

**Have mercy, O God.**

You have multiplied your people beyond counting and have provided enough for all. But we have poisoned the waters, exhausted the soils and polluted the air. By our own hand we have spoiled the life-giving resources upon which we all depend. God of all life, we confess our part in a broken world.

**Have mercy, O God.**

As Jesus' disciples, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and tend to the sick. Instead, we have taken the wealth of the world into our own houses and left your children in hunger and need. God of all life, we confess our part in a broken world.

**Have mercy, O God.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As surely as the rain comes forth from the sky to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved, you are restored. In Christ, you are made new.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Gracious God, maker of earth and sky, you reveal your compassionate love in the cross. By the death and resurrection of your Son, free us from our fears, renew our hope for all creation, and ignite us with your light, through the one who unites heaven and earth, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated at the conclusion of the Prayer of the Day.*



**SECOND READING**

Philippians 2:14-18

*God's people are enabled to shine like stars.*

A reading from Philippians.

Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you—and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly welcomes the Gospel by standing at the instrumental introduction.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia! Lord and Savior*

[Setting Ten]

UNSER HERRSCHER



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

# HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 27:45-54 or Mark 15:33-39

*A darkening sky bears witness to the death of Jesus.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. M\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_nth chapter.



## Matthew 27:45-54

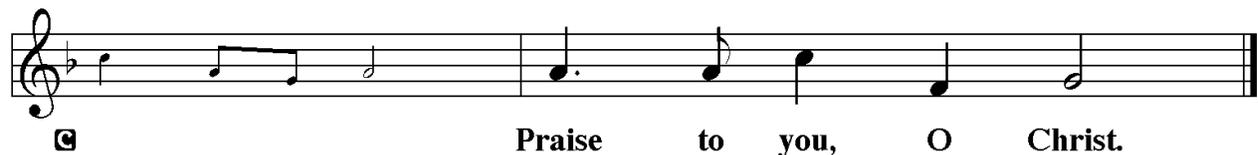
From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

## Mark 15:33-39

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Gospel of the Lord.



## SERMON

The Rev. Jeff Lindgren

*In the Hymn of the Day we proclaim the word of God in song.  
The assembly is invited to stand at the final phrase of the introduction.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*For the Beauty of the Earth  
DIX*

# 879

1. All    2. High voices    3. All    4. Low voices    5. All

High voices = soprano/alto    Low voices = tenor/bass



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,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



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:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for healing and strength for **Paul Lee**, who was hospitalized in Fargo, ND.

We pray for **David Reichert** as he enters hospice care. God's peace and comfort be with him.

We pray for God's comfort and peace for **Richard (Dick) Sholts** during illness. May God's strength and comfort also be with **Sunny Sholts**.

We pray God's watchfulness and care over **Audrey Disney, Cheryl Disney's** mother.

We pray for students, teachers and families at the beginning of this school year. Give them open minds and hearts to learn and to experience more fully the majesty of the world God has created.

We pray for strength and wisdom for **Nick Peppes** (colleague of **Gail Heyne Hafer**) who is facing personal challenges.

We give thanks that **Jody Kluender** has been found to be a kidney match for her sister, **Jeri**. We pray God's watchfulness over her as testing for donation, and Jeri proceeds with dialysis prior to surgery.

We pray for the health and well-being of **Mae** and **Gwennie Slagle's** cousin, **Finn O'Brien**, who was hospitalized for a physical condition. May God's care be with him.

We pray for **David Reichert's** continuing recovery from neurosurgery as he begins physical therapy after returning home.

We pray for God's spirit of comfort, strength, and healing to be with **Jody Kluender's** friend, **Koz**, suffering with a difficult disease.

We pray for God's continued healing and strength for **Roy Ledbetter's** daughter, **Anna**, at the completion of her medical treatment.

We pray for **Carmen-Helena Téllez**, colleague and friend of **Dr. Mager**, as she continues to recover from cancer surgery.

We pray for God's spirit of healing to be with **Janet** (friend of **Carroll** and **Ruth Dick**) who is facing health problems.

We pray for God's strength to be with **Evonne Simmons** as she lives with chronic illness.

We pray for God's spirit of healing and hope to strengthen and unite the peoples of the world in care for one another in a time of pandemic.

We pray for the safety and health of **Debbie** and **Peter Kennedy's** daughter, **Marie Stovall**, a respiratory therapist, as she cares for those ill with the COVID-19 virus. We ask for God's spirit of care and protection to be with Marie and all those who care for the ill.

We pray for God's strength and comfort in time of illness to be with **Robin Evers**, dear friend of **Michael Orlando** and **Steve Slattery**.

We pray God's watch and care over the children who have been separated from their families at the US border and detained. We pray for their families, their guards, and our policy-makers.

We give thanks for **Ronald Thompson's** (stepbrother of **Kristin Soifer**) recovery from the injury he sustained in a fall, and pray for him as he continues to face chronic illness.

We pray for healing and hope to be with **Meredith Sallee** (sister of **Katy Koontz**) during her treatment for cancer.

We pray for God's healing comfort and strength to be with **John Baker** (brother of **Vicki Lottes**) at a time of serious illness.

We pray for the well-being of **Katie Hautamaki** (friend of **Linda Bristol**) upon the discovery of a tumor.

We pray for **Joe Whelan** (stepson to **Tim Gutknecht**) who is dealing with a genetic condition.

We pray for the recovery of **Candace** and **Evan Lee** (dear friends of the **Pelcak family**).

We pray for **Michael Moentmann** who lives with chronic illness.

We continue our prayers for **Marcie Dowell** (friend of **David Reichert**) as she lives with a heart condition. May God's peace comfort her during this time.

We pray for **Anne-Marie Bogdan** (daughter of **Marie Schroeder**) as she lives with long-standing health conditions. May God's comfort and strength be with her and her family.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*The presiding minister greets the assembly with the peace of Christ, the people responding “**And also with you.**” The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace. After greeting one another, the assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

### OFFERING

*A monetary offering may be made online (see the inside back cover) or by placing it the brass plate in the narthex after the service.*

### VOLUNTARY

*The Falconer*

music by Alfred Fedak

Inspired by a poem by the Anglican cleric Robert Seagrave (1693-1760?), this anthem depicts the life of faith as a soaring, circling bird that is drawn to Christ, the “falconer.”

Rise, my song, and stretch your wings,  
delight and need to trace.

Rise for those the gospel brings  
to seek a singing place.

This will be our singing day,  
word and tune will both be true.

Song, soar up, but not away  
the falc’ner waits for you.

Rise, my song, and have no fear  
of soaring wide and high.

Christ the falconer is near,  
wherever you may fly.

See the human world below,  
showing scars and beauty too.

In a closing circle go,  
the falc’ner wait for you.

Soar, my song, with wings wide fanned,  
delight and need to trace.

Come to Christ’s uplifted hand,  
and find a resting place.

One day soaring song shall see  
everything made whole and new.

Day of gladness, come to be!  
the falc’ner waits for you.

Words by Richard Leach, 1994

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,

**you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.**

**Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.**

**Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All are welcome at God’s table. Believing in the real presence of Christ in the holy meal, this church practices Eucharistic hospitality. We invite all persons to share in the Holy Eucharist. Children who do not commune are invited to come forward for the blessing. Wine will be in the silver pouring chalices nearer the center; grape juice will be in the brass pouring chalices to the left and right.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

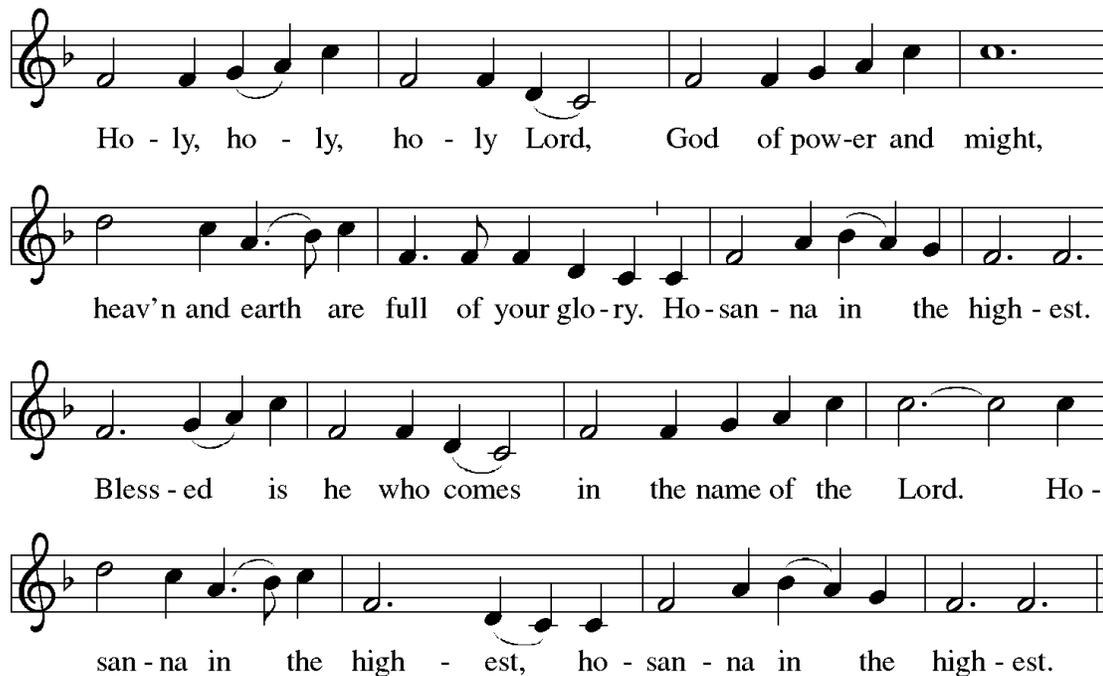
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right that we should celebrate on this earth which is full of your glory, O God, our Creator. For you chose this planet to be your sanctuary—a sacred space in the cosmos where you are present in a special way. Your glory fills Earth with fire, fills grain with goodness, and fills grapes with blessing for us to celebrate. Therefore, we praise your name and join the unending hymn of the company of heaven:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*  
*LAND OF REST*

[Setting Ten]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the wondrous world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your spirit.

When violence had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit + upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The presiding minister invites the assembly to Christ's table, where all are welcome. The assembly is seated.*

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. All are welcome here. Come!

## LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

*O Lamb of God*  
*TWENTY-FOURTH*

[Setting Ten]

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

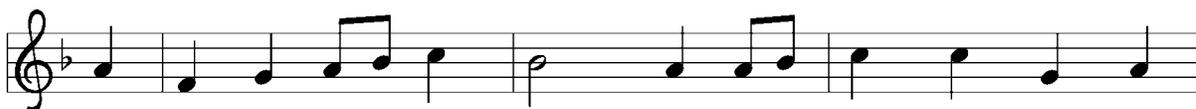
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*Wine is in the silver pouring chalices nearer the center.  
Grape juice is in the brass pouring chalices to the left and right.*

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Siciliano in G major*  
Music of John Alcock, junr. (1740-1791)

COMMUNION HYMN *O Bread of Life from Heaven* # 480  
*O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN*  
harmonization by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The hymn prelude is by Luther's Flemish contemporary, Heinrich Isaak.



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims  
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er  
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed  
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come  
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -  
now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and  
let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.  
flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.  
heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

*Sicut cervus* Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina  
[sung in Latin]

*Sicut cervus desiderat  
ad fontes aquarum,  
ita desiderat anima mea  
ad te, Deus.*

As the deer longs  
for running waters,  
so too, desires my soul  
for you, O God.

[Psalm 42: 1]

*The assembly stands for the Table Blessing.*

**TABLE BLESSING**

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

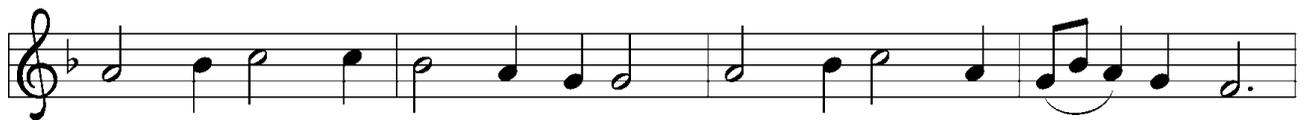
**POSTCOMMUNION**

*Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus*  
*WERDE MUNTER MEIN GEMÜTE*

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Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.



And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!



Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;



but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Wise and generous God,

we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated when the Prayer after Communion is concluded.*

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Brief announcements are made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world. The assembly stands for the Blessing.*

## **BLESSING**

May God our Creator bless and keep you, may + Jesus, child of the earth, walk with you, and may the Holy Spirit, wind and fire, give you hope and peace.

**Amen.**



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for all creation.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

from *Organ Concerto in D Major*

“Hornpipe”

Music of Samuel Wesley (1758-1844)

*Guests are invited to sign the guest book in the narthex.*

*Those wishing to listen to the postlude may be seated near the organ.*

*Conversationalists are invited to the narthex.*

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**Organ music for this service** includes works by lesser known English near-contemporaries of George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). All of these composers were influenced, in some measure, by the great German expatriate. Indeed, the many operas and oratorios of Handel were to have a profound impact on the British musical scene throughout most of the eighteenth century, and even into the nineteenth. Later composers such as Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven admired, and to a degree, sought to emulate Handel.

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## **The Adult Forum continues online over Zoom on Wednesday, September 22, at 7 pm**

**Theme:** Our September theme is “Where We Are . . .” to offer an intentional update on some timely continuing issues for Bethel that are of particular importance relating to our ongoing ministry commitments as well as during our time of pastoral transition.

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Topic: “Where We Are as a(n) (Almost) Post-Pandemic Church”

Leader: Bishop Susan Candea, Bishop of the Central States Synod of the ELCA

For more information, see [bethelstl.org/adult-forum](http://bethelstl.org/adult-forum).

## **The Season of Creation: now through October 3**

We deviate from our usual cycle of readings to observe the Season of Creation on the four Sundays in September and at the blessing of the animals on Sunday, October 3. The themes of the four Sundays in September are Planet Earth (Sept. 5), Humanity (Sept. 12), Sky (today), and Mountain (Sept. 26).

Our usual lectionary Gospel texts that are omitted through October 3 are Mark 7:24-37, 8:27-38, 9:30-50, and 10:2-16. We resume our usual lectionary readings on October 10; the Gospel that day will start at Mark 10:17.

## **A note from the treasurer**

Greetings Bethel Family –

This is an update on your Bethel 2021-22 budget. In the first 2 months of our fiscal year (July and August), we collected only about 56% of our budget. More importantly, last year we had collected \$58,000 vs. the \$40,000 this year. While it is still very early in the fiscal year, it is important that everyone is aware that we are off to a very slow start this fiscal year. The vast majority of the Bethel budget does go to pay for salaries of our employees. Although property maintenance can typically be deferred a little bit, we often find that these deferrals actually cost us more in the long run.

I ask that you look at the financial report sent in the Bethel Connection and consider adjusting your contributions to match the budget that we put in place for this fiscal year.

In spite of our COVID protocols, we still have a basket at every service, we accept checks in the mail and you can donate through our website or by going to [bethelstl.org/give](https://bethelstl.org/give) or scanning this QR code.



Thanks for your consideration.

John Holahan, treasurer

*Have Something for the Bethel Connection, Bulletin, Website, Narthex Information Board, or Facebook?  
Email it to [submissions@bethelstl.org](mailto:submissions@bethelstl.org) by 9 a.m. Monday morning.*

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister and Preacher	The Rev. Jeff Lindgren
Assisting Minister	KJ Monahan
First Lector & Communion Assistant	Sue Flesch
Second Lector	Ruth Meizen-Dick
Audio-Visual Engineers	Evelyn Meyer
	Liam Connolly
	Nathan Schroeder
Musicians	Members of Bethel Chancel Choir
	Dr. Stephen Mager, organist and music director



Stephen Mager, DM, Organist and Music Director  
The Rev. Tina Reyes (she/her/ella), Campus Pastor, LuMin St. Louis  
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