

Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, September 13, 2026 Second Sunday of Creation in Christ

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Welcoming One Another with Christ's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Because Lord of the Valley is a welcoming church, we take a moment to share Christ's peace and greet one another, especially if there is someone you haven't met or seen in a while, so that we can worship together in peace and unity.

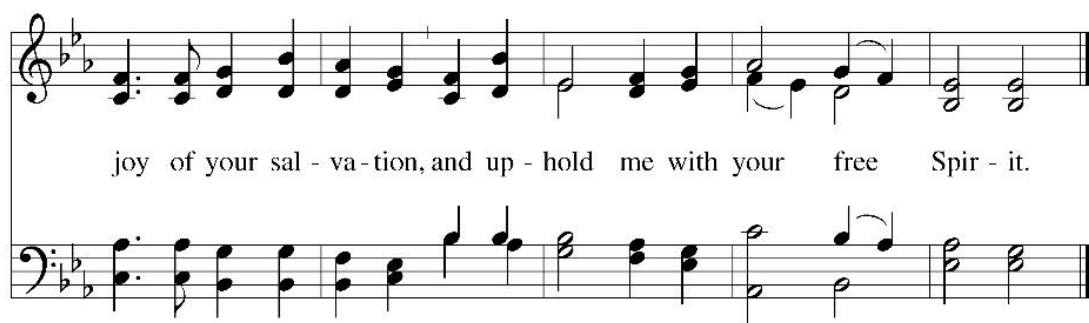
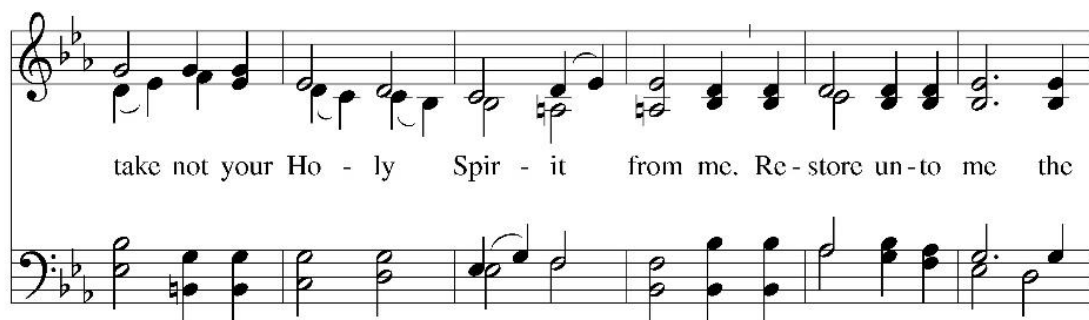
Gathering Song

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

WOV 732

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and



Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all life.

Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

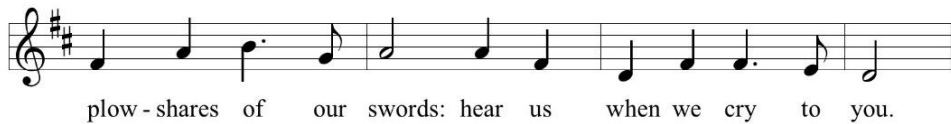
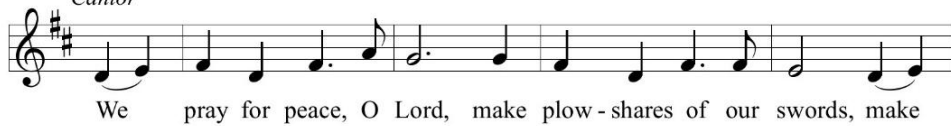
**We are often numb to the pain of the world around us,
and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We sin against your good creation,
failing to be faithful stewards
of the land, the sea, and all their creatures.**

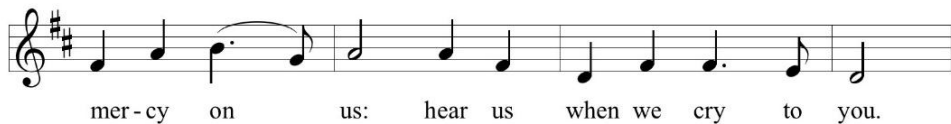
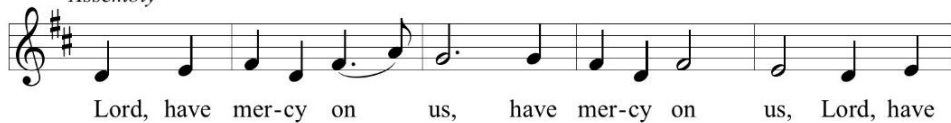
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, cause gratitude to bloom in our hearts,
and wisdom to mature in our minds,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Kyrie

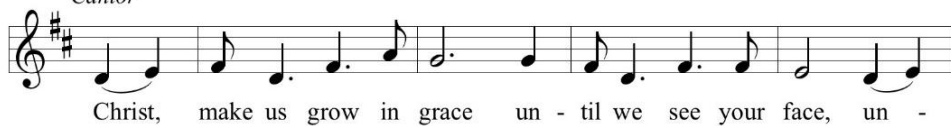
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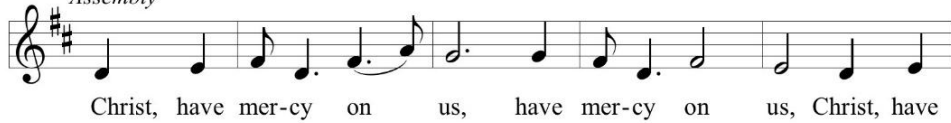
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Canticle of Praise

"Above the Hills the Angel Hosts"

1 A - bove the hills the an - gel hosts
2 In heav'n, on earth reigns God Most High, sing
3 Sing jus - tice, mer - cy, joy, and peace, sing
4 We wor - ship you, our thanks we bring,
5 To Je - sus Christ, God's Son, our Lord,
glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! God's love is come to
Yet ten - der - ly God grants
God's own good will grants
We bow be - fore you
The Lamb of God, e -
seek the lost.
hears our cry.
sin's re - lease. Give glo - ry to God in the high - est!
as we sing.
ter - nal Word.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray,

C: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Music to Receive God's Word -

"O God, Whose Word Well-Planted"

1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.

Scriptures

Genesis 50:15-21 - God works through tragedy and forgives always

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

R: The word of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 103:1-13 – The Lord judges, renews, forgives, cares

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

- ⁶ The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

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Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35 – Our debts released, release the debts of all others

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Sermon

Song of the Day "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Words and Music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

VERSE 1 & 2

J=60

1. A maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like
(2.) grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re -

me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I
- lieved. How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear, the hour

CHORUS

see. 2. 'Twas I first be-lieved. My chains are gone. I've been set

free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran-somed me. And like a flood His mer-cy

VERSE 3

rains, un-end-ing love, a-maz-ing grace. 3. The Lord has prom-ised good

to me, His word my hope se-cures. He will my shield and por-

CHORUS

- tion be, as long as life en-dures. My chains are gone. I've been set

free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran-somed me. And like a flood His mer-cy

32 F/A Gm7 C7 F F/A F

rains, un-end-ing love, a-maz-ing grace. My chains are

36 Bb/F F Bb/F F

4. The earth shall soon dis-solve like snow, the sun for - bear to shine.

40 C/F F F/A Bb F C/F

But God, who called me here be-low, will be for-ev - er mine,

44 F C/F F C/F F

will be for-ev - er mine. You are for-ev - er mine.

Prayers of the People

L: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

A: O God, creator of heaven and earth,

C: your steadfast love embraces all creation.

You send rain and sun to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.

Through the gifts of bread and cup,
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.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

We invite all who come in faith to the Lord's Table as we celebrate Holy Communion in our worship today. For those who prefer, grape juice and gluten free wafers are available, let the server know as you approach. Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

O Lamb of God, to Earth You Came

1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to

save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from

on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

A: God of our salvation,

C: 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.

SENDING

Blessing

Song

"I Was Sinking Deep in Sin"

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1 I was sink-ing deep in sin, far from the peace-ful shore, ver-y deep-ly
2 All my heart to him I give, ev-er to him I'll cling, in his bless-ed
3 Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; he will lift you

stained with-in, sink-ing to rise no more; but the mas-ter of the sea
pres-ence live, ev-er his prais-es sing; love so might-y and so true
by his love out of the an-gry waves; he's the mas-ter of the sea,

heard my de-spair-ing cry, from the wa-ters lift-ed me, now safe am I.
mer-its my soul's best songs; faith-ful lov-ing ser-vice, too, to him be-longs.
bil-lows his will o-bey; he your Sav-ior true will be; be saved to-day.

Refrain

Love lift-ed me! Love lift-ed me! When noth-ing
e-ven me! e-ven me!

1 else could help, love lift-ed me. 2 love lift-ed me.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The score is divided into several systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score includes a main body of the song, a refrain, and two endings. The first ending leads back to the beginning of the refrain, and the second ending concludes the piece.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Flourish with all creation.

C: Thanks be to God. And we will.