



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, for a time of Worship, to a quiet time and place.

Our souls thirst for a time to worship, a time for peace and quiet.

Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.

Our lives need moments of rest.

Come, lift those concerns that are upon your hearts, for God to hear.

Our hearts, minds and souls need the gift of forgiveness this day.

Come, find a blessed center. Come, be at peace and receive the gift of forgiveness.

Praise God who offers to us shelter, grace, peace and a resting place.

AMEN.

GATHERING SONG

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW 679

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray..... Faithful God,

**you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Reading: Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.



Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world.

God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

REFLECTION

"Seeds, weeds, and evildoers"

Pastor Karen Pahl

GOSPEL SONG

"Glory Awaits"

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THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

We will pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.

L: Hear us O God **C: Your Mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

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BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God!

SENDING SONG

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

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POSTLUDE

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HAPPENINGS....

No Virtual Coffee Hour this week due to Outdoor Worship.

Check Our Website & Facebook for other daily inspiration during this time.

We will gather on Thursday's at 11am & 7pm for a devotional time / theological topic time, plus check-in with one another about life. Any other ideas, thoughts or comments please contact Pastor Karen, Intern John or the office.

Grace & Peace be with you.

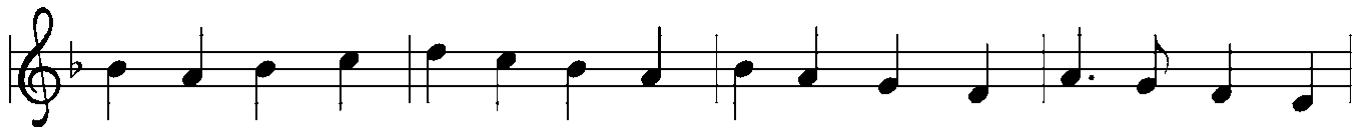
For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Glory Awaits

Verse 1

Blood-bought children who are suff'ring
It won't be long it won't be long
Storm-tossed pilgrim if you're struggling
It won't be long it won't be long

Verse 2

Though your flesh is now decaying
It won't be long it won't be long
A new body God is making
It won't be long it won't be long

Chorus

Glory awaits
For all God's redeemed
Glory awaits
And we'll be free

Verse 3

All you saints now bound in prison
It won't be long it won't be long
Here's your freedom Christ is risen
It won't be long it won't be long

Verse 4

We are longing for Christ's appearing
It won't be long it won't be long
Tears will vanish when we see Him
It won't be long it won't be long

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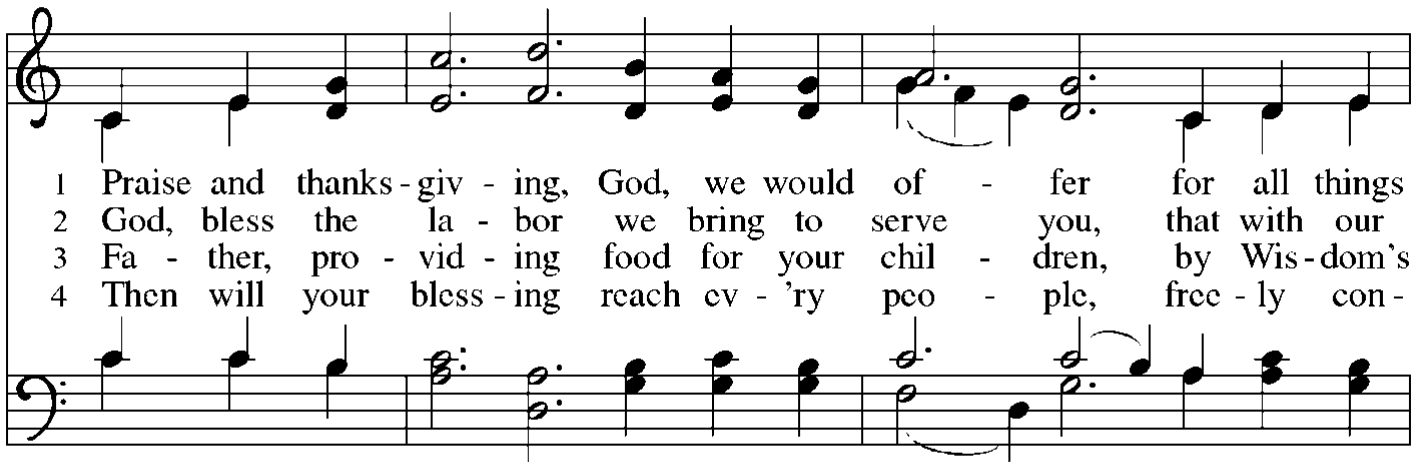
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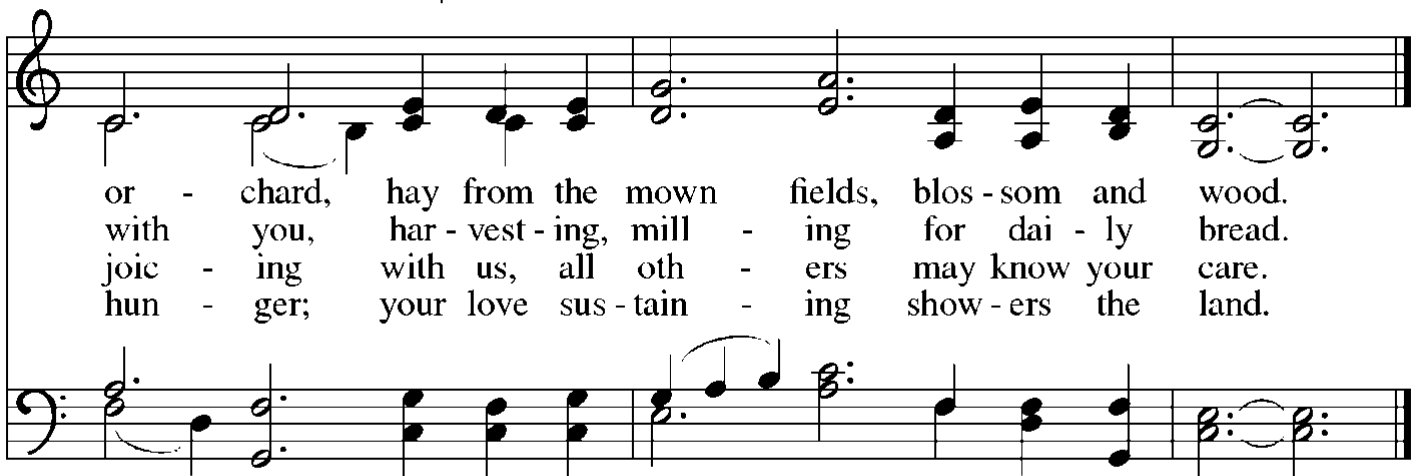
Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's
4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-



liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh-ber we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work
guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-
fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will



or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.
joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.
hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

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Prayers of the People – July 2020

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for Churches young and old around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their longing for justice and equality. We pray for our adversaries. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities and our world to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, grant your loving care for all who are in need in mind, body or spirit (*especially.....*). For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those who need direction, give guidance. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain the ministry and mission of LCR and deepen our relationships with one another and with the wider community of Racine and beyond. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died and gone before us, (*especially today we pray for.....*). Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection and the gift of eternal life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**