



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE SEASON OF CREATION
September 13, 2026
10:00 AM

VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse,
with Christian worship and service at the heart.

MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

THE GATHERING RITE

HYMN (*standing*)

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

H #376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;
giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People **God's love is new every morning.**

Presider God be with you.

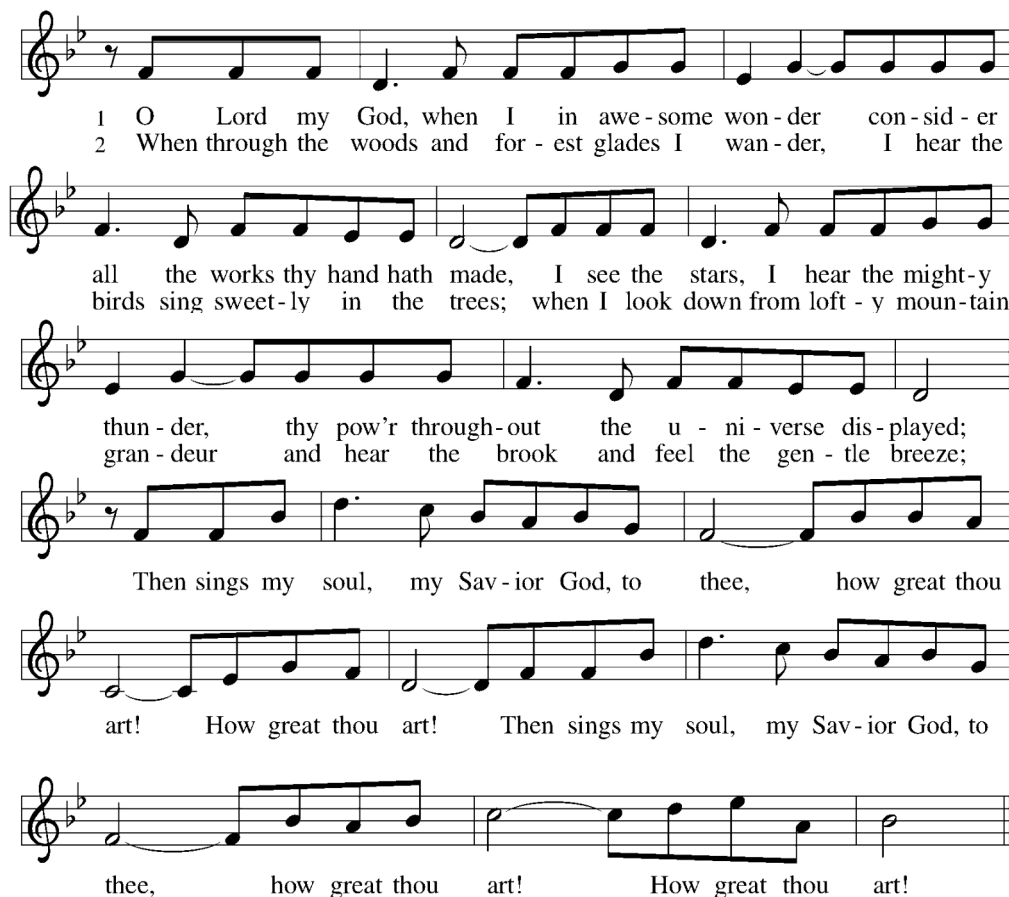
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE
(standing)

How Great Thou Art

ELW #856 vs 1-2



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
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
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;
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!

COLLECT OF THE DAY (standing)

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES (*seated*)

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 114

Alleluia! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel God's dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled; *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams; *
you little hills, like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

THE EPISTLE *(seated)*

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN All Things Bright and Beautiful H405 vs 2
 (standing)

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,
Refrain
 All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
 all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.
 all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
Repeat Refrain
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 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.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 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. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED *said by all, standing*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The intercessor offers the petitions and all respond, Hear our Prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Silence may be kept

All **Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as
you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our
Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People offer a greeting of peace to one another.

KIDS' WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND SPECIAL PRAYERS



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 rus-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

DOXOLOGY HYMN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *(standing)*

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

The prayer continues until...

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly ho - ly Ho - ly One
God of hope and love. All the Earth and stars a - bove
sing of your great love: Ho - san - na_____
In the high - est, Ho - ly One.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is the One dwell - ing here with us. With
all the fam - i - ly of God, we sing of your great love:
Ho - san - na_____ In the high - est,_____
Ho - ly One.

The prayer continues until...

Presider Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues until...

Presider Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

People **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

PRAYER FOR THOSE WORSHIPING AT HOME

O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to the meal where Christ is present in bread and wine. The ushers will guide you to form a line up the center aisle. You may choose to receive a sealed packet containing both consecrated wine and wafer, or you may take a piece of bread and receive the common cup. Gluten free options are available.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(standing)*

Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, feed me now and ev - er - more. shield.
 thee, be thou still my strength and shield. I will ev - er
 give to thee.

DISMISSAL

The Presider dismisses the People, who respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.



Leaves of Remembrance Dedication

Each year, bronze Leaves of Remembrance are placed on the sidewalk in Ballard and around the city, bearing the names of homeless women and men who have died so that every person has a place to be remembered. Join St. Luke's and our neighborhood today, September 13 at 12:00 outside of the Ballard Library for this year's dedication ceremony. A reception will be held at St. Luke's following the ceremony.

For more information about the Leaves of Remembrance and the Homeless Remembrance Project, visit fallenleaves.org.

BBQ With St. Luke's Apartment Neighbors

St. Luke's Apartments have been open for nearly a year and all units are leased! On Sunday, September 27, from 12-2pm, St. Luke's Church is hosting a potluck BBQ on the rooftop of the apartments to get to know our neighbors. We'll provide items to grill. Residents and church members are welcome to bring something to share!

Ballard Pet Celebration and Blessing of the Animals

As the Season of Creation concludes with a celebration of St. Francis on Sunday, October 4, St. Luke's is partnering with local pet and animal-focused nonprofits to draw attention to the needs of animals in our community. Join us in Ballard Commons Park for the second-annual Ballard Pet Celebration to visit with local organizations and for a Blessing of the Animals. The community event will run from 12-3pm. The Blessing of the Animals will take place at 12noon. Bring your furry, feathered or scaled companions (or a photo) for the blessing!



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