

SEASON OF
CREATION



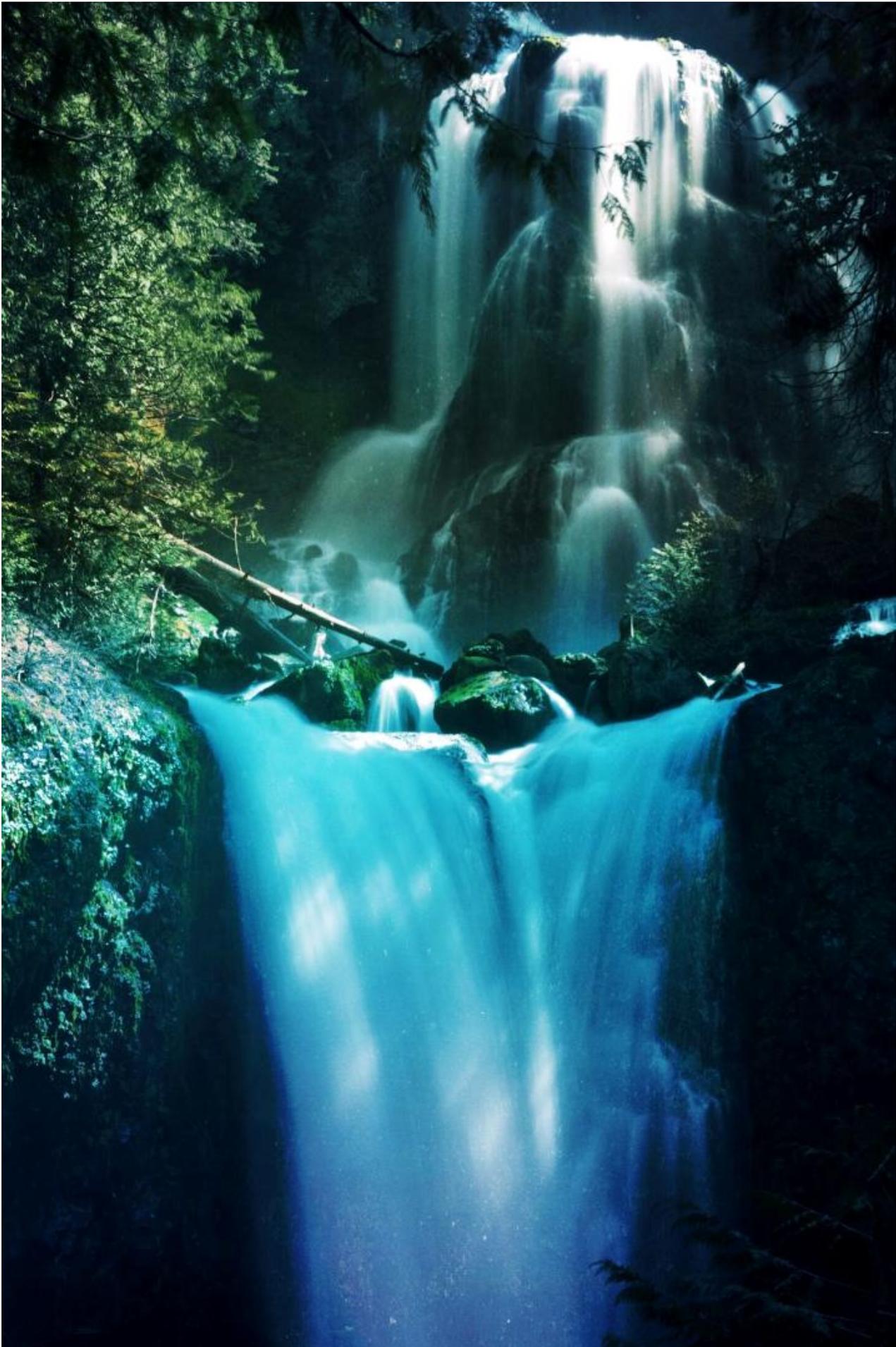
RIVER

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, September 27, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.

In the order of service, the words
that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

For music, the words in regular type are sung by all,
unless otherwise noted.



Prelude

“River Flows in You” • Yiruma

Welcome

Invocation

In the name of the Creator, the source of life,
in name of Jesus Christ, the heartbeat of life,
in the name of the Holy Spirit, the breath of life. Amen.

Holy! Holy! Holy!
Earth is filled with God’s presence.

Christ, we come into your presence today
to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,

a planet filled with your presence,
quivering in the forests,
vibrating in the land,
pulsating in the wilderness,
shimmering in the rivers.

God, reveal yourself to us in this place
and show us your face in all creation.

Holy! Holy! Holy!
Earth is filled with God’s presence.

Opening Hymn • “Springs of Water, Bless the Lord”

Gather, Third Edition 316

Refrain



Springs of wa-ter, bless the Lord! Give him glo-ry and praise for ev-er!

Verses

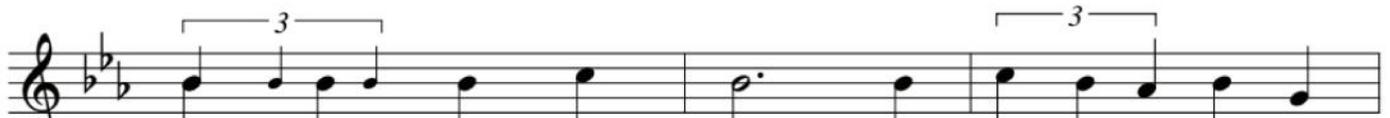
Cantor:



1. O - ceans of earth, sing glo-ry to God! Praise to the one who
2. Riv - ers and lakes, sing glo-ry to God! Praise, all you ponds and
3. Brooks of the hills, sing glo-ry to God! Praise to the source of
4. Show - ers and springs, sing glo-ry to God! Praise, all you liv - ing



formed you! Sound from your depths a hymn that tells the
bogs! Rich with the life that God cre - ates, now
life! Danc - ing with joy from peak to val - ley,
wa - ters! Show - er the earth with life and good-ness,



won - ders God has done!
let your song be heard! Oh Bless-ed be God for
laugh-ing and clear your song!
show - er the grace of God!

All:



ev - er! Bless - ed be God for ev - er! **D.C.**

Call to Worship

We remember the rivers God created
in Eden and across our planet,
rivers that are the lifeblood of Earth
and vital for all that lives.

**We remember the streams of our past,
the pools and ponds where we played,
and the feeling of joy and celebration
as we splashed and swam.**

We remember and rejoice
for fond memories and refreshing stories.

**We give thanks to you, Creator God,
for the gift of all waters.**

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"
And let everyone who hears say, "Come!"
And let everyone who is thirsty come.

**Let anyone who wishes,
take the water of life as a gift!**

Confession

Gracious God,
you have created us to be stewards,
caretakers of the Earth,
and we...

We pollute our river with poisons.

We turn our streams into waste dumps.

We turn living water into desolation and decay.

**We waste precious, life-giving water
by lives of luxury and excess.**

Forgive us, Lord.

Change us, Lord.

Heal us, Lord.

Absolution

Christ hears your confession
and forgives your sin,
turning you around in repentance and in hope
for genuine and lasting change.

Glory to God in the highest!

**And on Earth, peace with all peoples
and all nations of the earth!**

Prayer of the Day

Together, now we pray;

**God, our Creator, whose glory fills our planet,
help us to discern your vibrant presence among us,
especially in the rivers, the streams,
and the waterways of the earth.**

**Help us empathize with your creatures who are suffering.
Lift our spirits to rejoice with the vibrant
world of the rivers.**

**In the name of Christ,
who reconciles and renews all things in creation.**

Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the Psalms.

Psalm 104:10-15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A reading from Revelation.

Revelation 22:1-6a

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Psalm Project: Shout for Joy 11

Sing refrain, verse, refrain, refrain.

Refrain



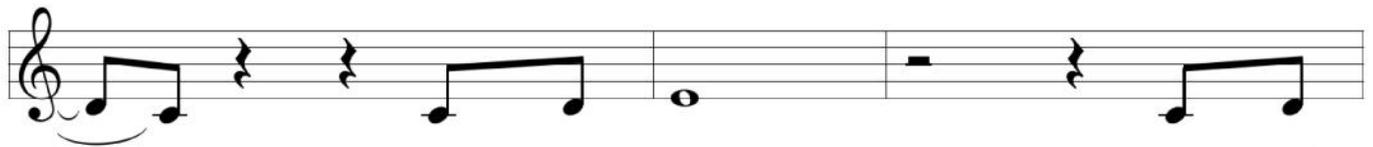
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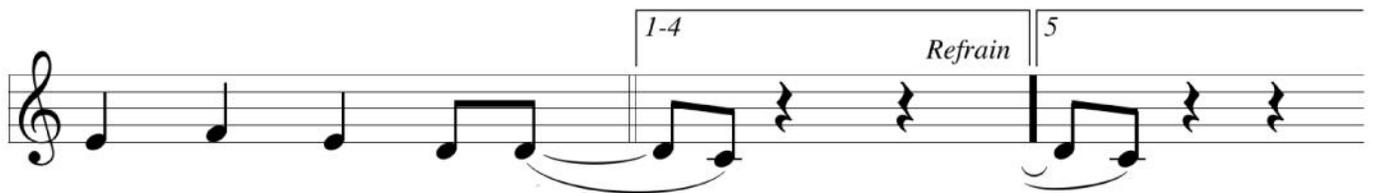
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5 From the storms, flood and earth - quake, fire and snow,



praise will roar from the



heav - ens to the earth.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 8:23-27

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"...WHO IS THAT UN-MASKED MAN?..."

Rev. Kim Latterell

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Hymn of the Day • “Let All Things Now Living”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 881



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: “To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!”

A Creation-Centered Affirmation of Faith

Together, now we affirm our faith.

**We believe in God who creates,
renews, and celebrates all things as good.**

**We believe Earth is a gift, a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God's presence.**

**We believe God became flesh and blood,
a human being, Jesus Christ,
made of the stuff of the earth,
who lived and breathed,
suffered and died on a cross,
and whose obedience unto death
saves all humanity and all creation.**

**We believe in the risen Jesus Christ,
the heart of all creation who reconciles all things to God,
who renews all creation to the ends of the universe.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit breathes life into all creation,
who groans in empathy with all
who suffer from a broken creation,
who waits with us for the rebirth of a new creation.**

**We believe that with Christ,
we will rise and celebrate together
the gift of a new and eternal creation.**

Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

Ways that you can give electronically:

TEXT

-)] Text “Give” to 253-292-9599.
-)] You will be sent a message to (a) text your giving amount and/or (b) set up recurring giving.

ONLINE via the MVLC WEBSITE

-)] Visit www.mtviewlutheran.org.
-)] Hover over the “GIVE” dropbox.
-)] Choose “Make a Donation via Bank Account” or “Make a Donation via Credit/Debit Card.”
-)] Fill out all information on the page and then click the blue “GIVE” button.
-)] If you want it to remember your information, visit “SIGN IN” and create an account.
-)] NOTE: Online giving is a one-time gift unless you check “Make this Gift Recurring.”

Offertory

“Down to the River to Pray”

Amy Fuller, Debbie Hushagen, Susan Bloomfield, Ellen Leapaltd, vocals

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

**Gracious God,
through your loving care
you give us every good gift to share.**

**Receive our offerings as a sign of our thankfulness.
Make us mindful of and helpful to all those in need.
Teach us again and again to care. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Creation Thanksgiving

God, the Creator of all, be with you all.

And also with you.

Tear open your hearts.

We open them to God our Savior.

Give thanks to the Maker of heaven and earth.

We give thanks by our life.

Thank you Loving Creator.

By your Spirit, your presence is the living impulse within all things,
Christ deep within and among us filling the Earth,
every element and place, even grain and grape, with life anew.

With the voices of ancient forest, highest sky, deepest sea, and the whole
company of creation, we praise your name:

Holy, holy, holy, God of life.

**Earth and sky and sea are full of your presence,
and with us, all things praise your Name. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Drawn together in the compassion of God,
we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need,
we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

Sending

Will you care for each neighbor and all creation?

We will, now and in all ways.

Blessing

God of heaven, God of earth,
fill you again with the Holy Spirit
and the love of Christ
as you go in peace to tend the Earth
for the common good of all.

Amen. Let it be so!

Sending Hymn • "Rise, Creator Spirit, Rise"

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1. Rise, Cre - a - tor Spi - rit, rise, — From this land a - cross the skies.
2. Rise, Cre - a - tor Spr - rit, rise, — From this land a - cross the skies.
3. Rise, Cre - a - tor Spi - rit, rise, — From this land a - cross the skies.

1. Rise from deep with - in this land, — move a - cross the de - sert sand.
2. Rise from deep in mys - ter - y, — Rise to set your peo - ple free.
3. Rise from deep with - in the tomb, — Mak - ing Je - sus' grave a womb.

1. Rise, cre - ate this land a - new, — Make your Dream - ing song come true. —
2. Hear the land cry out in pain, — Hear her peo - ple call your name. —
3. Plun - ging back in - to your cave, — Bring - ing life to ev' - ry grave, —

1. Fill this land with life a - gain, Make the de - sert bloom with rain.
2. Let your rain - bow span this Earth Giv - ing hope and giv - ing birth.
3. Life that rose with Je - sus Christ, Rose to fill our hearts and eyes.

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Postlude

“By a Limpid Stream” • Friedrich Burgmüller

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