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Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12



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CREATION**

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Living Water

for Renewal and Restoration

“Everything will live
where the river goes.”

EZEKIEL 47:9

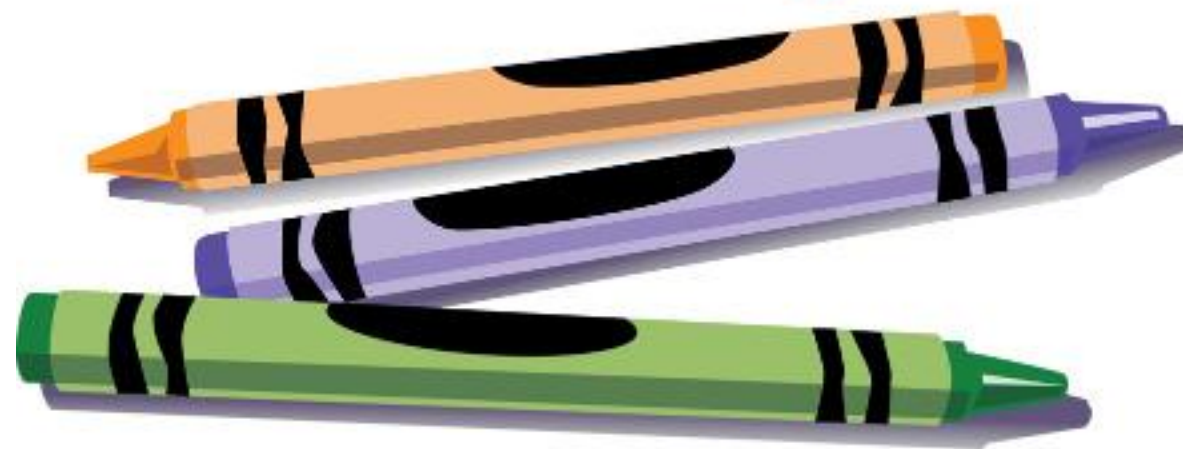
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Anthem Chorale



Children's Message



You May Stand or Sit

Congregational responses are in bold

Confession and Forgiveness

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In the name of the Father, and the
✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin

to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness, and grow
into the fullness of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the
presence of God and one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned
from you and given ourselves
into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly
repent. In your compassion
forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,**

**things we have done and
things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold
us by your Spirit, so that we may
live and serve you in newness
of life through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**Here in this place
the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness
vanished away;
see in this space
our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you
in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in,
the lost and forsaken,
gather us in
the blind and the lame;
call to us now,
and we shall awaken,
we shall arise
at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young,
our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old
who yearn for your face;
we have been sung
throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light
to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in,
the rich and the haughty,
gather us in,
the proud and the strong;
give us a heart,
so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage
to enter the song.**

**Not in the dark
of buildings confining,
not in some heaven,
light years away
here in this place
the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom,
and now is the day.**

**Gather us in
and hold us forever,
gather us in
and make us your own;
gather us in,
all peoples together,
fire of love in
our flesh and our bone.**

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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

(ELW setting 10 words)

**Have mercy on us, Lord,
and hear our solemn prayer.**

**We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ,
and wash away our sin.**

**Pour out your grace and make us
whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord;
make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
create in us new hearts!**

Tune: #717 (ELW)

All Who Are Thirsty

**All who are thirsty,
all who are weak**

Just come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

**Let the pain and the sorrow
be washed away**

In the waves of His mercy

As deep cries out to deep

**Come Lord Jesus come,
Come Lord Jesus come,
Come Lord Jesus come,
Come Lord Jesus come**

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**Come Lord Jesus come,
Come Lord Jesus come,
Come Lord Jesus come,
Come Lord Jesus come**

*Text and music: Benton Brown and Glenn Robertson
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Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**Gracious God,
you have fed us at your table
and refreshed us
with your grace.**

**As water brings life
to thirsty ground, let your love
bring new life through us.**

**Send us into the world to
care for your creation,
seek justice for our neighbors,
and carry the hope of Christ
wherever the earth is dry
and people are thirsty.
In the name of Jesus,
the source of living water.
Amen.**

You may sit
First Reading:

Isaiah 47:1-9

¹Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there water was flowing from below the entryway of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east), and the water was flowing down from below the south side of the temple, south of the altar.²Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east, and the water

was trickling out on the south side.

³Going on eastward with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. ⁴ Again he measured one thousand and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand and led me through the water, and it was up to the waist. ⁵ Again he measured one

thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. ⁶ He said to me, "Mortal, have you seen this?"

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. ⁷ As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸ He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern

region and goes down into the Arabah, and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. ⁹ Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish once these waters reach there. It will become fresh, and everything will live where the river goes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 148: 1-13

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

**Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

**Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, who
commanded, and they were created,
**who made them stand fast forever
and ever, giving them a law that
shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea
monsters and all deeps;
**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

young men and maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose
splendor is over earth and heaven.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading:

Romans 8:18-25

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 enslavement to decay and will obtain the

freedom of the glory of the children of God.²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and 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.²⁴ For in [\[a\]](#) hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees?

²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see,
we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

You may stand
Alleluia

#6 (W&P v1,2)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**He's my Savior, alleluia,
he's my Savior, alleluia;
he's my Savior, alleluia,
he's my Savior, alleluia.**

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Gospel:

The Gospel according to
Luke, the thirteenth chapter,
starting at verse six.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'

⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

You may sit

Viv Vega



I've Got Peace Like A River

(TFF#259)

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

**I've got peace
like a river in my soul**

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

**I've got peace
like a river in my soul**

**I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy
like a fountain in my soul**

**I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy
like a fountain in my soul**

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean

**I've got love
like an ocean in my soul**

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean

**I've got love
like an ocean in my soul**

**I've got peace, joy, and love
like a river**

**I've got peace, joy, and love
like a river**

**I've got peace, joy, and love
like a river in my soul**

**I've got peace, joy, and love
like a river**

**I've got peace, joy, and love
like a river**

**I've got peace, joy, and love
like a river in my soul**

The Apostles' Creed

(ELW p105)

**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

Reminded of God's gracious
and abundant love, we offer our prayers,
confident that God hears us.

O Lord, answer the needs of loved ones
and friends as we call out their names,
either within our hearts or aloud.

God of grace,
Receive our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God,
we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy,
through Jesus Christ,
the source of living water
and the hope of the world.
Amen.

*The peace of Christ
be with you always,
And also with you.*

Sharing the Peace:
The peace of the Lord be with you,
And also with you.

You may be seated

Offering for the mission
of the church,
including the care
of those in need.

You may stand

Spirit of the Living God

#129 (W&P)

Spirit of the living God,

fall fresh on me,

Spirit of the living God,

fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God,

fall fresh on me.

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Offering Prayer

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth
springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love
to our neighbors, today and always.

Amen.

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, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and
in all places give thanks and praise
to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse
their hearts and prepare
with joy for the paschal feast,

That renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness
of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth
and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Mark Anzelon)

Holy, holy, holy;

Holy, holy, holy;

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord most high.

You alone are holy,

You alone are worthy,

Merciful and mighty,

Holy, holy, Lord.

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In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

Come,
the table of Living Creation
is spread wide,
and all are welcome.

*You may be seated
Red Wine and White Grape Juice are offered
Gluten-free is available*

O Lamb of God

(Mark Anzelon)

**O Lamb of God, you bear
the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives
to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear
the sin of all the world away;
you set us free
from guilt and grave:**

**have mercy now, we pray.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear
the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made:
give us your peace, we pray.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

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You may stand or sit
Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,
you have fed us at your table
and refreshed us with your grace.
As water brings life to thirsty ground,
let your love bring new life through us.

Send us into the world to
care for your creation,
seek justice for our neighbors,
and carry the hope of Christ wherever the
earth is dry and people are thirsty.

In the name of Jesus,
the source of living water.
Amen.

You may sit

Announcements

Altar Guild: GariLynn Hiscott

Communion Server: Jeff Brandt

Fellowship: Janet Cassidy

Lector: Jeff Brandt

TMT: Renee Brandt

Usher/Greeter: Roger Schulke



GariLynn & Greg Hiscott
September 27

Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, October 1 at 9:00am

Blessing of the Quilts & Kits

Sunday, October 11 during service

Surviving Widows Group

Tuesday, October 20 at 12pm



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 18 after service

Details at www.lcifoothills.org

Shine, Jesus, Shine

#671 (ELW)

**Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with
the Father's glory**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire**

**Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations
with love and mercy**

**Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light**

**Lord, the light
of your love is shining
In the midst of
the darkness shining**

**Jesus, light of the world,
shine upon us**

**Set us free by the truth
you now bring us**

**Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with
the Father's glory**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations
with love and mercy**

**Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.**

**As we gaze on your
kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory**

**Mirrored here,
may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me**

**Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with
the Father's glory**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire**

**Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations
with love and mercy**

**Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.**

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Blessing and Dismissal

May the God who sends water
into dry places renew you with grace.

May Christ, who brings hope where
life seems barren, restore you in love.

And may the Holy Spirit breathe new life
within you, giving you courage to grow,
hope to begin again,
and strength to care for all
that God has made.

May the blessing of our gracious God,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always.

Amen.

Go in peace. Tend what God is growing.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Katherine Frantsen