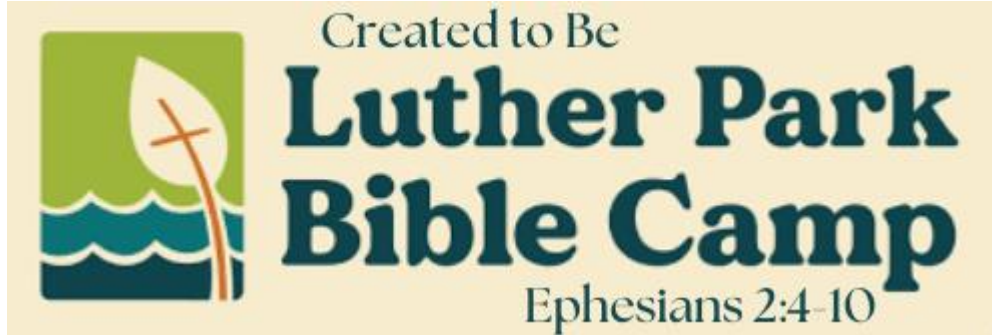


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Welcome and Announcements

Litany of Thanksgiving

God you have called and equipped us for ministry beyond these four walls.
**As we gather here to worship we give thanks for our partners who share in
the mission of spreading your Good News**

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

**Synod means walking together, which describes our interdependent
ministry relationship as we support mission partners and heed the call to be
a church engaged in all the world.**

Thanks be to God for our synod partners

Luther Park Bible Camp

**Luther Park Bible Camp is a place where faith is nurtured through holy play
as people of all ages explore and experience the life changing love of God**

Thanks be to God for our Bible Camp partner

Community Unity Vacation Bible School

**Community Unity VBS is an ecumenical collaboration that crosses
denominational lines with the goal of providing a dynamic week of fun for
children centered around our shared love of Jesus Christ.**

Thanks be to God for our community VBS partners

YouthWorks

**YouthWorks leads Christ-centered mission trips which empower every
teenager to know God and be like Jesus in the ways they love and serve
others.**

Thanks be to God for our mission trip partner

God we ask your blessing on each of these ministries as they reach a world in need this summer. All thanks be to God for our ministry partners! Amen.

Opening Hymn

Blest Are They WOV 764

Blest are they, the poor in spirit theirs is the kingdom of God

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

(refrain) Rejoice, and be glad, blessed are you, holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill (refrain)

Rejoice, and be glad, blessed are you, holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill (refrain) Rejoice, and be glad, blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God

(refrain) Rejoice, and be glad, blessed are you, holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs (refrain) Rejoice, and be glad, blessed are you, holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are you who suffer hate; all because of me.

Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. (refrain)

Rejoice, and be glad, blessed are you, holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God.

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Our God of varied ministries, **when we, empowered by your Holy Spirit, collaborate with our ministry partners good things happen in your name.**

Today we celebrate our partnership with all the congregations who make up the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. In this season of ministry together we are reminded that Water is Life, Jesus is our living water. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Message

**Centering Song My Cathedral by Chris Rice / Sung by Howard
Raudenbush**

[My Cathedral](#)

**Welcome the Word
Calling**

Listen, God is

Listen, listen God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Children of the Heavenly Father LBW

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Children of the heav’nly Father, Safely in His bosom gather. Nestling bird or star in Heaven, Such a refuge e’er was given. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord, His children sever. Unto them His grace He showeth and their sorrows all He knoweth Though He giveth or He taketh God His children ne’er forsaketh. His, the loving purpose solely to preserve them, pure and holy

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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
prayer**

Merciful God, receive our

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy. Bread is broken the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breath again, pass the Word around, loaved
abound

Jesus lives again, earth can breath again, pass the Word around, loaved
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Offering Prayer

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; ourselves, our time and our possessions; signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Consecration

**Written by Beth Merrill Neel
on her blog Hold Fast to What**

is Good

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a privilege, and joy to praise you, O God, because you made Life: the universe, and this earth, and the flowers we love to water in the summer, and the berries we eat like candy. You made the dogs we walk in the morning, and the cats who sit on our laps even when it's hot. You made us in many shapes and sizes but all in your image. We praise you for creation this day and with great thanks we join our voices with the heavenly host as we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are blessed, O God, as is Jesus our Christ, who invited all of us carrying heavy burdens to come to him. He bore our burdens; he healed us; and he saved us. He invites us to this table where he gathered with friends, took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave to his disciples saying take and eat, this is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me. Again after supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying this cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. And now, O God, we pray for your Spirit. We pray that your Spirit will descend upon our hearts and on these gifts of bread and cup, to transform them from their daily use into a sacred meal. By your Spirit may our hunger and thirst be satisfied, and may we be nourished to go out into the world to bear the burdens of others. For so much, we offer grateful hearts as we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us....

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, bread of life, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out into the world, ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

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Blest Be the Tie that Binds LBW

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one our comforts and our cares.

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows, the sympathizing tear.
From sorrows, toil and pain, and sin we shall be free, and perfect love and
friendship reign through all eternity.**

Dismissal

**Go in peace as partners in the Gospel.
Thanks be to God!**