

Worship
Labor Day Commissioning
September 6, 2026
9:00am



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

L. Welcome in the name of the holy Trinity, one God whose mercy endures forever.

C. **Amen.**

SONG *"Ten Thousand Reasons"*

Chorus: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus*

And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; still, my soul will sing Your praise unending ten thousand years, and then forever more! *Chorus x2*

Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L. God said, "Six days you will labor and do all your work,

C. **but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."**

L. Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

C. **and I will give you rest."**

L. We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors.

C. **Let us worship God this day!**

SONG OF PRAISE *"What a Beautiful Name it is"*

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in you, our Christ. What a beautiful name it is. What a beautiful name it is. The name of Jesus Christ my king. What a beautiful name it is. Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is. The name of Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C. **And also with you.**

L. Let us pray together,

C. **Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of our work. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Those who are able, please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**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.**

BIBLE READING Genesis 2:10-15

A river flows from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides into four headwaters. The name of the first river is the Pishon. It flows around the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. That land's gold is pure, and the land also has sweet-smelling resins and gemstones. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It flows around the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris, flowing east of Assyria; and the name of the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The LORD God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it.

L. The Word of the Lord,
C. **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG *"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone; born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred; ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

LABOR DAY PRAYER LITANY

L. Lord, bless the work of our hands.
For all those who toil and labor:

C. **Lord, bless the work of their hands.**

L. For those who have lost their jobs, who are unemployed or underemployed, let us pray:

C. **Lord, bless the work of their hands.**

L. For those who work in hazardous conditions without sufficient protections, let us pray:

C. **Lord, bless the work of their hands.**

L. For those who face discrimination, harassment, or abuse in the work place, let us pray:

C. **Lord, bless the work of their hands.**

- L. For those who are not paid fair wages or who are denied legally due overtime pay, let us pray:
C. Lord, bless the work of their hands.
- L. For migrant agricultural workers and for all who work the land, let us pray:
C. Lord, bless the work of their hands.
- L. For all employers that they may seek to provide a just work environment, let us pray:
C. Lord, bless the work of their hands.
- L. For those who struggle to balance job commitments with the needs of their family, let us pray:
C. Lord, bless the work of their hands.
- L. For all humans who seek to become the co-creators of the promised Kingdom here on earth, let us pray:
C. Lord, bless the work of their hands.
- L. Loving God, through your Son you gave us an example of how to love one another and how to embody this love in labor to serve the poor and the oppressed. Give us the strength to continue working to bring forth your kingdom here on earth – a kingdom of justice and peace, where all know compassion, grace and mercy, where all experience joy and peace in their labor. Grant this through Christ, our Lord.
- C. Amen.**

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERING SONG

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

HOLY COMMUNION

THE 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Special Music

SONG

"Praise, my soul, the God of Heaven"

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!

God be praised for grace and favor to our forebears in distress. God be praised, the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone; but, as mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the great Eternal One!

Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face. Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

COMMUNION BLESSING

LABOR DAY COMMISSIONING

L. You are not too young or too old,
you are not too rich or too needy
to bring good news to the impoverished,
to give a hand to the broken-hearted,
and to live out freedom and pardon
through the gifts you have been given.

So, remember to pack peace in your toolbox,
hope in your briefcase,
love in your lunch box,
and may integrity, honesty, and joy be your designer wear of choice.

Do not be frightened, for you are never alone.
The God in whose image you are made
will walk with you and guide your labor today, tomorrow, and every day.

C. **Amen.**

BLESSING

L. Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

C. **Amen.**

SONG *"For the Fruit of All Creation"*

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvest we are sharing, God's will is done.

SENDING

L. Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

This Week Please Pray for:

Members

Valarie Larsen, upcoming surgery

Cole Steele, waiting for kidney donor/dialysis

Randy Sell, cancer

Josh Karels, at home recovering after liver transplant

Friends and family of Janet Holst, grieving her death