

MESSAGE "From the Same Ground" Vicar Kendra Kappler

SONG OF THE DAY "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy" v-1,2,4 ELW #588

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.
- 2 There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

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SHARING THE PEACE L) The peace of Christ be with you all. C) And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERING SONG "We Give Thee but Thine Own" ELW #686  
We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH L) Lord in your mercy C) Hear our Prayer

HOLY COMMUNION (continuous)

- ✝ Words of Institution
- ✝ The Lord's Prayer
- ✝ Distribution of the Sacrament

POST COMMUNION PRAYER - God of all, *you have gathered us around your table and you have given us abundant nourishment and life. May we be filled with your grace and open our arms to one another, knowing that you hold all in your love. Amen.*

BENEDICTION May the God of care hold you. May the God of connection tend you. And may the God of all creation bind us together in love. **Amen.**

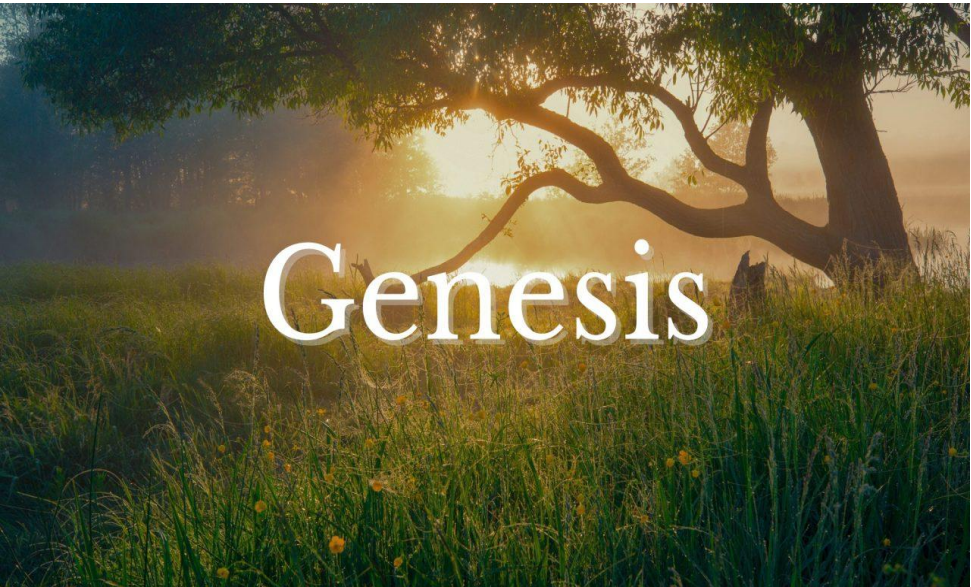
CLOSING SONG "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" ELW #547

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face— our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL L) Go in peace, Serve the Lord and your neighbors. C) Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



Willow Creek and Benton Lutheran Churches  
July 12th, 2026

Vicar Kendra Kappler and Pastor Renae Boehmer  
Accompanist: Paul Lisa Rave, Willow Creek, Kari Vosburg, Benton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and gathers us into one body through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (Silence for Reflection)

Gracious God, *you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed into us the breath of life. You created us for relationship with you, with one another, and with all creation. Yet we confess that we have not lived as people grounded in connection. We have turned inward and chosen isolation. We have built walls where you intended fellowship. We have judged, excluded, and ignored those who bear your image. We have failed to care for creation and for our neighbors. Forgive us, O God. Reconnect what sin has broken. Heal our relationships, soften our hearts, and draw us again into the life of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Hear the good news: The same God who formed humanity from the ground has come among us in Jesus Christ. In his death and resurrection, Christ has broken down the walls that divide us and reconciles us to God and to one another. By grace you have been saved, and all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## “We Are One in the Spirit”

- Refrain*  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: *Refrain*
  3. We will work with each other we will work side by side, we will work with each other we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: *Refrain*
  4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: *Refrain*

God of all creation, ***you breathe your spirit into the dust and create us for life with one another. Let us be companions of one another, caretakers of your creation, and stewards of your mysteries; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. One God, now and forever. Amen.***

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me.  
<sup>2</sup> ***You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.***  
<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.  
<sup>4</sup> ***Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.***

**<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

***<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.***

**<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

**<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

***<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.***

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

## “Sanctuary”

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You

<sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup> when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, <sup>6</sup> but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground—<sup>7</sup> then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup> Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

L) Word of God, word of life. **All) Thanks be to God.**