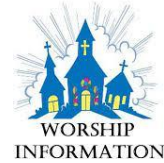




We are happy that you have joined us for worship and hope you find this to be a meaningful time.



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ONLINE RESOURCES & ZOOM LINKS

<https://richfield-lutheran.org/news-events/online-sermons.html>

Follow us on Social Media to stay up to date on all our news, upcoming events, and fun photos and videos!

Info: Facebook: Richfield Lutheran Church Instagram: richfield-lutheran

WE ARE ON SOUNDCLOUD! Want to listen to Pastor Charlie Ruud give his sermons on the go? **NOW YOU CAN!** You can download the SoundCloud App on your phone and listen to the sermon! You can listen while driving, walking, doing chores, etc! You can also just go on the SoundCloud website via the link below and on the RLC Website! Check it out!

Link: <https://on.soundcloud.com/dbrFySQTFQFbhj7R9>

**RICHFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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July 6, 2025**



**Summer Worship and Preaching Series
Fruitful Fields: God's Greatest Hits, Volume 1**

Richfield Lutheran Church

JULY 6, 2025, 9:30A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR

* = Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold** type indicates congregational responses.

- **Welcome! No matter your background, circumstance, or footing in faith your presence is valued and celebrated as a part of the beloved community of God today.**
- *Your generosity is appreciated and encouraged as it sustains and furthers the work of the congregation in the community and makes a difference in the lives of many. Gifts and offerings may be placed in the plate at the entrance before, during, or after the service. To give electronically, please visit richfield-lutheran.org/give*
- *We receive Holy Communion as a part of worship today, and you are welcome at Christ's table! Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Children may partake in the meal and/or come forward to receive a blessing as parents choose. Communion is received by intinction today (take the wafer and dip it into the wine or grape juice). If you prefer to receive communion in your pew, let your usher know and the servers will come to you. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request to the servers.*

Today we continue the summer worship and preaching series, **Faithful Fields: God's Greatest Hits, Volume 1** with Track 5, *The Tower of Babel*. The story highlights God's refusal for humanity to be an insular, homogenous community, and God's will for humans to care for all the earth, perhaps even in and through the rich diversity of cultures and languages.

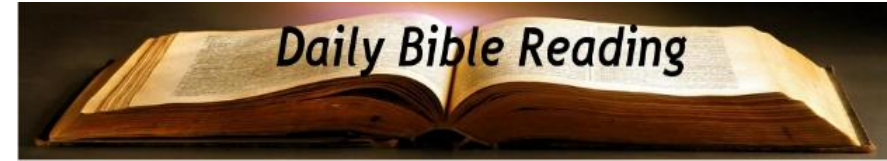
I. GATHERING

PRELUDE *Communion Hymn* Hillert
(The prelude gathers us in the Lord's presence. You are invited to center through it.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 92 (adapted)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to God's holy name.
To declare God's love in the morning, and God's faithfulness through the night
How great are your works, O God, to be revered above all things
Flourish in us your righteousness and make us blossom and bloom in your love!

WELCOME



THIS WEEK'S DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

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| Monday, July 7. Psalm 119:73-80 | Thursday, July 10. Psalm 25:1-10 |
| Tuesday, July 8. Jeremiah 8:4-13 | Friday, July 11. Genesis 41:37-49 |
| Wednesday, July 9. Joshua 23: 1-16 | Saturday, July 12. Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37 |

Continue to join in all summer for our worship and preaching series, **Fruitful Fields: God's Greatest Hits, Volume 1**.
Next week we'll hear Track 6, *the story of Sodom and Gomorrah*, in which God's righteous anger is displayed toward people's deep social injustice and inhospitality, thus highlighting God's will of welcome, care, and provision for those seeking shelter and safety.

Summer Tracklist:

Fruitful Fields: God's Greatest Hits, Volume 1

- Sun, June 15 | Genesis 1:1-1:19 | **God's Poetic Creation: Six Days and the Sabbath**
- Sun, June 22 | Genesis 3:1-3:24 | **The Second Creation Story: Adam, Eve & Sin**
- Sun, June 29 | Genesis 4:1-4:16 | **Cain & Abel: "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"**
- Sun, July 6 | Genesis 11:1-11:9 | **Tower of Babel: Diversified and Scattered**
- Sun, July 13 | Genesis 19:12-19:38 | **Sodom & Gomorrah: Inhospitable Judgment**
- Sun, July 20 | Exodus 3:1-3:15 | **Moses: God's Reluctant Liberator**
- Sun, July 27 | Exodus 7:14-7:25 | **The First Plague**
- Sun, Aug 3 | Judges 14:1-14:20 | **Samson & Delilah**
- Sun, Aug 10 | **Collaborative Outdoor Worship at Veteran's Park Pavilion**
- Sun, Aug 17 | Job 1:13-1:22, 2:1-2:10 | **Job: Out of the Whirlwind**
- Sun, Aug 24 | Ezekiel 37:1-37:14 | **Dry Bones Raised**

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BULLETIN BOARD

We welcome back Sam Maier and Praise Jam as they join our worship today!



Bible Study Online with Pastor Charlie

- Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. using Zoom Video Meeting.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89753063690>

Our partner in mission, **South Minneapolis Meals On Wheels**, is seeking new board and committee members. Board and committee positions offer a new way to serve your community and help your neighbors stay in their homes for as long as possible. Perhaps you've wanted to help, but can't take time out over the noon hour? Or you're looking for a meaningful way to contribute to your neighborhood, while building your professional resume?



Questions? Ask your Meals On Wheels coordinator, Paul Hendrickson,

Phone: 612-240-6058 or email: paul2hendrickson@comcast.net for more information (or contact the RLC Office at 612-861-2265).



Save the date! ***Into the Woods*** – August 15, 16 & 17th.

Hoi Polloi Players

THANK YOU

FOR JOINING US TODAY!



We hope you enjoyed your 4th of July celebrations!

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Together let us confess all which keeps us from love of God and our neighbors as ourselves...

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we can often neglect neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we tend to turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we can grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, set us free from the bonds that hold us back, and continue to show us the way of abundant life. Amen.

Beloved of God, in baptism the promise is proclaimed, you belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Live now again in hope and faith.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Come, All You People

ELW #819

Led by Praise Jam

***GREETING**

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

And also with you.

*** KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* **ELW #836 v. 1 & 2**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of Love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

* Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of all the earth, you tell us to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth. Help us to see past our own boundaries of comfort and control, so that we may be enriched together in the diverse wonder of your entire creation and our neighbors near and far. Amen.

II. Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 11:1-9

(This ancient story speaks of a humanity wishing to remain in isolation, focused on self-preservation. God's will and work interrupt, thus forcing people to experience the vastness of God's diverse creation.)

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." ⁵The LORD came down to see the

* SENDING HYMN

This is My Song

ELW #887

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Choral Song

Wesley

(The postlude sends us out to be Christ's peace in the world. You are invited to savor it.)

(Our service continues with sharing fellowship in Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall, across the hall; and then in the world with other neighbors.)



COMMUNION SONG

Eat This Bread

ELW #472

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**



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POST- COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION SONG

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW #204

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

IV. SENDING

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



*** BLESSING**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope and live in love, through the Triune God.
Amen.

city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth, and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67 (read responsively)

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
- ² **that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷ May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading: Acts 1:3-8

(The resurrected Jesus commissions his disciples as those who receive God's Holy Spirit and bear witness to the world upon his ascension into heaven)

³ After his suffering [Jesus] presented himself alive to [the disciples] by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*** GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11**

(Jesus sends out disciples to proclaim peace, rely on the provision of others, and assert that the kingdom of God has come near.)

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Track 5: Tower of Babel: Diversified and Scattered

Sam Maier

HYMN OF THE DAY

God of Grace and God of Glory
(Please stand for the final verse.)

ELW #705

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

After each petition:

...Merciful God,
Hear our prayer.

*** PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.)

III. THANKSGIVING and MEAL

*** OFFERTORY**

Earth and All Stars

ELW #731 v. 1

**Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!**



*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

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.