



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



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"Am I my brother's keeper?" - Genesis 4:9

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

Richfield Lutheran Church
JUNE 29, 2025, 9:30A.M.

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

Today we continue the summer worship and preaching series, **Faithful Fields: God's Greatest Hits, Volume 1** in which alongside Ostmark Lutheran and All Saints Lutheran churches of Watkins and Darwin, MN we'll look at some of the old classic stories in the Hebrew Scriptures to revisit foundations of God's relational action and redeeming love.

In today's worship we hear "Track 3" of the volume with the story of Cain and Abel in Genesis 4. In this story we'll examine the ties to each other in community, the history and consequence of human cruelty and violence, the faithfulness of God amid our brokenness.

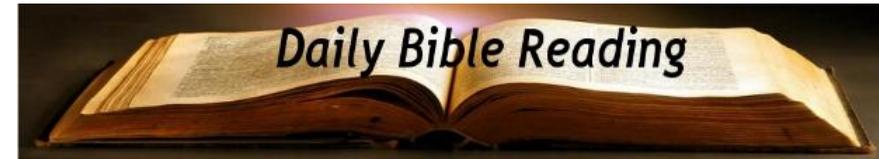
I. GATHERING

PRELUDE *TWO HYMN PRELUDES* **WILLAN**
(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, June 30. John 21:15-19
Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Psalm 140
Wednesday, July 2, 2025. Matthew 10:16-25
Thursday, July 3. John 14:1-7
Friday, July 4. Psalm 66:1-9
Saturday, July 5. Zechariah 14:10-21

Continue to join in all summer to hear tracks from the greatest hits album. Next week we'll hear Track 4, The Tower of Babel, highlighting God's refusal for humanity to be an insular community, and God's will for humans to care for all the earth, perhaps even in and through the rich diversity of culture and language.

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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Bible Study Online with Pastor Charlie

There will be no Bible study on Wednesday, July 2nd. It will resume at its normal time on Wednesday, July 9th.

Bible Study is held on Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. using Zoom Video Meeting. Zoom link to Bible Study can be accessed on the RLC website under "Get Involved".



Mark Your Calendars! - Coming Summer 2025

Into the Woods!

August 15 at 7:30 pm, August 16 at 7:30 pm,
and August 17 at 4 pm.

Email Lisa at hoipolloplayers@gmail.com if you have any questions.

WEATHER FORECAST

**GOD REIGNS
and the
SON SHINES
EXPECT
SHOWERS
OF
BLESSINGS!**



✓ Every day
GOD is good!

The LORD is my Shepherd Ministries



*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

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW #452

*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 our heavenly keeper, help us to bring our best offering to your table. Lead us to not indulge in jealousy or hate but instead learn to uplift and find inspiration in those doing right in your name.

Amen.

II. Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 4:1-16

(The story of Cain and Abel highlights the ramifications of jealousy and violence in the human family and God's desire for people to follow God's way of wellness and care for one's neighbor as oneself.)

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.

*** SENDING HYMN**

Here I Am Lord

ELW #493

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor

Bach

(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.)

THANK YOU
FOR JOINING US TODAY!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – A Creed from the United Church of Canada, 1980

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and to make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

*** 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

*** 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!**

*** 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.**

Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have produced a man with the help of the LORD.”² Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground.³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,⁴ and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.⁶ The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen?⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

⁸ Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let us go out to the field.” And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”¹⁰ And the LORD said, “What have you done? Listen, your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground!¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.¹² When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”¹³ Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear!¹⁴ Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me.”¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him.¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100 (read responsively)

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

³Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-3, 9-21

(The Apostle Paul writes describing the marks of a faithful life transformed by the grace of God in Christ.)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*** GOSPEL: LUKE 6:27-36**

(Jesus teaches his disciples in what is known in the Gospel of Luke as the "Sermon on the Plain". In it he articulates a radical way of generosity, forgiveness, and selfless acts of service.)

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Track 3: Am I My Brother's Keeper?

Pastor Charlie Ruud

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision
(PEASE STAND FOR THE FINAL VERSE.)

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