

Sunday Bulletin | August 8, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song ELW #824

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Confession and Forgiveness

When we confess, we acknowledge the ways we have been living apart from relationship with God and each other.

Moment of reflection and confession

Gracious God,

we confess our sin, our separation, and our suffering. Grant us mercy, undeserved and extravagant, so we are restored to dignity, belonging, and purpose that come from you.

We are loved by a God who keeps promises, whose grace is restless to find and free us, who calls us beloved from the first day until the last, always eager to welcome us home.

Friends in Christ, your sins are forgiven. May your liberation be a gift to the world still aching for freedom and may you be strengthened by the love of this community and the healing power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Kyrie ELW #157

. . . let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise ELW #525

You are holy, you are whole.

You are always ever more
than we ever understand.

You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.

Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.

Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna!

Sing hosanna to our God!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Bread of life,

**you taught us to put away bitterness and anger,
and with tenderhearted kindness
to share the fruit of our labor with the needy.**

Strengthen us by your grace,

that in communion with you,

we may forgive one another

and live in love as Christ loved us. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Lord and Savior:

open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us;

speaking until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing

for the good news that you bring.

Gospel John 6:35, 47-51

The holy gospel according to John, the 6th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (NRSV)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Preaching Lesson Ephesians 4:1-6, 14-16, 4:25- 5:2

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to

maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (NRSV)

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Pastor Pam Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day ELW #456

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptism of Sutton Rose (Sunday morning only)

ELW page 227

Sutton Rose: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!

Apostles' Creed (online only)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 Refrain ELW #752

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

. . . Come, Holy Spirit, **hear our prayer.**

Repeat Prayer Refrain

Offering

We worship God by supporting our church and the mission we share. Our mission of the month for August is NEAR Food Shelf, specifically for school supplies. NEAR Food Shelf is a cooperative effort of twelve area churches that provides food and other forms of relief to families in need in Crystal, New Hope, and Robbinsdale. This month, we are invited to provide school supplies or monetary donations for children in need as they head back to school.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive these gifts. Make us a blessing in your world. Amen.

Words of Institution

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.

Sharing Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Sending Song ELW #793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in grace, grow in faith, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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Worship Schedule All Are Welcome!

Worship online, in the sanctuary, parking lot or at home.

Online worship available at faithlilacway.org

9:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary* and Parking Lot - Simultaneously

10:30 AM Coffee and treats in the Parking Lot! (masks optional)

*When you are ready to return inside, you are welcome! Based on the CDC guidance and after the Governor has removed the mask mandate, **our council voted to not require masks for fully vaccinated people inside worship.** However, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. **For those not fully vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask,** if you can, to protect yourself and others who are not vaccinated. During this transition time, we encourage people to physically distance inside the sanctuary.