

# Sunday Bulletin | July 11, 2021

## Welcome and Announcements

### Gathering Song ELW #836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs 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 heav'n 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.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!

### 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

. . . 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. Holy parent,  
**you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us with your love. Amen.**

**Psalm** (*read responsively*) Psalm 85:8-13

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
    for he will speak peace to his people,  
    to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
    that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
    righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
    and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good,  
    and our land will yield its increase.  
**Righteousness will go before him,  
    and will make a path for his steps.** (NRSV)

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Lord and Savior:  
    open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us;  
    speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing  
    for the good news that you bring.

**Preaching Lesson** Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. (NRSV)

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon      Vicar Kristin Dybdal

Hymn of the Day    ELW #453

We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, everflowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Now enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Apostles' Creed

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*

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. ELCA World Hunger, our mission of the month for July, works with local churches and organizations in 63 countries, including the US, to not only feed people who are hungry but to also provide sustainable resources so that people can grow food for their family and neighbors.*

### 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.**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

### 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 #543

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me."

### 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](http://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.