

Happy 4th of July!

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song ELW #887

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

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

Jesus, your power was made perfect in weakness.

Fill us with your Spirit, and give us courage to be vulnerable and find strength in your love and grace. In your name we pray, Amen.

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.

Gospel Lesson Mark 6:1-13

The Gospel according to Mark, the 6th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Preaching Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:5b-10

[Paul writes] On my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. (NRSV)

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Pastor Pam Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day ELW #770

In the morning when I rise, (3x)
give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, (3x)
give me Jesus. ***Refrain***

Just about the break of day, (3x)
give me Jesus. ***Refrain***

Oh, when I come to die, (3x)
give me Jesus. ***Refrain***

And when I want to sing, (3x)
give me Jesus. ***Refrain***

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 #779

Amazing grace! -- how sweet the sound --
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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.