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Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song ELW #695

As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
so we today first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and 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.

Thank You on Repeat: A Litany for Stewardship Sunday

God gave us summer rainstorms, the crunch of fall leaves, starry nights and sunsets that
take our breath away.

God gave us the sound of music—choirs singing in harmony, the swell of the violin, the
satisfying ripple of the snare.

God gave us feather down blankets, fall scented candles, and sacred worn down slippers
that slide onto weary feet.

God gave us grandmothers that slip candy into our hands and grandfathers that smell like
peppermint and books.

God gave us toddlers that bounce up and down to music and smash food into their open mouths.

God gave us new years of life, marked by embarrassing renditions of “happy birthday.”

God gave us nurses and doctors, who cover shots with colorful band aids and keep lollipops close by.

God gave us cats that curl up next to us to lend their warmth and dogs that run and slide to the front door to welcome us home.

God gave us warm sweaters and old familiar blue jeans that feel like home.

God gave us church—this imperfect clump of humanity that gathers week after week, striving to be better, striving to do good in the world.

God gave and gave, and gives and gives; and how do we respond?

We say thank you.

We give what we can.

We let it feel like a joy, not an obligation.

We let it feel like a gift, not a burden.

We show up in this space.

**We believe these gifts can somehow make a difference,
and we refuse to give up on this world.**

Thank goodness for a God that forever outgives.

Thank goodness for the opportunity to say thank you for it all.

Stewardship Hymn

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,
costly cross, grave’s shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off’ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:

all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God of widows and strangers,
you protect the oppressed and forgotten and feed the hungry with good things. You stand among us in Christ, offering life to all. Give us open hearts and minds to respond with love to the world, caring for those for whom you care. Amen.

Psalm of Praise Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

When we praise God, we are joyfully giving our whole selves to God.

Refrain

**Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, my soul, praise the Lord,
praise the Lord.**

Cantor: *Refrain*

All: *Refrain*

Cantor: The God of Jacob keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the poor,
gives food to the hungry,
the Lord sets the captives free.

All: *Refrain*

Cantor: The Lord our God gives sight to the blind.
The Lord raises the oppressed.
The Lord loves justice.
The Lord protects the stranger.

All: Refrain

Cantor: The orphan and the widow he sustains.
The way of the wicked he will stop.
The Lord shall reign forever
through all generations.

All: Refrain

Lesson 1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah. (NRSV)

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:38-44

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (NRSV)

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Vicar Kyle Anderson

Hymn of the Day ELW #685

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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

. . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God . . . through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.
Amen.

Offering

We worship God by supporting our church and the mission we share. Our November mission outside our doors is the Lutheran University in Nigeria. Our Synod's international partner, the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, received permission to build this school, filling a huge gap in accessibility to education, but they can't do it without the help of all of us.

Offering Response

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Generous God,
Teach us to share the gifts you have given us. Bless and multiply these gifts so that we may bless others with the gifts you first gave us. 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.

Words of Institution

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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.

Anthem **Lamb of God**

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Blessed Jesus,

at this table, you are both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

Sending Song **ELW #692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,

Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,

all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering,
we are an offering.

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Blessing

Holy God, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, bless and keep you in grace and peace on this day and every day.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in grace, grow in faith, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

This Week’s Schedule | All Are Welcome!

Every Sunday - Any Time - online worship available at faithlilacway.org

Sunday, Nov 14:

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary and Parking Lot

10:30 AM: Adult Education (Hybrid) class in the library and on zoom on Stewardship.

10:30 AM: Sunday school in classroom 218 (by the chapel)

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