

Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Blessing ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*** ELW 885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Dismissal

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

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Sunday Worship



November 19, 2023

Welcome to Worship

Children are welcome in worship at FLW!

The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.

All who believe are welcome to commune. You are invited to come forward to receive communion (wine is red and grape juice is white) and bread or a gluten free wafer - or you may pick up a communion kit (chalices filled with grape juice and gluten free wafers) and receive it in your pew.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

Rejoice, for Christ is King!

ELW 430

Rejoice, for Christ is king!
Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior Jesus reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: ***Refrain***

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n: ***Refrain***

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet: ***Refrain***

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, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Thine the truly thine the yes
thine the table we the guest
thine the mercy all from thee
thine the glory yet to be
then the ringing and the singing
then the end of all the war
thine the living thine the loving
evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom thine the prize
thine the wonder full surprise
thine the banquet then the praise
then the justice of thy ways
thine the glory thine the story
then the welcome to the least
then the wonder all increasing
at thy feast at thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night
no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree
then the Lamb eternally
then the holy holy holy
celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness
only thee only thee.

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. **Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Song

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

In This Feast of Love

Silence is kept for reflection.

Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
 1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have promised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Thine the Amen

ELW 826

Thine the amen thine the praise
 alleluias angels raise
 thine the everlasting head
 thine the breaking of the bread
 thine the glory thine the story
 thine the harvest then the cup
 thine the vineyard then the cup
 is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally
 thine the promise let there be
 thine the vision thine the tree
 all the earth on bended knee
 gone the nailing gone the railing
 gone the pleading gone the cry
 gone the sighing gone the dying
 what was loss lifted high.

Holy One, **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **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.**

Hymn of Praise

You Have Been Good

O Lord You have been good
 You have been faithful to all generations
 O Lord Your steadfast love
 And tender mercy have been our salvation

Refrain

For by Your hand we have been fed
 And by Your Spirit we have been led

O Lord You have been good
 You have been faithful to all generations. **Refrain**

O Lord Almighty God
 Father unchanging upright and holy
 O Lord You have been good
 You have been faithful You have been good

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Prayer of the Day

God of justice and mercy, **open our eyes to see the face of Jesus in those who are hurting and in need. Open our hands to provide care. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may see the hope to which Christ calls us, and the joy of your kingdom, a realm of eternal peace. Amen.**

Psalm 95: 1-7 (NRSV)

Cantor: **Refrain**

All: **Refrain**

Oh, Come, Let Us Sing

Refrain

Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for
 joy to the rock of our sal-va-tion! Oh, come, let us sing to the
 Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal-va-tion!

Verse 1: Cantor

Oh, come, offer thankfulness to God.

Let us raise a glad shout to God with psalms.

For the Lord is a great and mighty God ruling high over all.

Refrain: All

Verse 2: Cantor

Your hands hold the caverns of the earth,

And the heights of the hills belong to you.

Your hands have created the vast sea, and you formed the dry land.

Refrain: All

Verse 3: Cantor

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before our creator God.

We are yours, the people of your field and the sheep of your land.

Refrain: All

First Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (NRSV)

The first lesson is from Ezekiel, the 34th chapter.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy
Great Thanksgiving**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Words of Institution

The 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.

Communion Distribution

**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

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love...through Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

Offering *What You Have Done for Me* Alonso

Offering Prayer

God of all goodness, **generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. As we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, may we feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our King and Shepherd. Amen.**

Offering Response *We Are an Offering* 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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The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

The second lesson is from Ephesians, the 1st chapter.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?'

And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty

or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day

Come Now, You Blessed

1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble,"
2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y?
3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren,
4 Christ, when we meet you out on life's road - ways,

said Je - sus Christ to the righ - teous a - bove.
When were you home - less, a strang - er a - lone?
when you gave wel - come to war's ref - u - gees,
look - ing to us in the fac - es of need,

"When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and home - less,
When did we see you sick or in pris - on?
when you re - mem - bered those most for - got - ten,
then may we know you, wel - come and show you

sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."
What have we done that you call us your own?
you cared for me in the small - est of these."
love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

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.**