

# October 24, 2021 | Sunday Bulletin

## Welcome and Announcements

**Temple Talk** Sandy Hanneman, Chair of Stewardship Committee

### **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**

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

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Generous God,

**I confess all that I cling to, all that stands between me and following Jesus. I confess I need your grace; all I have done, all I possess, is not sufficient, but your grace is more than enough. Help me release what I cling to, give freely of all my gifts, and follow you.**

God, who made all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

**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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Gracious God,

**we think we know what we need, but while we often strive for wealth, it is your Word that gives us life and makes our living rich. Be generous with your Word so that as scriptures are read and your good news is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you are saying to us and we can respond with grace and generosity like yours. Amen.**

**Stewardship Hymn** *ELW #678*

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.

**Lesson** *2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.

God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist puts it, He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon.

His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out.

This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.

Carrying out this social relief work involves far more than helping meet the bare needs of poor Christians. It also produces abundant and bountiful thanksgivings to God. This relief offering is a prod to live at your very best, showing your gratitude to God by being openly obedient to the plain meaning of the Message of Christ. You show your gratitude through your generous offerings to your needy brothers and sisters, and really toward everyone. Meanwhile, moved by the extravagance of God in your lives, they'll respond by praying for you in passionate intercession for whatever you need. Thank God for this gift, his gift. No language can praise it enough! (MSG)

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 10:17-31*

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age-- houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." (NRSV)

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**     *Pastor Pam Stalheim Lane*

**Hymn of the Day**    *ELW #683*

The numberless gifts of God's mercies  
my tongue cannot fathom or tell.  
Like dew that appears in the morning,  
they come to us shining and full.  
The numberless gifts of God's mercies  
my tongue cannot fathom or tell.

Like all of the stars in the heavens,  
God's mercies can never be told.  
They shine through the darkness of midnight;  
their beauties can never grow old.  
Like all of the stars in the heavens,  
God's mercies can never be told.

I'll never count all of God's mercies,  
but oh, I can give God my praise  
for all of that love, my thanksgiving  
and love to the end of my days.  
I'll never count all of God's mercies,  
but oh, I can give God my praise

**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 October mission outside our doors is Luther Seminary. Our donations help Luther Seminary provide quality education and scholarships for Seminary students who will be sent out to serve and preach the Gospel.*

### **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,  
**help us learn to love to share the gifts that you have given to us. Teach us to care for people everywhere. Bless and multiply the gifts that we give 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**

#### **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. Lord of life,

**in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Sending Song**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. **(2x)**

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

let the poor say, "I am rich"

because of what the Lord has done for us. **(2x)**

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because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks.

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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!**

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## **Worship Schedule | All Are Welcome!**

Worship at [faithlilacway.org](http://faithlilacway.org), in the sanctuary, or in the parking lot.

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

10:30 AM Coffee and treats in the Parking Lot!

10:30 AM Education Hour

Kids: In Person

Adults: Hybrid

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98882846617?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98882846617?pwd=eVV0TWIveTluN1pZWdN4L3ZkMnNHQT09)

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