

October 31, 2021 | Sunday Bulletin

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song ELW #526:1, 4

God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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.

Hymn of Praise

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 Martin Luther's Morning Prayer

Let us pray. My Heavenly Father,

I thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, that You kept me safe from all evil and danger last night. Save me, I pray, today as well, from every evil and sin, so that all I do and the way that I live will please you. I put myself in your care, body and soul and all that I have. Let Your holy Angels be with me, so that the evil enemy will not gain power over me. Amen.

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. (NRSV)

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of Trust Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

When we pray or sing psalms of trust, we are remembering that we can trust in God.

God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

**God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart | of the sea;

**though its waters | roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.**

**God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be moved;
God will help it when the | morning dawns.**

The nations are in an uproar, the | kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, | the earth melts.

**The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our refuge.**

**God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.**

Come, behold the works | of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought | on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the | shields with fire.**

“Be still, and know that | I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted | in the earth.”

**The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our refuge.**

**God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble. (NRSV)**

Second Lesson Romans 3:22-24

We are made right with God by putting our faith in Jesus Christ. This happens to all who believe. It is no different for the Jews than for the Gentiles. Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory. The free gift of God's grace makes us right with him. Christ Jesus paid the price to set us free. (NIrV)

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Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Mark 12:28-34

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he [Jesus] answered them well, he asked him [Jesus], "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' --this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question. (NRSV)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Pam Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day ELW #763

My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation.
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? ***Refrain***

What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain**

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? **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

. . . 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 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,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

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 ELW #504

This hymn by Martin Luther is a paraphrase of verses from Psalm 46

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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 at faithlilacway.org, in the sanctuary, or 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

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