

September 19 | Sunday Bulletin

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song ELW #641:1, 2, 4, 5

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **Refrain**

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: **Refrain**

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **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, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter,

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

**We exploit the earth and we prioritize our convenience
and self-centered pleasure over caring for creation.**

**Gracious God, free us from sin, which is everything that
separates us from you and your way.**

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

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

O God, our teacher and guide,

**you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy
and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as
servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Lesson James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. (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 9:30-37

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." (NRSV)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Vicar Kyle Anderson

Hymn of the Day ELW #781

Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

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

. . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Offering

We worship God by supporting our church and the mission we share. Our mission of the month for September is Every Meal. Our congregation works with Every Meal to reduce hunger in our community by supplying the families of school children with meals that they bring home in their backpacks.

Offering Prayer

God of abundance,

You cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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

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 #397

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,

you have chosen me to be --

you have drawn me to your wonder,

you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father, you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

Friend and love, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed,
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be --
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Blessing

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.

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)

10:30 AM Education Hour Adults and Kids outside, weather permitting

Following CDC guidelines, Faith-Lilac Way's church council asks unvaccinated people to wear a mask and be socially distant while in the church building. Also, in keeping with the CDC guidelines, we recommend that all people mask and be physically distanced from one another while in the building because of the increased spread of the Delta variant even from vaccinated people. Our goal is to follow Jesus' call to love and care for the neighbor, especially those who are vulnerable such as unvaccinated children.