

Sunday Bulletin | January 9, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song ELW #407

O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth:

Refrain

**Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.**

O living Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth among us;
O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life anew: ***Refrain***

O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters;
O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth:

Refrain

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children 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 *(based on Psalm 36:5-7)*

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens.

Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice to worship You, my King.

I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings. **(2x)**

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Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

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Prayer of the Day

God of grace and glory,

you call us to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. In the name of Jesus, your Son, our brother. Amen.

Lesson *Isaiah 43:1-7*

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made." (NRSV)

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

As a star, God's holy word leads us to our King and Lord;
brightly from its sacred pages shall this light throughout the ages
shine upon our path of life, shine upon our path of life.

Gospel *Luke 3:15-18, 21-22a*

The gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The interest of the people by now was building. They were all beginning to wonder, "Could this John be the Messiah?"

But John intervened: "I'm baptizing you here in the river. The main character in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will ignite the kingdom life, a fire, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He's going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He'll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he'll put out with the trash to be burned."

There was a lot more of this—words that gave strength to the people, words that put heart in them. The Message!

After all the people were baptized, Jesus was baptized. As he was praying, the sky opened up and the Holy Spirit, like a dove descending, came down on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love." (MSG)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Pam Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day *ELW #456*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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

The Spirit of the Lord . . .

. . . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope ... through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Offering

We worship God by supporting our church and the mission we share. Our mission for the month of January is Cherish All Children.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God.

You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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. Gracious God,
we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending Song ELW #543

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **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, Jan 9:

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

10:30 AM: Adult Education class in the library and on zoom - Contemplative Practices Series - Creative Practices

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

Wednesday, Jan 12

3:30 PM Confirmation in Library

Sunday, Jan 16:

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

10:30 AM: Adult Education class in the library and on zoom - Contemplative Practices Series - Activism

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

Covid Guidelines for regular services:

- Masking is required for unvaccinated people
- Masking & physical distancing is *recommended for everyone*.

Grow In FAITH - Check out these new Faith Practices on Sunday Mornings

January 9: *Creativity*—We will explore how a wide range of activities including playing music, singing, drawing, coloring, writing, and knitting.

January 16 *Activism*— In the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr., we will look at how engaging in society through public actions can be spiritual and contemplative

January 23 *Movement*— An active body is good for your spirit. We will focus on physically active contemplative practices like yoga, dancing, walking, and exercise.

Zoom info for hybrid adult education classes:

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

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