

Wednesday, November 24 | Thanksgiving Eve

Welcome to worship!

7 PM worship in the Sanctuary* and parking lot by radio FM104.9

Anytime online at faithlilacway.org or using our mailed resources

* *For covid safety protocols see page 6*

Holy Communion

All who believe are welcome to commune. Communion kits (chalices with grape juice and wheat wafers or bags with wine and gluten free wafers) available at the doors.

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song *ELW #693:1-3*

Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.

All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.

First, the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last

in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
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. Almighty God our Father,
**your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of
your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for
your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Lesson *Joel 2:21-27*

Do not fear, O soil;
 be glad and rejoice,
 for the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
 the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad
 and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
 he has poured down for you abundant rain,
 the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years

that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame. (NRSV)

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm 126*

Refrain

**The Lord has done great things for us
and we are filled with joy.**

Cantor: *Refrain*

All: Refrain

Cantor: When the Lord delivered Zion,
we were like people dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our lips were filled with song.

All: Refrain

Cantor: The heathen marvelled at God,
and the wonders he worked for them.
What marvelous works the Lord has done,
and we are glad indeed.

All: Refrain

Cantor: They go out full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing.
They come back, they come back full of song,

carrying their sheaves.

All: Refrain

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel *Matthew 6:25-33*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what will you wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (NRSV)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily **Vicar Kyle Anderson**

Hymn of the Day *ELW #764*

Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you in his love forever;

have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!

Prayers of the People

. . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, your welcome is wider . . . Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us.
Amen.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Generous God,
**teach us to share the gifts you have given us. Bless and multiply
these gifts 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.*

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed Jesus,
**at this table, you are both host and meal. Now send us forth to
extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast
together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.**

Sending Song ELW #870

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

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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