

St. Paul's and St. Matthias' Lutheran Churches
Sunday Worship Service Bulletin
July 18, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Air" by Tonioli

WELCOME

CONFESSION (*The assembly stands.*)

P/V: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(this confession is sung, the music is available in Narthex)

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have failed to live for you in the things I say and do,
and have fallen short, of living in Your love.

Lord, have mercy on me. Lord, have mercy set me free.
O Forgive me, Lord, I pray, and take my sin away,
by the cross and empty grave for my soul.

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have placed myself above and have hurt the ones I love,
and I know that only You can set me free.
Lord, have mercy on me. Lord, have mercy set me free.
O Forgive me, Lord, I pray, and take my sin away,
by the cross and empty grave for my soul.

P/V: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us, even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ. Our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

C. Amen

HYMN "The Church's One Foundation"

ELW #654

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.
4. Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

P/V: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(The assembly stands.)

1. Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.
2. Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.
3. Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

APOSTLES' CREED

P/V: Together with Christians from all places and times let confess our faith with the words of the 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.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(WA: Read by Matthew Brockmeier)

(VC: Loretta Brockmeier)

Invitation to Prayer

WA: Our Shepherd, we give You thanks and praise for Your great works and attention to our prayers as we gather as a community of faith.

Prayer

WA: Our Shepherd, we pray for a just, respectful and lasting solution to the long-standing conflict between Palestine and Israel. We pray for those most vulnerable to the violence, unjust laws and displacements that stir fear, suspicion, abuse and despair. Bless and sustain those working for peace, justice and healing. Hear us, O God,

VC: Your mercy is great.

WA: Our Shepherd, we pray for the people of Haiti. For Pastor Livenson as he ministers in the atmosphere of the assassination of the President. Hear us, O God,,

VC: Your mercy is great.

WA: Our Shepherd, remind us daily that we live in hope and unity, drawn together as “citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God” with Christ at the center. Help us respond to Your call to serve our neighbors in need and share the gospel with our unique gifts, skills and passions of the Spirit. Hear us, O God,

VC: Your mercy is great.

WA: Our Shepherd, as more bodies are recovered, continue to embrace the families and recovery workers. Also, our own family: especially Herb and Teresa (*Schaepering*), Mary (*Cramer*), Lou (*Saugstad*), Charles and Audry (*Klien*), Michael (*Perron*) and sons, Charlie and Barbara (*Christ*), Barbara Ann (*Shepherd*), James (*Glass*), Emmy (*Volenberg*), Karen (*Braaksma*), Sharon (*Matusiak*), John (*Gannon*), Pastor Dale (*Erickson*), Leilani (*Gabriele*), John (*Toth*), Arthur (*Goetze*), Linda (*Johnson*), Marcia (*Engler*), Janice (*Fernow*) Tammy, Diane (*Harrop*) and family, LaDelle (*Daly*) and we ask also for the following whom we name aloud or in our hearts:

(Prayer leaders will pause and you are invited to unmute your mic and offer prayers.)

WA: Hear us, O God,

VC: Your mercy is great.

WA: Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd. **VC: Amen.**

(The assembly is seated.)

OFFERING

P/V: At this time, we invite you to prayerfully consider your offering taking time to give thanks to God for all that God has given you. Our offerings are an act of our worship. There are plates located in the back of the sanctuary and here in the front. Please place your offering in the designated places when you depart from worship today. Let us prayerfully consider our offerings now.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Blest Be The Tie That Binds” ELW #656

OFFERING PRAYER

P/V: Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

(VC: Vicki Snyder)

V: Glory to you, O God, for your creative Word:
making and mending all things,
evoking the cosmic hymn of praise,
and singing a love-song for your beloved:
your vineyard, your flock, your people.
With all creation we sing, Glory!

VC: Glory!

V: Blessed are you for your liberating Word:
speaking through Moses and the prophets,
encountered in the Gospels,
and proclaimed in the assembly:
your freedom, forgiveness, and life for the world.
With the whole world we say, Blessing!

VC: Blessing!

V: Holy are you, O God, for your living Word:
among us wherever we gather,
welcoming everyone to your feast,
and, with grace and generosity,
bringing to earth the kingdom of heaven.
With saints and angels, we cry, Holy!

VC: Holy!

V: Clothe us in your loving Spirit,
flowing from the Crucified and Risen One,
and keep us awake to your presence
in the people and places you call us to serve.
Glory, praise, and blessing are yours, Holy God,
now and forever.

VC: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

V: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

V: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

V: Go in peace. Share the good news.