

Outdoor Worship Service

All are Welcome! Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them. And, please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! Christ is present and you are welcome!

Young children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. We offer gluten-free and regular wafers, grape juice and wine options. If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and tell the ushers you'd like communion in your seat and it will be brought to you. The ushers will direct all during communion.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering "All Are Welcome", ELW 641

1 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.

2 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

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
Refrain

4 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

5 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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God who creates, saves,
and sends us with love that lives forever.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks
for the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in
sacred belonging and purpose.

Thanks be to God!

For a word at the dawn of creation,
which spoke water and life into being.

Thanks be to God!

For the great flood that revealed nature's power
and God's commitment to life after death.

Thanks be to God!

For the One who turned water to wine
and met a woman at the well with living water.

Thanks be to God!

For the gift of holy baptism,
which declares there are no more godforsaken places,
and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus.
For Christ is risen!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation;
our songs of praise echo their dancing tides and streams.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on this community and all of creation.
Cleanse our fears. Drown our divisions.
Give us mercy and grace to drink so that our whole lives
are signs of death defeated and thirst quenched
thanks to the risen Jesus, the Son of God.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”, ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Prayers of the People

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Communion by Intinction

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

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

***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.***

Sending song “The Blessing” (The Lord Bless You and Keep You) by Kari Jobe [lyrics on back page]

Dismissal

We are God's People. Followers of Jesus Christ.

Gifted by the Spirit.

Go Pray, Go Love, Go Serve. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“The Blessing” - Kari Jobe

Verse

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus

Amen. Amen. Amen

Bridge 1

May His favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

Bridge 2

May His presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you

Bridge 3

In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you

Tag

He is for you
He is for you

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