12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2024

All people are welcome to share in laughter, the love of God, and the life of Christ with us, regardless of creed, race, sexual orientation, or anything that may separate you from another community!
+ GATHERING +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“I was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” (vs. 1&3) WOV#770
“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (vs. 1&4) ELW#596

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
3 His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is

sink- ing sand, all other ground is sink- ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**
GATHERING HYMN

“God Is Here!”

ELW #526

1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts

2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts

3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of the Servant seek in worship to explore

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of Lord our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of the Servant seek in worship to explore
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
Music: ABBOT’S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

APOSTOLIC GREETING
May 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.

KYRIE

1 Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
2 Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
3 Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
Renew us with your saving pow’r; create in us new hearts!
HYMN OF PRAISE

1 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav’n above;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand.
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray. Gracious God,
your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.
FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:4-8

4 [Elijah] went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” 5 Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” 6 He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” 8 He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

PSALM 34:1-8

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God’s name together.
4 I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!
SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 4:25 – 5:2

25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. 26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not make room for the devil. 28 Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. 29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. 31 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, 32 and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.
GOSPEL: JOHN 6:35, 41-51
The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

35 Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42 They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

43 Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON
Rev. Vanessa L. Storlie

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY
“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

LBW #356
APOSTLES’ CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
   He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
   and born of the virgin Mary.
   He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
   He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
   He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
   He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.
We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.
Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.
Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries (especially). We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.
We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill (especially). Merciful God, 
receive our prayer.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. Merciful God, 
receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. 
Amen.

**PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you always. 
And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take
OFFERING PRAYER
Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

DIALOGUE
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.

PREFACE
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.
INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

LAMB OF GOD

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION
This is Christ’s table, and we believe he is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. All are welcome to participate in this feast; if you have questions about communion, please contact Pastor Vanessa. For those who prefer or need, grape juice is available in the center ring of the tray of cups. Those not communing are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

We offer the option to commune at your seat via pre-packaged communion elements.
Please do so at the direction of the Pastor:

The body of Christ given for you. Take and eat.
The blood of Christ shed for you. Take and drink.
COMMUNION HYMN

“Break Now the Bread of Life”  
LBW#235

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen

+ SENDING +

BLESSING
The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Awake, O Sleeper”  
WOV #743

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
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Baptism and Membership

Baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is the way God creates God’s family. Membership in a congregation is the way God’s family becomes accountable to one another. If you feel that you would like to become a member of this congregation, please mention this to the pastor.