

Coming Together – Building Community
Worship Service for First and Messiah Lutheran Churches
Sunday, June 27, 2021
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Prelude & Announcements: Owen Polifka and Karen Anderson

Gathering Called by the Holy Spirit, as people of Christ, we gather together in the endless diversity of God's creation.

Prayer of the Day God of boundless love, you require each of us to love justice. May we follow Christ's example to see, name, and care for all whom we encounter. May your love and grace fill our words and actions. Soften our hearts and expand our awareness so we continue to create our church as a place where community is built to experience your grace. In your name, we pray, **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Holy Parent, And of the Child, And of the Holy Spirit, whom we invite into this space. **Amen.**

To those who have been excluded by the church because of who they are and who they love,

We ask forgiveness and welcome you.

To those who do not see their identities represented in this church,

We ask forgiveness and welcome you.

To those who we, the church, have called "those people," **We ask forgiveness and welcome you.**

The Church is a place where we boldly proclaim and model welcome to each and every child of God. We confess that we have not always made that statement true, and, as a result, have pushed away God's Beloved from our spaces. We seek forgiveness and commit to actions that will bring healing to those harmed. We do all these things through God's guidance and grace. **Amen.**

Song: All Are Welcome ELW #641 verses 1 & 5 In This Very Room MCB #28

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless'd.

Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their refuge, and their might,
thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, bless'd communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia, alleluia!

4 The golden evening brightens in the west.

Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest.

Sweet is the calm of paradise the bless'd.

Alleluia, alleluia!

5 But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;

the saints triumphant rise in bright array,

as God to glory calls them all away.

Alleluia, alleluia!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

*all praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Children's Time: "I Love You Through and Through"

Scripture and Message

Messiah: ELW 3659 Will you let me be your servant? First: Make me a servant MCB #178

1 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

Prayers of the People

Trusting in the One who made us, dwells in us, and calls us to life, we pray for the world, the church, and all in need... *silence* Creator and endless weaver of our lives, we rejoice in your creation and its endless diversity. Your creativity and imagination create a sense of awe-filled wonder. As your care for

creation is shown in its complexity and the changing of the seasons, teach us to see and celebrate the stunning beauty in all you have made. Embolden us to work for climate and creation justice to preserve our connection to you through creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God who was made flesh, we ask for your forgiveness as we fall short to see you embodied in those around us. Give us eyes to see you in the lives of those kicked out of their homes because of who they are and who they love. God, you know what it is like to be cast out... Pause... We take a moment to let this idea sink in: *God you know what it is like to be cast out.* Pause... May your Spirit fill us with the courage to work for justice knowing when we do, we are in fact caring for you.

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

Healer and Comforter, names we give to you, O God, as each day brings new wonderings about the health of our family, friends, community, nation and planet, we remember that you can hold all we bring to you through prayer with sacred love. With hearts of joy *and* lament, we bring you the names and places of your people... those suffering in mind, body and spirit; those grieving losses; and those recently married... *silence* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the unknown, all that you are and all that you have been is without boundaries. Open our hearts and minds to the new possibilities that surround us each day. Help us remember that through your love we are made new with each sunrise and filled with your Spirit in every breath. May this moment of worship be a touchstone of remembrance that we have something new to see and learn.

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

Help us see and love people we don't even know yet, so we might continue to greet you in faith and be joyfully changed by who you are; wild and wonderfully endless in your diversity. Whisper sweet Spirited inspirations in our ears. Bless this community of faith with comforting care to wrap us up when we are wounded, and an abiding fire for the justice you are bringing.

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

Pastor: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unlimited capacity for love and mercy, through your grace. **Amen. May the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all. And also with you. Let us stay seated and share Christ's peace safely with peace signs and smiles!**

Holy Communion

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.**

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, God of justice and accompaniment, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You made us all in your image; in the spirit of abounding love and creativity, you formed us. You sent us your advocate so that we can know how to advocate for our beloveds as you strengthen us to love and uphold one another. 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...

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.

Words of Institution

At this table, make us your body. Form us to be a people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed. Come Holy Spirit,

Come. Nourish our bodies so that we may be fed. Teach us to see You, Christ, in those around us. As we prepare this table for you, we prepare our hearts for your presence. Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught...

Sending and Blessing Siblings in Christ, let us go out into the world in peace;
Love boldly; Proclaim loudly; Work for peace and justice; Encounter God in all you see;
And know you are LOVED! **Thanks be to God.**

Messiah folks: Please stay for the Annual Meeting
First Lutheran folks: As we all exit, enjoy fellowship with one another!

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