



GATHERING MUSIC

He is Exalted (Paris)

WORSHIP TEAM

Power of Your Love (Moon)

Let Us Go to the House of the Lord (Beech)

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Bind Us Together

WOV HYMN #748

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

Chord markings: F, Dm, Gm, C7, F, C, F, C7, F, C7, F, B^b/C (Refrain)

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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

KYRIE

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Lord have mercy. Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

VICKI HANNEMAN

PSALM 8: *read responsively*

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

READING: Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from Genesis.

¹⁸Then the Lord GOD said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord GOD formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord GOD had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

SERMON

"Relationship Integrity"

PASTOR DAVID STROM



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
 Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in Your Mercy. Amen.

OFFERING

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Refrain



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

End



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Refrain

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
 Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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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.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Day by Day
Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue

HYMN #790
 HYMN #644

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Refrain – All



We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;



trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.



Oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this far by



faith. We've come this far by faith.

Leader



1 Just re-mem-ber the good things God has
2 Don't be dis-cour-aged with trou-ble in your



done, things that seemed im-pos-si-ble; oh,
life; he'll bear your . . . bur-dens, and

Refrain



praise him for the vic-t'ries he has won. Oh!
move . . . all the dis-cord and strife. Oh!

Text: Albert A. Goodson, 1933–2003
Music: THIS FAR BY FAITH, Albert A. Goodson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

This Sunday, October 3, 2021 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School in lower parking lot
- 10:30am Canned Auction and Craft Sale begins, *Narthex*

Monday, October 4:

- 9am-3pm Love Days Quilters
- 5pm Al-Anon

Wednesday, October 6:

- 7am FIT Team, *Kairos*
- 9:30 am Al Anon
- 10:00 am AA
- 1:00 pm Cookie Monster AA
- 3-4:30pm FLY K-6, Roosevelt Park
- 5:00 pm OA
- 6:00pm Hosanna handbells
- 6:30pm 150th Anniversary Committee, *Narthex*
- 7:30pm Adult choir

Thursday, October 7:

- NO Senior Bible Study today
- 6:00 pm Women's AA

Friday, October 8:

- 9:30am Worship Committee
- 12pm Executive Committee

Next Sunday, October 10 – Gratitude Sunday

- 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by coffee & fellowship *Narthex*, Pr. Blair Anderson preaching
- Baptism of William Everett McMahon
- 10:45-11:15am Sunday School in lower parking lot
- 10:30am Drive thru Meatball Meal
- 10:30am Sign up for Directory Pictures, *Narthex*
- 10:30am Canned Auction and Craft Sale, *Narthex*

Kids Worship Challenge- In the first reading from Genesis it says that God formed all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. Look around and see if you can find all the toy animals hanging out in the sanctuary. Here's a hint: There are 10 altogether. If you don't see them during the service, feel free to walk around after and search for them.

Welcome to 1st Lutheran!

* We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.

* The invitation to Holy Communion comes from our Lord Jesus. You do not need to be a member, or Lutheran, to receive Holy Communion. All who trust Christ's promises are welcome.

* Children are sometimes wiggly and noisy. We don't mind. They are always welcome here. If your small children are needing to move around or need comforting, there is space in the back of the Sanctuary with quiet toys and a rocking chair.

* If you have prayer concerns, please be sure to let the church office know. Church phone number is 739-3348.

Please pray for our Service Members: CJ Ward, Joe Dinsmore and Alex Pajari.

The flowers on the altar are given by Dennis & Esther Youngberg and Ben & Peggy Underwood of Augustana, "to thank everyone at FLC for your inclusion of us. Also, your sharing of Pr. Gretchen, Vicar Lynn and the office staff meant so much. Your hospitality is much appreciated."

The radio sponsorship is given by Elaine Solee in memory of loved ones.

Make a joyful noise! The Adult Choir (7:30pm) and Hosanna Handbells (6:00pm) have returned to rehearsals on Wednesdays.

We have openings to sponsor the radio broadcast in the upcoming weeks: November 21 and December 12. Cost: \$100. **Providing altar flowers** is also available on Oct. 31, Nov. 14 & 21. Please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex or call the office at 739-3348. Thank you!

The Library Committee has free books for you in the Narthex! Check out the cart by the courtyard windows.

Our New Photo Directory needs your picture! Sign up in the Narthex after church October 10, 17 and 24. You can also sign up online at www.ucdir.com. Church ID: MN144, pass: Photos

NO Senior Bible Study this week. Resumes on Thursdays 10:30-11:30am, in the Kairos room.

Craft Sale and Canned Auction in the Narthex starting Sunday October 3 through October 17.

Stay for the drive through Meatball Dinner after church October 10!

Sunday School and FLY K-6- please fill out a Health/Permission form for your child(ren) if you have not already filled one out this 2021 year. Forms can be found in front of the church office and on our website. Please turn into the office.

FLY K-6- continues this Wednesday, September 29 after school to 4:30pm. Kristy will meet the kids at Kennedy at the buses and we will walk over to Roosevelt Park. Please pick up your child at 4:30 at Roosevelt Park.

We need more ½ gallon milk jugs for flowers. Please bring them, clean, into the office.

"Phattie Nattie" Yoga is now taking place in our church! Tuesdays at 12 and 5:30pm. The church has two comp spots, please contact the office or Pastor Gretchen to sign up for them.

We are hiring a full time Middle and High School Youth Coordinator to share with Augustana LC. Please find our job listing on Indeed.com or the FF Chamber of Commerce website.

Contribute to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund: it is a designated fund made available to the senior pastor to distribute for emergency financial aid, as outlined by the Finance and/or Outreach committees.