

Unfinished

Discovering God's Call in the Not Yet



April 6, 2023

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

“Baptized and Set Free”

ELW #453 vs 1,2&4

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| <p>1 We are people created,
chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently,
in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more.</p> <p>4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,
we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather
to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!</p> | <p>2 We are fed and we're nourished,
filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and
again we are blessed.
For whatever the need,
God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper
than all of our need.</p> |
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Call to Confession

P: Jesus said, one who has bathed does not need to wash. In our baptism, we have been bathed by the grace of God. Trusting in the steadfast love of Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from sin and death, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Prayer of Confession

P: Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts,

C: and still you love us – you have loved us to the end.

P: We have denied you,

C: and we have denied our calling to serve one another.

P: We have betrayed you,

C: and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.

P: Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.

C: Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

P: Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. Now the promise is fulfilled, and love's redeeming work is done: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Greeting

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem (7:00)

“At This Table” – Keveren & Siler

First Communion Choir

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

¹²How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter thirteen. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 13:1-17; 31b-35

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon

Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

^{31b}Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“What makes Holy Communion so Special”

Pastor Kathy

Hymn of the Day

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

ELW #659 vs 1-3

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 trav'lers 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.

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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 the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our Prayer.

Sharing God's Peace

Offertory

Offertory Hymn

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the fourth measure. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and a triplet in the fourth measure. The lyrics are: "of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our". The third staff continues with a triplet in the first measure. The lyrics are: "lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,". The fourth staff concludes the phrase with a final note. The lyrics are: "all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you."

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offertory Prayer

P: Holy One,

C: in the presence of your people we offer our heartfelt thanksgiving, our sacrifice of gratitude and praise. As we give our lives to you, show us how to love and serve you and how to love and serve one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given “for you and for all people.” For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts,

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

First Communion Milestone (7:00)

Parents: Heavenly God, creator of water, bread, and wine, bless our children as they participate in your holy meal. May it be a joy to them, draw them closer to you, and strengthen them in their faith journey. Amen.

Young People: Open our hearts to receive you, Jesus.

Congregation: Welcome to the Lord's table. Be close to these young people, Jesus, as they join us at this very special meal.

Communion Hymn

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

ELW #708

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain*
- 3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

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Communion Hymn

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

ELW #474

Refrain

Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup
until you come again.

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. *Refrain*

- 2 Seek not the food that will pass away;
set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
that the fullness of life may be yours. *Refrain*

- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you,
gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you,
that your hunger and thirst be no more. *Refrain*

- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;
make your home in the lifegiving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
and believe in the truth you have heard. *Refrain*

- 5 Drink of this cup and declare his death;
eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,
praise the one in whom you are reborn. *Refrain*

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Communion Blessing

The Altar is Stripped

Psalm 22

The Altar is a central sign of God's presence among us. We remove the symbols of worship to remember that Jesus has been betrayed, stripped, beaten, and willingly handed himself over to those who were threatened by him. There is no benediction.

Please leave in silence.



Gavin Baker

Randy & Chandra Baker

Ainsley Berger

Matt & Sarah Berger

Danica Borchert

Danielle Borchert and Todd Borchert

Izabella Brown

Steven & Brittany Brown

Bentley Carbert

Sadie Carbert and Beau Carbert

Addely Cariveau

Chris & Melissa Cariveau

Preston Dreckman

Seth & Samantha Dreckman

Dravyn Gehring

Joe & Emily Gehring

Alexis Gostonczik

Sara & Jay Gostonczik

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Tanya Grussendorf & Jason Curran
Jonathon & Ashley Grussendorf

Eli Hagert

John & Emily Bystrzycki

Jake Haynes

Jedd Haynes and Carolyn Anderson

Alexander Hillmann

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Lyla Krenz

Jason & Katie Krenz

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Seth & Kristin Kveno

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Sarah & Mike Lee

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The late Emilio Medina

Rory Neuman

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Colton Osborne

Nate & Jessica Osborne

Noah Severson

Kristina & Isaac Severson

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(7:00) Coryn Enck

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