

# Summer Sunday Worship

June 13, 2021  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Helena, Montana

## Prelude-Favorite Hymn Sing

### Featured Favorite Hymn

Gretchen's favorite hymn: "I'll Fly Away"

I have a long list of favorite hymns (or my funeral hymns as I like to call them.) There is a great arrangement of this hymn by Gillian Welch and Alison Krauss that I fell in love with years ago when I was researching music for fundraiser concerts that I used to produce with a group of friends back in New York City. "I'll Fly Away" has been called the most recorded gospel song of all time and appears in many hymnals where it is listed under the topics of eternal life, heaven, and acceptance. It's a standard song at bluegrass jam sessions and often is performed at funerals. The choir at St. John's sang this for Jim Kembel's funeral in 2018 and I will forever think of him when we sing this. The words are hopeful and filled with joy and the tune is upbeat.

### "I'll Fly Away"

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;  
to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.*

*Refrain: I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away;  
when I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.*

*When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away;  
like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. (Refrain)*

*Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;  
to a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. (Refrain)*

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, and the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

## Kyrie-Sung Twice

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

The musical score for 'Kyrie-Sung Twice' consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' and 'Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.'

## Canticle of Praise

**Refrain**

All you works of God, ev - 'ry moun - tain, star and  
tree bless the One who shapes your beau - ty, who has  
called you all to be one great song of love and  
grace, ev - er an - cient, ev - er new; raise your  
voic - es, all you works of God!

**Verses**

Bless your mak - er!  
Chant your praise!  
Raise up your joy - ful song!

The musical score for 'Canticle of Praise' is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It is divided into a 'Refrain' and 'Verses'. The refrain consists of six lines of music with lyrics: 'All you works of God, ev - 'ry moun - tain, star and tree bless the One who shapes your beau - ty, who has called you all to be one great song of love and grace, ev - er an - cient, ev - er new; raise your voic - es, all you works of God!'. The verses consist of three lines of music with lyrics: 'Bless your mak - er!', 'Chant your praise!', and 'Raise up your joy - ful song!'. There is a triplet of eighth notes in the second line of the refrain.

## Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

God is still speaking.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,**  
to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.

**For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

The righteous flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**They are planted in the house of the Lord;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.**

In old age they still produce fruit;  
they are always green and full of sap,  
**showing that the Lord is upright;  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

## 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

God is still speaking.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation-Congregation is invited to sing the refrain and the cantor will sing a verse.**

*Refrain* F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

F Dm Gm C F

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

### **Gospel Reading**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter beginning with the 26th verse.

**Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Mark 4:26-34**

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**Response after the conclusion: This is the Good news. Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Children's Time**

**Hymn of the Day: "You Are The Seed" WOV #753 verses 1-2**

*You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine in the night;  
you are yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark.  
You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;  
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, to witness wherever you go.*

*Refrain: Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaim the great love of God;  
messengers to tell the way of life, peace and pardon for all.  
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead Christ arose;  
"Lo, I'll be with you forevermore, till the end of the world."*

*You are the flame that will lighten the dark, so resplendent with hope, faith and love;  
you are the shepherds to lead the whole world to waters and pastures of peace.  
"You are the friends that I chose for myself, you're the word that I want to proclaim.  
You are the new reign of God built on rock where justice and truth are at home." (refrain)*

**Sermon: "Small seed. Big God."**

**Hymn of the Day: "You Are The Seed" WOV #753 verses 3**

*You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea;  
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield.  
There is no place for a city to hide, there's no mountain can cover its might;  
let your light shine so that your loving works give honor and glory to God.*

*Refrain: Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaim the great love of God;  
messengers to tell the way of life, peace and pardon for all.  
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead Christ arose;  
"Lo, I'll be with you forevermore, till the end of the world."*

**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

Rejoicing with all the faithful, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

## Sharing of the Peace

As Christ welcomed everyone, let us open our hearts and lives  
and be like Christ to everyone we meet. The peace of the Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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 right, our duty and our joy...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**1**

**You are ho-ly you are whole. You are al-ways ev-er -more than we**

**ev-er un-der-stand. You are al-ways at hand. Bless-ed are you com-ing near.**

**Bless-ed are you com-ing here to your church in wine and bread, raised from**

**soil, raised from dead. You are ho-ly, you are whole-ness, you are**

**pre-sent. Let the cos-mos praise you, Lord! Sing ho - san - na**

**in the high-est! Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho-san-na to our God!**

**2**

## Words of Institution

## Lords Prayer

Our Father, who art 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.

## Invitation

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

*(Those at home take...take and eat...this is the body and blood of Christ given for you. We celebrate open communion and all who are baptized are welcome to receive the forgiving and gracious presence of Christ in communion. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available. Please space yourselves out as you come up and cleanse your hands with sanitizer before communing.)*

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn: "As the Grains of Wheat" ELW #465

*Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.*

*As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. (refrain)*

*Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you. (refrain)*

## Prayer After Communion

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.

## Announcements

### Blessing

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

Amen.

## Sending Hymn

Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:  
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:  
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:  
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King - dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
Bring forth the King - dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
Bound for the King - dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King - dom of God!  
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King - dom of God!  
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King - dom of God!  
love our home - land: Love is the King - dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King - dom of peace; Bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

## Dismissal

Go in peace, you are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

And all God's children said...

**AMEN!**

## Postlude



## MINISTERING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Pastor Brad Ulgenes, Preaching & Presiding**  
**Gretchen Munding, Organ**  
**Connie Conley, Choir Director & Cantor**  
**Angela Conley, Technology and Sound**

**Rebekah French, Lector**  
**Teresa Kinley, Amy Smiedala**  
**Ron & Deanne Stegmann**  
**Communion Servers**  
**Paula Blessinger & Shirley Hautzinger,**  
**Altar Guild**

**In our prayers this week:** Mike Phelan, Bruce Gottwig, Janice Mosness, Mary Lou Hadley, Anne Hilchen, Karen Kmet, Pr. Schilcher, Betty & Thurston Dotson, Tom Morrow, Katherine Harris, Ron Adams, Keith Swenson, Jolene Kelsey, Rueben, Pr. Randy Olson, Georgine Larson, Vickie Alpiner, Joyce Shields, Emma Rose Plute, Matt Annen, Lindsay Annen, Patsy Buckingham, Greg Johnson, Jeff Shirley, Jeremy Stockstad, John Shields, Rosita Moe, Luke Almas, Tatiana Ceaicovschi, Gina Hultin, Chris Gibbs, Randy Holmes, Lester Anderson, the children at Intermountain, for those who are alone, for those who suffer from depression, for the homeless in our community, and for all who seek health and wholeness

### **For those who have died and now rest in God's merciful care:**

Jan Olson, Brian Foster, Heather Barnes, Royal Johnson, Matt Jensen, Ray Middlestead, Pr. Cliff Gronneberg, Hales Scalese, Michael Doig, Maurice Knutson, Jay Mayer, Holter Smith, Sharon Petitt, Marlene Swenson, Doris Crider, and all the Saints in heaven

### **For those in residential living centers, extended care or homebound:**

Wilma Carlson, Mike Kieckbusch, Donna Anderson, Hazel Aasved, Esther Fuehrer, Marge Michelish, Georgine Larson

**Missionaries:** Willie, Anne, and Micah Langdji in Cameroon  
Mark and Marina Dotson in Russia

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

### **ADDRESS FOR THE OLSON FAMILY**

We are sad to announce that Jan Olson, the wife of our former Pastor Randy Olson, passed away this week. We continue to lift him and his family up in prayer. The address for the family is:

Pastor Randy Olson  
12414 Rebecca Dr. SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

### **OFFICE HELP NEEDED**

Gretchen will be away June 16-18 and will be busy with VBS/Day Camp June 21-15th. We could use someone to help in the office to answer phones. Please call/email us if you are available.

### **WE WANT YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS!**

Each summer we have a wonderful tradition of singing your favorite hymns before the service as our prelude. We are happy to continue that tradition this summer but also want to make it more personal by including your stories. Please contact the office or fill out your attendance slip with your favorite hymns AND tell us why they are meaningful for you.

### **FELLOWSHIP TIME TREATS**

Now that we are able to share coffee and cookies following worship we need people to provide treats again. Please bring a treat to share and drop it off in the kitchen before worship. Thank you.

### **WELCA UNIT UPDATE**

Please join us for Evening Circle at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22. Depending on weather, we will meet in the Guild Room or outside.

### **“THE THEOLOGY OF WINE” BOOK DISCUSSION & FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Do you want to try something new this summer? How about getting together with friends from the church for a lively discussion and a glass of wine? In July and August Elaine and I will host the first of a five session discussion fellowship time around the book, “The Theology of Wine,” written by a former pastor of the Montana Synod, Mark Pederson. The original book is out of print but the author has generously given us permission to make copies. A suggested donation of \$5 will be collected to help pay for printing costs.

We’ll begin meeting July 14th from 6:30-8:00 pm at Pastor’s home on the patio. Group members will take turns hosting and choosing the wine of the week. The tentative schedule is:

July 14	Chapter 1 pp 1-20 “In the Beginning -Terroir (Soil)”	Wine for the evening: Pinot Noir
July 21	Chapter 2 pp. 21-34	“Wine and Remembrance”
July 28	Chapter 3 pp 35-42	“Wine and Community”
August 11	Chapter 4 pp. 43-56	“Wine and Care For Creation”
August 18	Chapter 5 pp. 57-66	“Wine and Heaven”

Please sign up in the narthex.

## DON MAGNUS MEMORIAL GIFT

Council member Paul Hilchen is leading a task force to help decide the best way to honor Don Magnus and the generous memorial that he left to the church. We would love to hear your stories about Don, hear your suggestions on how to share this gift, and invite you to be a part of this task force. Please contact Paul at paulwithstjohns@gmail.com

## SCHOOL BAG SUPPLY LIST

Summer is here at last! School supplies will be going on sale soon. Each bag contains:

1. Four-70 sheet lined notebooks
2. One ruler
3. One pencil sharpener
4. One **blunt** scissors
5. Five **unsharpened** #2 pencils
6. Five black or blue ballpoint pens
7. One box of 24 crayons
8. One 2 1/2" eraser

We really appreciate every-ones help in getting enough supplies for about 200 school bags. During your visits to garage sales etc. watch for corduroy, denim, duck or poplin 16x38. Also, we use soft macramé cord for the bags. Thank you from all the children around the world!

## QUILTER NOTES

The following supplies are needed by the quilters:

1. FLAT sheets all sizes. PRINTED fitted sheets are cut into squares.
2. Sewing machine needles—size 14 or 16
3. Colored crochet thread
4. Cotton or cotton blend materials of any size, new or pieces
5. Thread

## VBS/DAY CAMP JUNE 21-25....IN PERSON!

We are delighted to have IN PERSON Day Camp/VBS with FLBC and New Life this year! Join us for exciting worship, engaging bible study, lots of outdoor time, community building games, and a week of fun with the counselors from FLBC! **Even if you can only make a portion of the week we would love to have you join us!**

Who: Kids ages 4-Kindergarten & Kids entering 1st Grade and through 6th Grade

When: June 21-25 daily from 9:00 am-1:30 pm

Cost: \$50 for the week (scholarships available!)

IMPORTANT! Pre-registration is required this year!! Call/e-mail the church office to save a spot.

*We will have opportunities for volunteers! We especially need people to help with crafts and to keep our building sanitized every day. Please speak with Gretchen for more details.*

## VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY ON MONDAY NIGHT-LAST ONE FOR JUNE & JULY

Virtual Bible Study meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Each week we discuss one or more of the lessons for next Sunday. All are welcome. Please contact Bing Crosby -bingcroz@yahoo.com– to receive the link for the Zoom meeting.

## **CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR VBS/DAY CAMP**

Our team has been hard at working brainstorming fun craft ideas for our upcoming VBS/DAY CAMP and we could use the following supplies:

**Sharpie markers (various colors)**

**embroidery floss (all colors)**

Crayola Markers

Colored Pencils

**Acrylic Paint**

Please drop off all supplies in the office. Thank you!

## **MEALS NEEDED**

In order to follow FLBC Camp protocol we will be housing the visiting counselors in our church building for the week. We would like to offer them meals for the week. Some members have volunteered but we still need the following days for 4 counselors covered: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 1 dinner. Please contact the office if you are able to help out.

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY OFFERING FOR JUNE-FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

The Friendship Center is a safe haven for those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. The Friendship Center empowers our community to flourish in relationships free from violence. Please place your offering in the pew offering envelopes and check the "Social Ministry" box, donate online via our website, or mail in your check to the church office.

## **LOOKING AHEAD.....**

### **Monday, June 14th**

6:30 pm-Virtual Bible Study (last study for June & July)

### **Tuesday, June 15th**

5:30 pm-Church Council

### **Wednesday, June 19th**

Therapy Dogs in the Fellowship Hall, All Day

### **June 21-25**

9:00 am-1:30 pm daily-VBS Day Camp with FLBC

**Gretchen Away 6/16-18**