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God's Work, Our Lives.



Ephesians 4

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored Diane Knudsen In honor of family fall and winter birthdays

Call to Worship [Psalm 66 Let All the Earth Cry Out](#)

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Gathered as God's people let us ready our hearts for worship pausing to confess our sin and seek God's forgiveness and redirection

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace, you have created all of us in your image. Though our common humanity should unite us too often we focus on differences that divide. We clench fists rather than opening hand to help. We listen to respond rather than to learn. We walk away from the despondent with disinterest rather than walking toward them with compassion. Forgive our tendencies toward undoing our shared humanity. Transform our apathy into empathy and our inaction into action for the sake of your world. Amen.

God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness has heard our shared confession. In the name of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Let us enter into worship now with open hands and open hearts. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Baptized in Water WOV 693

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king; heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king; one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king; born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Creator God, your creative work is on display all around us. Ready our hands, ears, eyes and hearts to notice and receive your goodness. Then make us ready to use our voices and very lives to share that goodness we others as we serve and love in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song: [For the One \(Lyric Video\) - Brian & Jenn Johnson | After All These Years](#)

Welcome the Word

God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world, raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold. Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your Gospel.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

s a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Take My Life That I May Be ELW 583

Take my life that I may be consecrated Lord to thee
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee

Take my life that I may be consecrated Lord to thee
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my
intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose

Take my life that I may be consecrated Lord to thee
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my life that I may be consecrated Lord to thee
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession God of grace, receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives they are yours; we are an offering. 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.

Offering Prayer

God of Grace, we have returned to you a portion of what you have entrusted to us. Use it for the sake of those most in need. Ready us now to eat and drink from the sacred bread and cup, proof of your surprising and never-failing grace for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Consecration

Jesus, our Helper, lived life with his hands open to those in need of healing and prayer. Jesus, our Companion, lived life with his ears and eyes open to the longings of the lost and lonely. Jesus, our Advocate, lived life with his voice poised to speak words of peace and promise. Jesus, our Savior, lived life with a heart overflowing love into humanity. So, on the night Jesus was handed over he gathered with his followers for a meal. He took bread...

Jesus was and still is God's best handiwork. Jesus is present in this bread and cup as we reach out our hands to claim it as sacred. May the same Spirit which animated Jesus' life enter in our lives through this holy meal as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn

What Feast of Love WOV 701

What feast of love is offered here what banquet come from heaven
What food of everlasting life what gracious gift is given
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven
Oh, taste and see and sing. How sweet the manna given

What light of truth is offered here what covenant from heaven

What hope of everlasting life what wondrous word is given
This, this is Christ the king the sun come down from heaven
Oh, see and hear and sing the Word of God is given

What wine of love is offered here what holy drink from heaven
What stream of everlasting life what precious blood is given
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven
Oh, taste and see and sing the Son of God is given

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious God, you have gathered us and fed us, reminding us once again of your abundant love. Mindful of your mercy we have been readied to enter the world with hands, ears, eyes and hearts open to your people. Let our voices and lives be a faithful witness to your goodness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

2025 Congregation Star Word: Share



Verse of the Day: Psalm 66:5-6

Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in him

Faith In Action Challenge:

How will you focus this week on using your life to do God's work in a tangible way?

Upcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event	Location
10/15	4-5:30 7pm	FaithLift at Faith Youth Meeting	Faith
10/16	9am	Quilting/ Toddler Closet open	Faith
10/19	8:30/ 10:30	Worship-Bishop Visit	Faith/ Rock Creek

Blessing

May God bless your hands to heal
Bless your eyes to notice
Bless your ears to hear longing
Bless your voices to comfort
Bless your hearts to love without limit and
Bless your lives to be Jesus like in every way
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Sending Hymn

Rise, Shine You People LBW 393

Rise, shine you people Christ the Lord has entered our human story
God in him is centered. He comes to us by death and sin

surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the powers of evil reeling, he brings us freedom,
light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are
driven, now are forgiven

Come, celebrate your banners high unfurling; your songs and
prayer against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell
the story of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life
and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from every nation.

His new creation.

Dismissal Go in peace readied to do God's work in the world.

Thanks be to God!