

*Welcome to Worship
at Moe Lutheran*



Fall Stewardship Series

God has given us so many beautiful gifts! These gifts are given by our loving Creator to bring us joy, to provide for our needs, and to share for the wellbeing of our neighbors. God has made us stewards, or caretakers, of these gracious gifts. Our Fall Stewardship Series will help create a vision connecting the abundance of God's grace with the freedom to live and give abundantly for the well-being of all creation!

Sunday, September 26th ... "God's Abundant Gifts"

Sunday, October 3rd ... "Freedom to Live Abundantly"

Sunday, October 10th ... "Freedom to Give Abundantly"

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk: Tracey Wensloff, Congregational President

*Call to Worship:

Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim the ways in which God is working within our midst.

We have been blessed by God!

We gather together to give thanks for the ways in which God is working within our midst.

We are being blessed by God!

We gather together to open our eyes to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

We will continue to be blessed by God!

Dear ones, God has given us so much and is very much alive, at work and still speaking among us. We are called to give back.

We are called to be good stewards; good stewards of our time, of our resources and of our money.

Let us give thanks to our God of blessings and affirm our commitment to the ministry God is calling us into.

Let us give thanks to God!

Let us proclaim our faith in God!

Let us worship God!

Opening Song: "Gather Us In"

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*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.**

*Prayer of the Day:

Dearest Lord, we are grateful for the abundant gifts you shower upon us. We thank you for your peace, your joy, your hope, and your love. We thank you for your forgiveness, your grace, your light, and your healing. O Lord, open our eyes to see and our hearts to experience the daily renewal and refreshment of all your beautiful gifts. Amen.

Third Grade Bible Presentation by Moe Women of ELCA

Mia DeBock, Cohen Eidsmoe, Trista Hendrickson,
Eva Johnston, Ean Novacek, Lucas Skibicki

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Genesis 2:4-9, 15-22

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹ So 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. ²⁰ The 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. ²¹ So 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. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

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

Psalm 16: 1-2, 5-11

¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² **I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”**

⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

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7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

8 **I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

10 **For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

11 You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***Gospel Acclamation:** *Holy Communion Setting 10, page 205*



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***Gospel: John 1:1-5**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life,^[a] and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: "God's Abundant Gifts"

Deacon Joanne Swonger

Special Music:

Vocal Ensemble

Launa & Joy Ullman, Maryn & Lauren Byfuglien, and Kara, Anna & Leva Ulvin

Offering Moment and Prayer:

God of abundant grace, we return these gifts to you, knowing that all good gifts come from you. You watch over us, you provide for us, you bless us. As we have been abundantly cared for, so we give abundantly to provide for the work of your church and the care of your people. Accept these gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory: "We are an Offering"

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) and piano accompaniment (bass clef) are shown. The lyrics are: "We lift our voi - ces, we lift our hands, we lift our Lord, use our voi - ces, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives up to You, we are an of-fer-ing. lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing." The score includes first and second endings for the final phrase. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Prayers: Our heavenly Father cares for us and knows our need.

In our prayer, let us cast our cares on him in the name of Jesus.

Merciful Father, we give you thanks for physical health, for the use of our senses, for our intellect and thought. Make us good stewards of our abilities that we may bring glory to your name every day.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We give you thanks, gracious Father, for all good things the earth produces. By your provision we are clothed and fed and lack no good thing. Care for those who live in want. Teach us to be generous with the gifts you have first given us.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for works of beauty of every kind. By such things you have enriched and added joy to our lives. Bless and encourage all that is good and uplifting in arts, music, and culture.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We give you thanks, Lord God, for the opportunity to work, learn and rest. Help us to serve you and others faithfully in our vocation. Bless all places of learning and the students who study there. Help them learn what is good, true, and beautiful. Give them strength and patience in any challenges they face, especially in the ever-changing dynamics of daily life in a pandemic.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Dear Father, we thank you for the gift of family and friends. Let the light of your love shine in our homes. Help us to overcome strife and conflict with your patience and forgiveness. Help parents in the task of raising children. Comfort the lonely and bring them into good company.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We thank you Lord God for the blessings of a free and peaceful society. Convict those in positions of responsibility to maintain honesty and truth, justice, and peace. Encourage all our citizens to lead lives that strive for the common good.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Lord God, unless you care for us and give us what we need, all our work is in vain. Keep our hearts and minds set firmly on your word, so that we may always trust in you, and be generous with the gifts you have given us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**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.

**Benediction and Three-fold Amen*

**Closing Song: "Let All Things Now Living"*

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**Dismissal:*

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. C: **Thanks be to God.**

