

Welcome to the historic Stone Church!



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Thank You for helping with the service today July 14, 2024.

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Prayers of intercession: Volunteer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptized during worship today is Elaine Marie Wieser, daughter of Adam & Jenna Wieser. Elaine's sponsors for baptism are Matt Kildahl & Mary Snyder.

Caring Collection July 21st, Items we are collecting: canned fruit, tuna, canned chicken.

Prelude

Ring of the Church Bell

Announcements

Prayer & Confession *(written by Lloyd Vix)*

Thank you God for the stillness of the early morning.

For the sunrise symbolizing one more of your precious days.

Thank you for the strength to rise this day.

Remove my guilt as I confess my sins

requesting forgiveness that I may have everlasting life.

In your holy name I pray. Amen.

Gathering Hymn #835 vs 1,2 &4 “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”

1 All creatures,
worship God most
high!
Sound ev'ry voice in
earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in
splendor bright;
sing, sister moon
and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

2 Sing, brother
wind; with clouds
and rain
you grow the gifts of
fruit and grain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water,
useful, clear,
make music for
your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

4 All who for love of
God forgive,
all who in pain and
sorrow grieve:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your
burdens and your
fears;
still make your song
amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

⁵¹Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we

will be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

⁵⁴When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. R: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95

¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³ For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand.

Reflection Reading: Luke 23:32-43 The Thief on the Cross

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his

left. [[³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Sermon

Pastor Dana Jackson

Hymn ELW #666 vs 1,2 & 4 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my
soul!

What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my
soul?

2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking
down, when I was sinking down

beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my
soul.

4 And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll
sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

The Holy Baptism of Elaine Marie Wieser

God gives us a new birth into a living home through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ.

Parents and sponsors who do you present to be baptized?

We present Elaine Marie to be baptized.

Parent(s) called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? **I do.**

You are entrusted with the responsibilities of bringing your child to worship, teaching the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments. To teach your child how to pray, to read the scriptures, to trust God and to care for others through word and deed. Do you promise to help your child to grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit? **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support **Elaine Marie** and pray for her in her life in Christ? **We do.**

Parent(s) and Sponsors I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the forces that defy God, the devil, the powers of this world that rebel against God and the ways of sin?

I renounce them.

Along with the congregation let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.**

Baptism

Elaine Marie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Congregation: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia.**

Sign of the Cross

Elaine Marie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Candle

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Congregational Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ.

Gift of Quilt

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Offering Collection

Offertory Hymn #512 “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Words of Institution

The 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, for ever and ever.
Amen**

Invitation to Communion *Congregation Response: All are welcome.*

The Distribution *(Please sign the pew pad.)*

Communion Hymns: 781, 759, 818, 733

Sending Song ELW# 824 vs 1 & 3 "This Is My Father's World"

1 This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

3 This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so
strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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

Tolling of the Church Bell

Postlude
