

**LIVING STONE WORSHIP**  
✠ St. Bartholomew, Apostle ✠  
**Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.**

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**Prayer Before Worship**

Lord of the banquet, grant us without all doubt to know You as the narrow door that leads to the eternal feast, where we shall see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Announcements & Greeting**

**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 121*

- L I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?  
C **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
L He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.  
C **Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**  
L The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
C **The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.**  
L The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore!

**Opening Song**

**“This Is Amazing Grace”**

Verse 1

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

Verse 2

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace,  
This is unfailing love,  
That You would take my place,  
That You would bear my cross.  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free.  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You’ve done for  
me.**

Verse 3

**Who brings our chaos back into order,  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.**

Verse 4

**Who rules the nations with truth and justice,  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

Chorus

Bridge

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy, worthy, worthy!**

Chorus

## Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.  
Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, chose Bartholomew to be an apostle to preach the blessed Gospel. Grant that Your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Proverbs 3:1–8*

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 4:7–10*

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*John 1:43–51*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Song of the Day

## “I Thank God”

### Verse 1

Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide,  
This weary soul, this bag of bones.  
I try with all of my might,  
But I just can't win the fight.  
I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond

### Pre-Chorus

And just when I ran out of the road,  
I met a man I didn't know.  
And He told me that I was not alone.

### Chorus

He picked me up, You turned me around  
And placed my feet on solid ground.  
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,  
Because You healed my heart,  
You changed my name.  
Forever free, I am not the same.  
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God.

### Verse 2

I cannot deny what I've seen;  
Got no choice but to believe.  
My doubts are burnin', oh, like ashes in the wind.  
So so long to my old friends: burden and bitterness.  
You can just keep them moving,  
nah you ain't welcome here.

### Pre-Chorus

From now till I walk the streets of gold,  
I'll sing of how You saved my soul.  
This wayward son has found his way back home.

### Chorus

Hell lost another one, I am free, I am free, I am free.  
(4x)

### Chorus

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## Sermon

## “Under the Fig Tree”

### Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ☩ life everlasting. Amen.

### Children's Message

### Offering

*The offertory is an important time to reflect with thanksgiving on the many blessings God has given us.*

## Offertory

## “Forever Reign”

- 1 You are good, You are good,  
When there's nothing good in me.  
You are love, You are love,  
On display for all to see.  
You are light, You are light,  
When the darkness closes in.  
You are hope, You are hope,  
You have covered all my sin.
- 2 You are peace, You are peace,  
When my fear is crippling.  
You are true, You are true,  
Even in my wandering.  
You are joy, You are joy,  
You're the reason that I sing.  
You are life, You are life,  
In You death has lost its sting.

### Chorus

Oh, I'm running to Your arms,  
I'm running to Your arms.  
The riches of Your love will always be enough.  
Nothing compares to Your embrace.  
Light of the world, forever reign.

- 3 You are more, You are more,  
Than my words will ever say.  
You are Lord, You are Lord,  
All creation will proclaim.  
You are here, You are here,  
In Your presence I'm made whole.  
You are God, You are God,  
Of all else I'm letting go.

### Chorus

### Bridge

My heart will sing, no other Name.  
Jesus, Jesus. (3x)

### Chorus (2x)

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## Prayer of the Church

- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 15th wedding anniversary of Jake & Sarah Fiehler (Aug. 21).  
✠ Thanksgiving for the birth of Cooper Grey Silinsky, son of Bryon & Joy Silinsky, grandson of Bob Schaefer (Aug. 11).

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Confession of Sins and Absolution

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection*

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19–23*
- C **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
C 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

Mark 14:22-24

## Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.

## Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

- C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

John 1:29

## Distribution

### Song

### “Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”

#### Verse 1

Praise is rising, Eyes are turning to You;  
We turn to You; Hope is stirring  
Hearts are yearning for You; We long for You;

#### Pre-Chorus

‘Cause when we see You,  
We find strength to face the day;  
In Your presence  
All our fears are washed away, Washed away.

#### Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna,  
You are the God who saves us,  
Worthy of all our praises; Hosanna, hosanna,  
Come have Your way among us;  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

#### Verse 2

Hear the sound of Hearts returning to You;  
We turn to You; In Your Kingdom  
Broken lives are made new,  
You make us new; Pre-Chorus

#### Chorus

‘Cause when we see You,  
We find strength to face the day;  
In Your presence  
All our fears are washed away, (repeat)  
Washed away.

#### Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna.

## “Holy Is The Lord”

### Verse

We stand and lift up our hands,  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now.  
How great, how awesome is He.

### Chorus

And together we sing, Ev'ryone sing.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
The earth is filled with His glory.

### Verse/Chorus

### Bridge

It's rising up all around.  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown. *(Repeat)*

### Chorus

And together we sing, Ev'ryone sing.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
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## Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.  
C **Amen.**

## Post-Communion Collect

- P Let us pray.  
Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
C **Amen.**

## Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

## Closing Song

## “Can’t Steal My Joy”

### Verse 1

In the valley of the shadow,  
I got a feeling it's a season that'll make me grow.  
I'm still breathing, I got praise in my lungs  
And a choir in my soul.

### Chorus 1

Can't steal my joy.  
Can't steal my joy.  
What the world couldn't give,  
no, it can't take away.  
Sorrow may come, but it can't steal my joy.  
Can't steal my joy.

### Verse 2

In the high highs, in the low lows,  
You fill my cup, You fill it up until it overflows.  
I remember, I'll keep holding on to hope,  
'Cause You're the king of rolling stones.

### Chorus

### Post-Chorus 1

Can't steal my joy  
(Wa oh, oh, oh.) 3x  
Can't steal my joy.  
(Wa oh, oh, oh.) 3x

### Bridge

Can't steal my joy, joy, joy  
Down in my heart, down in my soul,  
deep in my bones. I got the joy, joy, joy.  
I can't contain, nothing can quiet my praise.  
I got the joy, joy, joy. Down in my heart,  
down in my soul, deep in my bones.  
I got the joy, joy, joy. I can't contain,  
nothing can quiet my praise.

Can't steal my joy. Can't steal my joy.

### Chorus

Can't steal my joy.  
(Wa oh, oh, oh.) 3x  
(Wa oh, oh, oh.) 3x  
Can't steal my joy.

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