

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA**  
**Worship Bulletin for Sunday**  
**November 15, 2020**  
**24th Sunday after Pentecost – 8:30 AM**  
**ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten**  
*Prior to Worship, please text Prayers*  
*“Text in Church” # 314.329.0487*  
*& Pastor will lift them up*  
*in Prayer this week*



**GATHERING** The Holy Spirit calls us  
together as the people of God

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE - O Christ the Same**  
(Londonderry Air) Irish Folk Tune

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**  
*The assembly stands. All may make the  
sign of the cross, the sign that is marked  
at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + One God,  
In whose image we are made,  
Who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.** *Silence is kept for reflection.*  
Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts.  
We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in another.  
We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.  
Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation.  
Amen.**

Beloved, we are God’s children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcomed,  
in Jesus you are called to Rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG - Let Streams of Living Justice**

**ELW 710**

## Let Streams of Living Justice



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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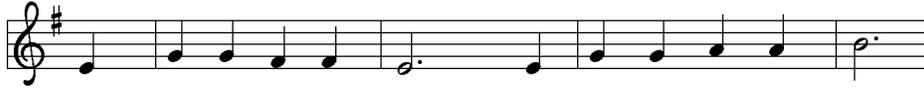
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### GREETING

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.**

**KYRIE (ELW p. 203)**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song**

**PSALM - Psalm 90:1-12** Please read in unison with the Worship Asst.

- <sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.
- <sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
- <sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;
- <sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
- <sup>6</sup>in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- <sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
- <sup>8</sup>Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- <sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- <sup>10</sup>The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- <sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?

<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**SECOND READING - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** Read by the Worship Asst.

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

*Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here & now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters [siblings], you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**KIDS' MESSAGE - THAT'S A LOT of \$!**

**GOSPEL - Matthew 25:14-30** Read by Pastor

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your

master.’<sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;<sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’<sup>26</sup> But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’<sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.<sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.<sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.<sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”  
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON - Trusting in the Promises of God: Use our Gifts and Voices while there is time  
(not out of fear – but Courage)**

**CREED** *The 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.**

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\*Or, “he descended into hell,” another translation of this text in widespread use.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing to **Marilyn, Keith, Luanne, Sandy, Renate, Myron and Patsy, Adam, Kelly, Clint and Jayne, Betty, Leah, Wayne, Bob, Christina, Diana, Dennis, Jim, Kelly, Kevin, Jim, Marty, Roger, Rose, Sandy, and Tara.**

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered from Text-in-Church by Pastor.*

Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors. Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, "Peace be with you,"*

## **MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ**

**OFFERING & A THANK YOU** *to all who filled out STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE Card for 2021!*

*May you continue to offer to Holy Cross what you desire to give to God through*

*1) Your established e-giving pledge through Vanco OR*

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*The presiding minister instructs those communing at home to gather their bread / cracker / wine/ grape juice elements to hold up during the Words of Institution.*

**OFFERTORY - *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand*** (Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen)  
from *Orgelbuchlein*

arr. by J. S. Bach

**OFFERING PRAYER** *After the table is set, the assisting minister leads.*

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING AND DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

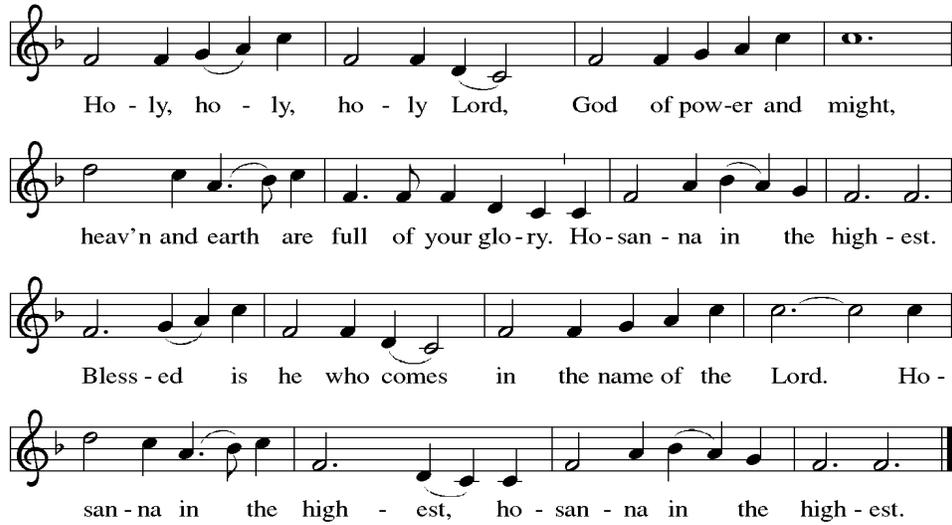
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
 at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
 beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

**[Home Communion / Fellowship Cups – HOLD UP YOUR ELEMENTS...]**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
 in our gathering; within this meal;  
 among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
 by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister may address the assembly:* Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for Home Communion.*

## **COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond* Amen. *In an act of Hospitality, the ministers commune after others commune.*

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)**

*The assisting minister leads.*

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING - God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

**Joanne’s Resignation and move to position of Office Project Manager**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG - *Build Us Up, Lord* (Please see nest page)**

**ELW 670**

**DISMISSAL (ELW p. 209)**

*The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* from *Jubilation, Eight Festive Postludes for Organ*  
arr. by James D. Payne**

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David Ristau



**The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God  
by Jerry and Christine Doud  
in celebration of Tristan’s birthday.**

# Build Us Up, Lord

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
 lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
 doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
 Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
 bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
 sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in  
 faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your  
 word to spread the news of your Son!

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