

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH –ELCA

10:30 AM CST Contemporary Worship

Sunday, July 17, 2022

With Holy Communion

*Please text Prayers Requests to  
"Text in Church" # 314.329.0487  
- lifted during Prayer Time*

**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together  
as the people of God

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARE THE PEACE**

The Grace & Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with  
you all. **And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** *The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross.*

Blessed & Holy, <sup>†</sup> one God,  
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

*Pastor:* Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and  
forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism:

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us!  
You created each one of us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

**All:** In the desert, you promised pools of water to quench our thirst, and you gave water from  
the rock.

When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd Jesus to lead us to still waters.

**All:** At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side. On this day, you shower us again  
with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water  
everywhere.

**All:** Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst. Give us the life only  
you can give.

We give honor and praise You, through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING *Trading My Sorrows*** CCLI Song # 2574653 CCLI License # 1787498

<b>Chorus</b>	<b>Verse</b>
I'm trading my sorrows	I am pressed but not crushed
I'm trading my shame	Persecuted not abandoned
I'm laying them down	Struck down but not destroyed
For the joy of the Lord	I am blessed beyond the curse
I'm trading my sickness	For His promise will endure
I'm trading my pain	That His joy's gonna be my strength
I'm laying them down	Though the sorrow may last for the night
For the joy of the Lord	His joy comes with the morning
<b>Vamp</b>	<b>Interlude</b>
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord	Lai
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord	Lai
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen	Lai

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest...  
...Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Psalm: Psalm 15** Read Responsively by Worship Asst. and All (in Bold)

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup> **Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;**  
<sup>3</sup> who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends  
 nor heap shame upon their neighbors;  
<sup>4</sup> **in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD;**  
**who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**  
<sup>5</sup> who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
 Those who do these things shall never be moved.

**Second Reading: Colossians** Read by Worship Asst.

*This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.*

<sup>15</sup>[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;<sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—<sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

#### **GOSPEL - LUKE 10: 38-42 BY PASTOR JANICE**

*During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.*

<sup>38</sup>Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Word of God! **Word of Life!**

#### **SERMON MESSAGE for Summer - First, Gathering with the Kids**

**SUMMER – PART 2: With the diversity of Cultural Challenges and Gifts, what actions does God expect from people of God?**

***STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN!    Silence for reflection follows the sermon.***

#### **SONG Following the Message - *Open the Eyes of My Heart***

**CCLI Song # 2298355    CCLI License # 1787498**

<b>Chorus</b> Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You I want to see You <b>Verse</b> To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy	<b>Bridge</b> Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You
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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Read by the Worship Asst.

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*LED BY THE WORSHIP ASST. OVER THE 5 PETITIONS WITH SILENCE AFTER EACH ONE, YOU CAN OFFER YOUR PRAYERS **SILENTLY TO GOD**:*

- **CHURCH & THIS COMMUNITY**- Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you...  
*moment of silence for your prayers*
- **CREATION**- Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures ...  
*followed by silence for your prayers*
- **JUSTICE ISSUES**- Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples... *moment of silence for your prayers*
- **THOSE WHO NEED ADDITIONAL PRAYERS**- Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers. Today we pray for...

**Dot Bangert,**

**Keith DeCamp,**

**Myron Holm,**

**Marian Newport,**

**Adam Jackson,**

**Leah Leimbach**

**Betty Kent,**

**Preben Christensen,**

**Sionie Elavsky,**

**Scottie Larsen (out of hospital),**

**Roger (Lola's Nosker's son-in-law hospitalized with serious infection),**

**Mark Unland (recovering from Covid -moving to rehab for physical therapy),**

**Vera Bannen (out of rehab),**

**Jennifer (relief of anxiety),**

**Emma (chemotherapy for breast cancer),**

**Blessings for James Shaw & Greta Moore (who will be married on Sat. July 16th at Holy Cross),**

**Debi (out of surgery and feeling ok, waiting for biopsy report this week, Jayne and Clint's niece),**

**Holy Cross Youth Mission Trip to Duluth, MN & The Service Projects,**

**The family of Flo Seager (passed away from ALS, friend of Renate Hawn),**

**The family of Eugene Beier (passed away 7/1, Heidi Rechek's uncle),  
Those that have tested positive for Covid,  
Prayers of peace for the people in Ukraine and surrounding areas.**

*SEE LIST ON SCREEN NAMES & moment of silence*

- In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire this Holy Cross worshiping community to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of Church and Bible study leaders.

*Pastor: Other intercessions through Text-In-Church to the Pastor at 314.329.0487*

- **FUTURE- Pastor:** In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table. Gather us with them in your eternal glory. And God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

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

#### **OFFERING**

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

- *E-giving pledge through Vanco online*
- *Send your check directly to Holy Cross at 13014 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur, MO 63141*
- *Go to our Website & hit "DONATE NOW" <http://www.holycrosselca.com/site/cs/links.asp>*
  - *NOTE – FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN "FEED THE NEED" IS AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE DONATION NOW.*

*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*

#### **OFFERING SONG – *Instrumental***

#### **OFFERING PRAYER** Led by Worship Asst.

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

#### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying:  
Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promises you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,  
granting them life and calling them to flourish...  
Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old,  
and calling them to be a blessing to others...

Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved,  
grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love

**[Please Hold Up Your Communion Elements / Fellowship Cups]**

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.

With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus,  
in your Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

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

**COMMUNION** *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. *The ministers communes after others commune.*

*Blessing is given to those not communing today. (+)*

**COMMUNION SONG** *By His Wounds* CCLI Song # 4926560 CCLI License # 1787498

Chorus	Verse
He was pierced for our transgressions He was crushed for our sins The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him And by His wounds by His wounds We are healed	We are healed by Your sacrifice In the life that You gave We are healed for You paid the price By Your grace we are saved We are saved

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Led by the Worship Asst.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

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

**BLESSING** *The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing*

The God of peace, Father, <sup>☩</sup> Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING HYMN** *Sending - Love The Lord* CCLI Song # 4572938 CCLI License # 1787498

<b>Verse 1</b> Love the Lord your God with all your heart With all your soul with all your mind And with all your strength <b>(REPEAT)</b> <b>Chorus 1</b> With all your heart with all your soul With all your mind with all your strength Love the Lord your God with all your heart With all your soul with all your mind And with all your strength <b>Verse 2</b> I will serve the Lord With all my heart with all my soul With all my mind and with all my strength <b>(REPEAT)</b>	<b>Chorus 2</b> With all my heart with all my soul With all my mind with all my strength I will serve the Lord with all my heart With all my soul with all my mind And with all my strength <b>Bridge</b> I will love You (I will love You) I will praise You (I will praise You) I will serve You (I will serve You) I will trust You Lord (I will trust You) <b>Chorus 3</b> With all my heart with all my soul With all my mind with all my strength <b>(REPEAT)</b> I will love You Lord with all my heart With all my soul with all my mind And with all my strength
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**WE ARE GRATEFUL!**

**Worship Assistants: Early-Michael Prange/Late-**

**Singer: Megan**

**Organist: Jack Hamill**

**Praise Band: Dave Reinking, Brandon Clay, Marty Little, Jason Cooper, and Matt Davis**

**AV/Camera Volunteers/Media Shout: Donovan Lucas, Philip Paul, Dave Ristau, Jane Ristau, Marcus Benson, Carrie Curnutte**

**Deacons: Early - John Hanson/Late - Donna Jackson**

**Ushers: Early- Bob & Dee Morin/Late-Karen Sparks**

**Flowers:**