

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH –ELCA

10 AM Worship Traditional

(One Service Holiday Worship)

Sunday, July 3, 2022

4th Sunday after Pentecost

ACS Holy Communion Setting 12

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"Text in Church" # 314.329.0487  
- lifted during Prayer Time*

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### GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together  
as the people of God

Meditation Music – *Weeping Willow Rag* by Scott Joplin (Public Domain)

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *American Meditation* arr by Bob Burroughs

### CONFESS AND FORGIVENESS *All may make the sign of the cross.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>+</sup> one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of <sup>+</sup> Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG - ELW # 660 *Lift High The Cross* One License #01923**  
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**Lift High the Cross**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till  
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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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.**

**SONG OF PRAISE All Earth Is Hopeful: *Toda la tierra* (ELW 266 – VERSES 1 & 4)**  
**One License #50-0951**

**All Earth Is Hopeful**  
*Toda la tierra*

new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
   
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our
   
mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
   
la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
   
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
   
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
   
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our
   
I-3 4
   
cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver-dad. dar-nos li-ber-tad.
   
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
   
stores hope and cour-age to chil - dren of this earth.
   
clear ev - 'ry gate-way, in haste, come out in haste!
   
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.
 

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Psalm: Psalm 66:1-9** Read Responsively by Worship Asst. and All (in Bold)

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

<sup>2</sup> **sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> **All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.” Selah**

<sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

<sup>6</sup> **He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.**

**There we rejoiced in him,**

<sup>7</sup> who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—  
let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah*

<sup>8</sup> **Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,**

<sup>9</sup> who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

**Second Reading: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16** Read by Worship Asst.

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in “the family of faith.”*

<sup>1</sup> My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor’s work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

## READING 2 KINGS 5: 1-14 BY PASTOR JANICE

*Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride.*

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. <sup>5</sup>And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. <sup>6</sup>He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

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

**Part 1: Does God ever intervene in Earthly events? "Super-sized or Right sized?"**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**CREED (ELW p. 104) *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.

**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.*

Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for all who accompany your people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of climate scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving. Today we especially pray for...

**Dot Bangert,**

**Keith DeCamp,**

**Myron Holm,**

**Marian Newport,**

**Adam Jackson,**

**Leah Leimbach**

**Betty Kent,**

**Preben Christensen,**

**Sionie Elavsky,**

**Paul Craig** (last days of life, father of Lori Reinking, daughter-in-law of Dave Reinking)

**Vera Bannen** (pain management),

**Diana**

**Renate Hawn's brother Achim** (reoccurring health issues),

**Linda** (paralyzed vocal chords for last 3 months, sister-in-law of Cathy Mosher),

**The birth of baby Peter** (Pastor and Dennis Hawley's 6th grandchild),

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

**Mark Unland** (has covid in Mercy hospital),

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

**Jayne Kasten** (right eye cataract surgery),

**Prayers of peace for the people in Ukraine and surrounding areas.**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other Prayer Requests may be offered through Text-in-Church to the Pastor at  
**314.329.0487***

*Pastor:* We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you. Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. O 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.**

**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. The assembly is seated.*

**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*

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- *Go to our Website & hit "DONATE NOW" <http://www.holycrosselca.com/site/cs/links.asp>*

*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** *Sarabande Land of Rest* arr by Gerald Near

**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.**

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

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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ACS p. 37)

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

By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,  
granting them life and calling them to flourish,  
setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness.  
Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old,  
blessing them with family outnumbering the stars  
and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation  
and calling them to be a light to the nations.  
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 this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless us to be a blessing.  
Make us a sign of your faithfulness.  
Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.

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, 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**

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 ELW # 482 *I Come with Joy* One License #00455

I Come with Joy

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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**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.**

**SENDING HYMN *We are All One in Mission* ELW # 756 Once License #40322**

**We All Are One in Mission**



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris-ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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**DISMISSAL** Led by Worship Asst.

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

**POSTLUDE *The Star-Spangled Banner* from *Go Out with Joy Volume 2***

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