

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH –ELCA
8:30 AM CST Traditional Worship
Sunday, October 2, 2022
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion Setting 4

Prayers Requests
Please Text-in-Church 314.329.0487 or
Email Carrie at Office@holycrosselca.com
Lifted during Prayer Time



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

Meditation Music *God of the Fertile Fields* (Italian Hymn) from *Joyful, Joyful, Six Festive Postludes for Organ* arr. by Albert L. Travis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP in the SEASON OF CREATION

O God, you have claimed us in baptism through the waters of Creation:

We join the Atlantic and Pacific, the Great Lakes, and Creve Coeur Lake in giving you thanks and praise.

O God, you have called us to live in unity and love with our neighbors:

We join in worship with all creatures that walk, crawl, slither, fly, or swim.

O God, you nourish the earth with water and snow, and till the soil with frost and thaw:

We come before you to be cultivated by your Word.

O God, the planets and solar systems and galaxies belong to you:

We come before you with great humility, amazed that you are even mindful of us. AMEN!

PRELUDE *Episode on The Reign of God Like Farmer's Field* (Dunlap's Creek)

from Pipes of Praise, Joyous Music for Organ arr. by David Paxton

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forms the Earth, redeems all Creation, and sustains life.

Amen. Let us confess our brokenness and sin as we admit the ways we have failed to love God's good Creation. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Restoring God,

We confess that we have sent our plastic and chemical waste into the waters.

We have caused so many species to become endangered or extinct.

Our choices have caused storms to increase in severity and weather patterns to become unstable.

We exploit the cosmos for our own gain.

We despair at what we have done or left undone and yet feel helpless.

Save us from ourselves! Forgive us and renew us, loving God.

Reveal to us your love for every creature. Inspire us to protect your bountiful Creation. Amen.

By the grace of Jesus Christ, God forgives you of your sin [†] and you are made whole. Freed from your burden of despair, be led by the Spirit to do God's restorative work in the world. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

ELW # 787 *On Eagle's Wings*

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On Eagle's Wings

Leader or All

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,
say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain
All
And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All
2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-i-ne will bring you no
fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All
3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by
day; though thou-sands fall a-bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All
4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to
guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-against a stone.

Final refrain
All
And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

God our Creator and Provider, you feed the birds of the air and clothe the flowers of the field. Show us how we interfere with natural habitats and the good they provide for all Creation. Refocus our efforts to better partner with your restoring ways. Bless animal habitats and nature preserves so that they may continue to provide for all in the interwoven web of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

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

1ST READING Job 39:1-8, 26-30 Read by the Worship Asst.

¹"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer?
²Can you number the months that they fulfill, and do you know the time when they give birth,
³when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young?
⁴Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.
⁵"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
⁶to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling place?
⁷It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
⁸It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.
²⁶"Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars, and spreads its wings toward the south?
²⁷Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up and makes its nest on high?
²⁸It lives on the rock and makes its home in the fastness of the rocky crag.
²⁹From there it spies the prey; its eyes see it from far away.
³⁰Its young ones suck up blood; and where the slain are, there it is."

PSALM 104:14-23 Read Responsively by Worship Asst. and ALL [in BOLD]

¹⁴You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth,
¹⁵and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.
¹⁶The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
¹⁷In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.
¹⁸The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.
¹⁹You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.
²⁰You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.
²¹The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.
²²When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.
²³People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.

Here ends the 2nd Reading! **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel – Luke 12:22-31 Read by Pastor

²²He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Word of God! **Word of Life!**

SERMON MESSAGES on THE SEASON of CREATION - First, Gathering with the Kids

(Have your picture of your pet to be BLESSED at this time!)

Animal Sunday *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

SONG FOLLOWING MESSAGE ACS # 1068 *The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe* One License #99094
(see page 10)

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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.

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For parts of the environment ravaged by natural disaster, such as the Hurricane Ian, relieve those who are also affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, and tornadoes.

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

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people and of all Creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For people and creatures harmed by violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick or in need of your awesome healing, today we pray for...

Keith DeCamp,

Marian Newport,

Adam Jackson,

Leah Leimbach.

Betty Kent,

Preben Christensen,

Sionie Elavsky,

Lois Ristau,

Merry Franklin,

Larry Dennison,

Christina & Scotty Larsen (safe travel to Colorado),

Dustin & Sarah Larsen (Blessings on their wedding in Estes Park),

Marilyn (suffering from Dementia, friend of Pastor Janice),

Zoey Crutcher (1st Communion last Sunday),

Paul (healing leg from motorcycle accident, brother of Susie Garrett),

Jay (recovering from surgery on colon cancer, nephew of Susie Garrett),

Dee Morin's father (he had a small stroke and just went home from the hospital on Sunday)

Prayers for John Thomas & his family on the loss of John's father, Robert S. Thomas,

Those that have tested positive for Covid,

Prayers for the people of Ukraine and the region.

Those Entering the new CONNECTING Class of Holy Cross:

Jill Gehner

Kyle Koblas

Lisa Sandberg and son, Louis Holbeck

Ginger & Gary Prellwitz

moment of silence

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

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within Creation, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your redeeming love.

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

• ***Other intercessions may be offered today through email or Text-in-Church by Pastor***

Pastor: In thanksgiving that you have entrusted us as Caretakers of Your Creation; given assurance that You abolished death; and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with you.

So gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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

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- *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>*

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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (Olivet) from

Hymns of the Faith, A Collection for Organ arr. by Robert Lau

OFFERING PRAYER Led by Worship Asst.

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for all of Creation's needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need, including the Creatures and Mother Earth; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 orders the cosmos, sets the waters' boundaries, gives the breath of life to all creatures great and small, and empowers storms to wash over and renew the Earth.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, Your throne is centered in all of Creation, the very source of all life, and from which comes all restoration.

Blessed are You for the mysteries of the cosmos and the wonder it inspires.

Blessed are You for the diversity of life and the joy it offers as we consider our place alongside all animals with whom we share our ecosphere.

Blessed are You for all sources of water and the thrill they provide as we celebrate our dependence on water for work, play, and quenching our daily thirst.

Blessed are You for the fascination of storms and the power they display. We fathom our reliance on weather that bring cleansing and renewing gifts to the Earth.

Blessed are You for Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate, through whom all things have come into existence, and through whom all things will receive the new heaven and the new earth.

[PLEASE HOLD UP THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS FELLOWSHIP CUPS / HOME COMMUNION]

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 proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Almighty Provider, this meal reminds us that the consequence of sin is brokenness, yet in the resurrection of the Lamb, what was once broken is now being healed. Fill us with urgency to be agents of that healing. Unite us through the bread and cup we share, that trusting your redemptive work in all Creation, we may be better partners of renewal as we await our Lord's return.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of the Cosmos, breath of life, source of nature's power, one God, 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

The bread of the earth and the fruit of the vine strengthen you in God's Creation & Grace. Come and be renewed! **Amen.** *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 communie after others commune.*

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

COMMUNION SONG – ELW # 838 *Beautiful Savior* public domain

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Led by the Worship Asst.

Sovereign of the Universe, You set the parameters of the sea and renew the earth with light from the ages and rain from the heavens. In this meal of bread and wine, we are reminded of our place within Creation. We are merely one piece of a diverse landscape which you dream into existence every day. Send us now filled with Your goodness, striving for the better world You envision, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

BLESSING *The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing*

The LORD of all Creation: bless, keep, and strengthen you and all Creation, today, tomorrow, and always. In the name of the + Triune God. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN ELW # 824 *This Is My Father's World* One License #231272 (see page 11)

DISMISSAL *The Worship Assist sends* Go in peace. Care for Creation. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Italian Hymn* from *Organ Music for Pentecost, Ascension and Trinity*
arr. by Anna Laura Page

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Singer: Moira McCracken

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AV: David Ristau, Philip Paul,

Cameras: Donovan Lucas & Marcus Benson

Media Shout: Carrie Curnutte / Jane Ristau

Deacon: John Hanson / Kelly Caligiuri

Usher: Dee & Bob Morin / Cheryl Weiland

The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, 4/4 time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with three stanzas of three lines each. The first stanza starts with 'The earth a - dornd in ver - dant robe' and ends with 'prais - es'. The second stanza starts with 'From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its' and ends with 'up - ward surg - ing, while soft winds breathe on fra - grant'. The third stanza starts with 'O God, a - mid these joys of life, cre - a - tion's' and ends with 'song now rais - es, to join with all the u - ni -'. The fourth stanza starts with 'flow'rs from win - ter now e - merg - ing. The sun - shine' and ends with 'verse in voic - ing thank - ful prais - es. With hope and'. The fifth stanza starts with 'word and live in love re - deem - ing. All flesh is' and ends with 'bright gives warmth and light to bud - ding blos - soms ten -'. The sixth stanza starts with 'joy their songs em - ploy a rap - turous ex - ul - ta' and ends with 'grass, the flow - ers fade, and time is fleet - ing ev -'. The seventh stanza starts with 'der, pro - claim - ing sum - mer splen - dor.' and ends with 'tion in praise of God's cre - a - tion. er; God's word re - mains for - ev - er.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with rests and ties.

1 The earth a - dornd in ver - dant robe sends prais - es
 2 From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its
 3 O God, a - mid these joys of life, cre - a - tion's

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Text: Carl David af Wirsén, 1842–1912; tr. Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936, and Kenneth Jennings, 1925–2015

Music: SOMMARPSALM, Waldemar Åhlén, 1894–1982

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This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev - ry - where.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901
Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.