

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA
10 AM Worship Bulletin
Sunday, June 20, 2021
4th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight

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

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WELCOME FATHER’S DAY AND A DAY TO CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH!

(Some Worship Resources today are based on Juneteenth – a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. June 19, 1865 – 2 years after the Civil War ended, word traveled to Texas and Louisiana and many broke out in spontaneous celebration.)

PRELUDE *Faith of Our Fathers* from *Hymns of Faith, A Collection for Organ* arr. by Robert Lau

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,

The God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy! **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our Provider,

Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question Your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understand rather than trusting in You. Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and nourish us for life in this world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, “+” the Bread of Life, you are shown God’s mercy and forgiveness and loved into abundant life! **Amen.**

<p>Verse 1 Even though I walk through the valley Of the shadow of death Your perfect love is casting out fear And even when I'm caught in the middle Of the storms of this life I won't turn back I know You are near</p> <p>Pre-Chorus And I will fear no evil For my God is with me And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear Whom then shall I fear</p> <p>Chorus 1 Oh no You never let go Through the calm and through the storm Oh no You never let go In ev'ry high and ev'ry low Oh no You never let go Lord You never let go of me</p>	<p>Verse 2 And I can see a light that is coming For the heart that holds on A glorious light beyond all compare And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes We'll live to know You here on the earth</p> <p>Chorus 2 Oh no You never let go Through the calm and through the storm Oh no You never let go In ev'ry high and ev'ry low Oh no You never let go Lord You never let go of me You keep on runnin' and You never let go Singin'</p> <p>Bridge Yes I can see a light That is coming for the heart that holds on And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes Still I will praise You Still I will praise You (REPEAT)</p>
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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 - A LITANY ADAPTATION OF "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING" - 1

Celebration rises, up from the deep places,
finding voice in the light and air no longer denied.

Lift every voice and sing, sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Celebration rises, not blind to the suffering, not blind to the sorrow.
Celebration comes at a cost.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed.

Celebration rises, remembering the way we have come, the paths taken that have brought us here now to this place and time of celebration. Celebration rises, up and up, full of remembering.

Remembering the ones led to freedom by Harriet and by other leaders who helped those seeking freedom;
Remembering lives and freedom stolen

[Silence while names may be spoken by the Congregation]

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come treading our path through the blood of those who died, out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Celebration rises, recognizing what has been done and left undone, knowing there is still and yet much to do, so much further to go. Celebration rises, naming the victories, recognizing the challenges yet ahead. Celebration rises on voices offering unfinished praise.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God where we met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget thee;

Celebration rises, resisting illusions, to be embraced by the real and abiding presence of God who breaks our chains, and sets us free for freedom, in power and love and joy.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears thou who hast brought us thus far on our way; thou who has by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Celebration rises, with the power of healing wings and promise to endure. Celebration rises, celebrating that by God's grace, I am because You are, You are because I am; Celebrating that the fullness of my humanity does not diminish yours and the fullness of your humanity does not diminish mine.

Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land. True to who we are, True to who we have been and who we are becoming, thanks be to God.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Holy and righteous God, you created all of us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

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

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Read responsively by Worship Asst. and ALL (Bold type)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³**Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters.**

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,
God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;

their souls melted away in their peril.
²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
 and all their skill was of no avail.
²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
 and you delivered them from their distress.
²⁹**You stilled the storm to a whisper
 and silenced the waves of the sea.**
³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm,
 when you guided them to the harbor they desired.
³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
 and your wonderful works for all people.**
³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
 in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

KIDS' MESSAGE

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,
 “At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
 and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way,
 so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in
 every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots,
 labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love,
⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;
⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as
 unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as
 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing
 everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our
 affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41 By Pastor

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE **Living with the ONE in Every Time and Every Place: "Breaking Church"**

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY **Your Love Defends Me** CCLI Song # 7064861 CCLI License # 1787498

Verse 1 You are my joy You are my song You are the well the One I'm drawing from You are my refuge my whole life long Where else would I go Chorus Surely my God is the strength of my soul Your love defends me Your love defends me And when I feel like I'm all alone Your love defends me Your love defends me Verse 2 Day after day night after night I will remember You're with me in this fight Although the battle it rages on The war's already won I know the war is already won	Repeat Chorus Bridge We sing hallelujah You're my portion my salvation Hallelujah Ending We sing hallelujah You're my portion my salvation Hallelujah You're my portion my salvation Hallelujah You're my portion my salvation
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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.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression and for those whose hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Liberate us from the broken systems that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our Leaders and Council (Frank, David, Kevin, Donovan, Kira, Donna, Ryan, John, Renate, Penny, and Greg). Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted. We also pray for our siblings in need this day:

Sionie Elavsky,
Keith DeCamp,
Myron Holm
Adam Jackson,
Betty Kent,
Wayne Mosher (cardiac issues),
Leah Leimbach,
Alvin Leimbach (surgery went very well),
Lloyd Campbell (lung cancer),
Pastor Greg Eidell (migraine issues),
Carl Quicksall (friend of David Haas, is battling Stage 4 Lung Cancer),
Geoff Semon (suffering personal problems, son of Keith and Helen Krull),
Steve Kuhlman (back home and recovering),
Diana (suffering with cancer),

Marylyn (broken wrist, friend of the Pastor and Dennis),
Jeanine Emch (hip replacement surgery),
Joanne Way & Husband (Allen is recovering from a fall),
John Parolo (infectious skin disease),
Liz Peronto (Mary Drew's sister and Moira McCracken's Aunt – cancer surgery),
Preben Christensen,
Elaine (terminal cancer, friend & mother of Renate Hawn's stepdaughters),
Judy Koprowski (friend to Janice Haas),
Janice & Scott (friend to Janice Haas),
Dot Bangert,
Jayne Kasten,
Eva, Joyce & Margaret (upcoming surgeries, friends of Jayne Kasten),
Nathan Winkler (David Winkler's bother, broken ribs),
Prayers of Thanksgiving to Jill & Robbie Gross on the birth of their daughter Elsie James Gross.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered by the Pastor through Text-in-Church.

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

PEACE *The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

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*

- *E-giving pledge through Vanco OR mobile App called GIVEPLUS+ is available from your mobile store 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>*

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.

<p>Verse 1 There's a peace I've come to know Though my heart and flesh may fail There's an anchor for my soul I can say it is well Pre-Chorus Jesus has overcome And the grave is overwhelmed The victory is won He is risen from the dead Chorus (And) I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow no more pain I will rise on eagle's wings Before my God fall on my knees And rise I will rise (I will rise)</p>	<p>Verse 2 There's a day that's drawing near When this darkness breaks to light And the shadows disappear And my faith shall be my eyes Bridge And I hear the voice of many angels sing Worthy is the Lamb And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart Worthy is the Lamb (REPEAT) Worthy is the Lamb</p>
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PRAYER (ELW p. 190) *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

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

We give thanks at all times and in all places
Praising 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.

[Home Communion / Communing in the Pews – Please hold up your Elements]

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER *The presiding minister may introduce the 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

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. COME!

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 commune after others commune.*

Blessings are done for others + who choose not to commune today.

COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL *This Is My Father's World* from *Be Thou My Vision*,
Five Hymn arrangements for Organ
by Mark Thewes

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *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 - JOIN US FOR THE RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS WORSHIP SERVICE

SENDING CHARGE

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good and of God; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faith hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people: LOVE and SERVE the LORD, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!"

SENDING SONG *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* (ELW 763) - Next Page →

DISMISSAL (ELW p. 192) *The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *The Lord Is My Light* from *Declare His Glory, Organ Reflections on Favorite Psalms*
by Mary McDonald

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WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Worship Assistants: Renate Hawn

Singers: Linda Tyahla, Moira McCracken, Chris Syrup

Organist: Jack Hamill

Praise Band: Marty Little, Paul Niehaus, Jason Cooper & Brandon Clay

AV/Camera: Patrick Goertzen, Donovan Lucas, David Ristau, Philip Paul & Marcus Benson

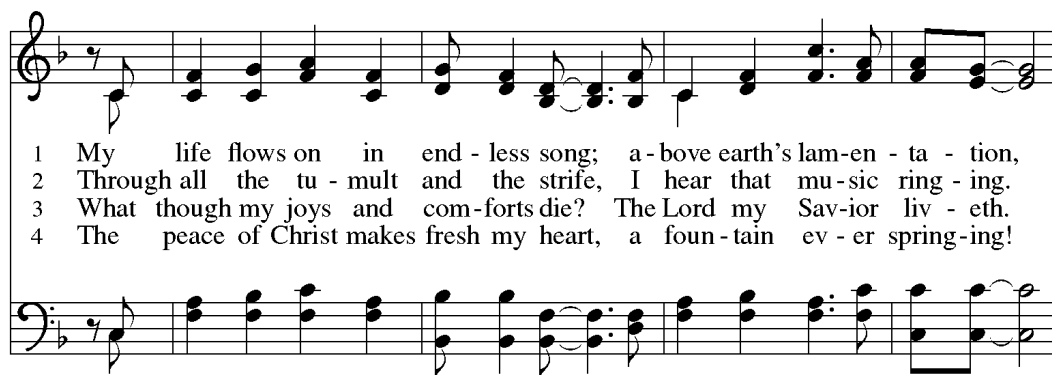
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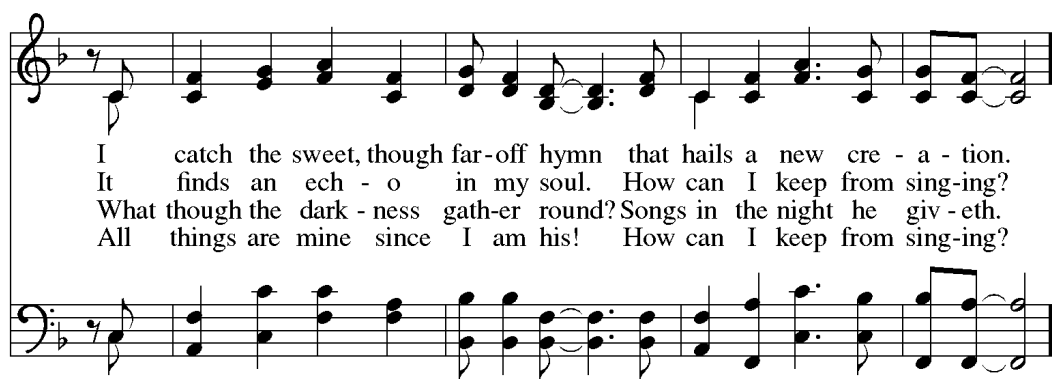
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My Life Flows On in Endless Song

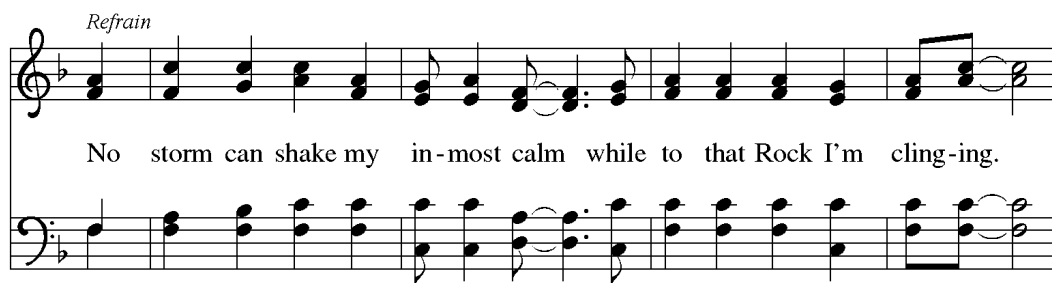


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.