

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA



11 AM Worship Bulletin for Sun, Oct 18, 2020

20th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion

*Prior to Worship, please text Prayers to "Text in Church" # 314.329.0487
& Pastor will lift them in Prayers of the People today*

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

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

Pastor: He is the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Just as God's work of creation never ends,
so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.
Let us give thanks for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: For water to bathe in, water to drink,
For waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,
For water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life!

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: For the water from our tap, for rain and snow,
For the mighty Mississippi, Missouri, and Meramec Rivers,
For Creve Coeur Lake and the ponds and waters that are nearby.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place!

We give you thanks, O God, for Your Salvation through water: For delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, Leading Your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
For preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,
For guiding Your people across the Jordan into a new land,
For quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

We give you thanks, O God, for Your Salvation through water!

We give you thanks, O God, for the life of all the baptized,
and for all who are gathered together this day:
For Godparents and Baptismal Sponsors, for children and grandchildren,
For our siblings in Christ whom we have not yet met but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks, O God, for the life of all the baptized!

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
For our entry into Jesus' life, death, and resurrection through these waters,
For our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
For our calling to be Your People sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever! Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*

Chorus Lord listen to Your children praying
Lord send Your Spirit in this place
Lord listen to Your children praying
Send us love send us pow'r send us grace

Verse 1 Something's gonna happen
Like the world has never known
When the people of the Lord get down to pray
A door's gonna swing open
And the walls come a-tumbling down
When the people of the Lord get down to pray

Verse 2 He's gonna take over
He's gonna take control
When the people of the Lord get down to pray
He's gonna move the mountain
He's gonna make the waters roll
When the people of the Lord get down to pray

Verse 3 You're gonna know it
When the Lord stretches out His hand
And the people of the Lord get down to pray
There's gonna be a brand new song
Of vict'ry in this land
When the people of the Lord get down to pray

CCLI Song # 22829

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7 - Read by Worship Asst.

A reading from Isaiah.

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you

and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-13 - - Read by Worship Asst. and ALL (respond with Bolded Words)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**
¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 - Read by Worship Asst.

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

KIDS' MESSAGE - The BALANCING ACT

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 34-46 Read by Pastor

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? ³⁷He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he? They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet" '?

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Balance: Social & Economic Justice

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted steward. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt (*especially*,
Kelly, Renate Hawn, Jeremy, brain injury after traumatic accident, Jackie, Marilyn, Keith, Luanne, Myron and Patsy, Adam, Betty, Leah, Wayne and Cathy, Mark, Marcy, Dennis McCracken, Brenda Melson, Nancy, Jim Napier, Rose, Sandy, Bob Stone, Joanne, & Tara

We give God thanks and praise for:

Jack Hamill & Paul Niehaus

Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials,
and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered by Pastor through emails / TEXT-in-CHURCH.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for
their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord. **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, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING *Please 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 SONG - Our God

Verse 1 **Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You**

Verse 2 **Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You**

Chorus **Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God**

Bridge **And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
(Then) what could stand against**

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MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 (ELW p. 207)

The presiding minister continues:

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.

[Hold up your Fellowship Cup / Bread & Wine / Grape juice for the Words of Institution]

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

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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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.

**+ - Blessing of those who are not receiving Communion today,
yet are part of the COMMUNITY of the Body of CHRIST!**

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *All Who are Thirsty*

Verse **All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)**

Chorus 1 **Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
(REPEAT)**

Chorus 2 **Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
(REPEAT)**

Interlude **As deep cries out to
deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep we
sing**

CCLI Song # 2489542

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

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Tend God's Creation and All Created! **Thanks be to God!**

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Guest Organist – Johanna Erdman Flowers given In Memory of Burn & Betty Gross by the Tyahla Family

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We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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