

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Worship Bulletin for Sunday, Aug 2, 2020
11 AM
9th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion

*Prior to Worship, please text Prayers
into Holy Cross' "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
& INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBER – MARCUS BENSON

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism...

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
Whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**
Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*
Reconciling God,
**We confess that we do not trust Your abundance,
And we deny Your presence in our lives.
We more likely place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that You provide enough for all.
We damage your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear the differences in others and do not welcome,
as You have welcomed us.
We sin, take advantage of others without recognizing it,
and treat others by our own biases
without hearing their stories.
By Your Grace, forgive us; and in your Spirit, lead us;
So that we may live and serve you and others in newness of life. AMEN!**

Beloved People of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy from God,
we have peace with God through (+) Christ Jesus, through whom we have
received grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven. Let us now live in HOPE.

For HOPE does not disappoint,
because God's Love has been poured into our hearts through the HOLY SPIRIT! **Amen.**

OPENING SONG – *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*

Verse 1

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2

I was lost in utter darkness
'Til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when
Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song
Now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me
And I'll never be alone

Chorus

Come Thou Fount come Thou King
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride to You we sing
Come Thou Fount of our blessing
Come Thou Fount come Thou King
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride to You we sing
Come Thou Fount of our blessing

Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee

Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

CCLI Song # 4775010

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before Pastor free floats the prayer.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with the love of others in this world; so that others see Your Truth through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

FIRST READING - Genesis 32:22-31 (Read by Marcus Benson)

A reading from Genesis.

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM - Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (Worship Asst. and Pastor read responsively by ½ verse)

¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;

listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

²Let my vindication come forth from your presence;

let your eyes be fixed on justice.

³Examine my heart, visit me by night,

melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

⁴I have not regarded what others do;

at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

⁵My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.

⁶I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

⁷Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

¹⁵But at my vindication I shall see your face;

when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

KIDS' MESSAGE – Story Time with the Gospel - Matthew 14:13-21 (Read by the Worship Asst.)

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John the Baptist, his cousin], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

SERMON - All-In GRACE

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

CREED (ELW p. 206) *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

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind, especially **Marilyn, Vera, Keith, Luanne, Jean, Merry, Adam, Kelly, Betty, Leah, Ryan, Pat, Amanda and Zak, Fred, Alison, Barbara, Bob, Jason, Jo Ann, Kurt, Laverne, Marilyn, Roger, William, Nancy, Rhonda, Sandy, and Tanya.** Lord,

in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give Holy Cross Lutheran Church such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered by Pastor from Text Messages.

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through 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.

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*

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.

OFFERING SONG – We Fall Down

Verse

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

CCLI Song # 2437367

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads prayer.

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister continues a free float prayer.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

[PLEASE LIFT UP YOUR HOME COMMUNION BREAD & CUP OR FELLOWSHIP CUP]

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.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the home communion.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)

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.*

COMMUNION SONG – Carried to the Table

Verse 1

Wounded and forsaken
I was shattered by the fall
Broken and forgotten
Feeling lost and all alone
Summoned by the King
Into the Master's courts
Lifted by the Savior
And cradled in His arms

Chorus 1

I was carried to the table
Seated where I don't belong
Carried to the table
Swept away by His love
And I don't see my brokenness anymore
When I'm seated at the table of the Lord
I'm carried to the table
The table of the Lord

Verse 2

Fighting thoughts of fear
Wond'ring why He called my name
Am I good enough to share this cup
This world has left me lame
Even in my weakness
The Savior called my name
In His holy presence
I'm healed and unashamed

Chorus 2

(As) I'm carried to the table
Seated where I don't belong
Carried to the table
Swept away by His love
And I don't see my brokenness anymore
When I'm seated at the table of the Lord
I'm carried to the table
The table of the Lord

Ending

You carried me my God
You carried me
You carried me my God
You carried me
(REPEAT)

CCLI Song # 4681678

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *The assisting minister leads prayer.*

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG – *This Is Amazing Grace* (See next page)

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*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Melissa Sims
in celebration of her mother's and her aunt's birthdays.*



Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

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