



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

10 AM - ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

*Please email your Prayers Requests to
Carrie at Office@holycrosselca.com*

lifted during Prayer Time the following week

**Note for Next Week: Announcements will be scrolling on
screen – tune in early!**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - Council President, David Winkler

GREETING by PMA Bud Niebling 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.

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS *All may make the sign of the cross.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger 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 \ddagger Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. Amen.

OPENING SONG by the Praise Band: *I Will Offer Up My Life* (see page 2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help,

that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you,

we may glorify your holy name;

and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

I Will Offer Up My Life

Verse 1

I will offer up my life
In spirit and truth
Pouring out the oil of love
As my worship to You
In surrender I must give
My ev'ry part
Lord receive the sacrifice
Of a broken heart

Chorus

Jesus what can I give
What can I bring
To so faithful a friend
To so loving a King
Savior what can be said
What can be sung
As a praise of Your name
For the things You have done
Oh my words could not tell
Not even in part
Of the debt of love
That is owed by this
Thankful heart

Verse 2

You deserve my every breath
For You've paid the great cost
Giving up Your life to death
Even death on a cross
You took all my shame away
There defeated my sin
Opened up the gates of heaven
And have beckoned me in

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Marvelous Light

Chorus

Into marvelous light I'm running
Out of darkness out of shame
Through the cross You are the truth
You are the life You are the way

Verse 1

I once was fatherless
A stranger with no hope
Your kindness wakened me
Wakened me from my sleep now
Your love it beckons deeply
A call to come and die
By grace now I will come
And take this life take Your life

Pre-Chorus

Sin has lost its power
Death has lost its sting
From the grave You've risen
Victoriously

Verse 2

My dead heart now is beating
My deepest stains now clean
Your breath fills up my lungs
Now I'm free now I'm free
My dead heart now is beating
My deepest stains now clean
Your breath fills up my lungs
Now I'm free now I'm free

Spoken Words

There's no more shame
No more shame
And now we show the world
Christ in you

Bridge

Lift my hands and spin around
See the light that I have found
Oh the marvelous light marvelous light
(It's Christ in you)

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

SCRIPTURES: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20 Read by Worship Asst.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33 Read by Pastor Janice

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

MESSAGE *YOUR LIFE SPEAKS! (Recorded Message by Pastor Janice) WHAT AM I CHOOSING TO BE?*

SONG OF THE DAY *Marvelous Light* (See page 2)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Read by the Worship Asst.

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence. LED BY THE WORSHIP ASST. OVER THE 5 PETITIONS WITH SILENCE AFTER EACH ONE, YOU CAN OFFER YOUR PRAYERS SILENTLY TO GOD:

- **CHURCH & THIS COMMUNITY**- For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward ... moment of silence for your prayers
- **CREATION**- For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts ... followed by silence for your prayers
- **JUSTICE ISSUES**- For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs... moment of silence for your prayers
- **THOSE WHO NEED ADDITIONAL PRAYERS**- For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving.

Today we pray for...

Keith DeCamp,
Marian Newport,
Adam Jackson,
Leah Leimbach.

Betty Kent,
Preben Christensen,
Sionie Elavsky,
Jane Ristau,
Merry Franklin,

Peachie Prange (recovering from surgery on broken wrist),

Michelle (resolution for family issues),

Those that have tested positive for Covid:

Claudia Uccello (friend of Sandy Kalin),

Pastor Janice & Dennis,

Larry Dennison (suffered a serious fall while in Canada and had to have emergency hip replacement surgery),

Prayers for the family of Myron Holm,

Prayers for the family of Dot Bangert,

Prayers for Dave Reinking's family for the loss of Dave's mother,

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

For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table.

Other intercessions may be offered today through email or requests through Bud

Bud: For all the saints who confessed God's name, we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Receive these prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. 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*

- E-giving pledge through Vanco 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>*
- NOTE – FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN "FEED THE NEED" IS AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE DONATION NOW.*

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 Instrumental

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.
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.
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.
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 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

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 in Continuous Communion line – both the PMA Bud and the Asst. masks and comes down on the front – same level as the pews, the communion minister says '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 *Change My Heart, Oh God*

<i>Change My Heart, Oh God</i>	Verse
Chorus Change my heart oh God Make it ever true Change my heart oh God May I be like You	You are the potter I am the clay Mold me and make me This is what I pray CCLI Song # 1565 CCLI License # 1787498

PRAAYER 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, [†] Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. Amen.

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

SENDING SONG Jesus

Jesus	Bridge
Verse 1	Messiah
There is a truth older than the ages	My Savior
There is a promise of things yet to come	There is power in Your name
There is One born for our salvation	You're my rock and my Redeemer
Jesus	There is power in Your name
There is a light that overwhelms the darkness	In Your name
There is a kingdom that forever reigns	Chorus 2
There is freedom from the chains that bind us	You walk on the waters
Jesus	You speak to the sea
Jesus	You stand in the fire beside me
Chorus 1	You roar like a lion
Who walks on the waters	You bled as the Lamb
Who speaks to the sea	You carry my healing in Your hands
Who stands in the fire beside me	God
He roars like a lion	Ending
He bled as the Lamb	Jesus
He carries my healing in His hands	There is no one like You
Jesus	Jesus
Verse 2	There is no one like You
There is a name I call in times of trouble	CCLI Song # 7067249
There is a song that comforts in the night	CCLI License # 1787498
There is a voice that calms the storm that	
rages	
He is Jesus Jesus	

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WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Worship Assistant: Penny Rudolph

Singers: Linda Tyahla

Praise Band: Dave Reinking, Brandon Clay, Marty Little, Jason Cooper, and Matt Davis

AV Volunteers: David Ristau, Philip Paul, Carrie Curnutte, Jane Ristau

Camera: Donovan Lucas & Marcus Benson

Deacon: Lola Nosker

Flowers: Jerry & Christine Doud in Honor of 50th Wedding Anniversary