



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH –

ELCA

10:30 AM CST Contemporary Worship

Sunday, August 14, 2022

10th Sunday after Pentecost

With Holy Communion

*Please email your Prayers Requests to
Carrie at Office@holycrosselca.com
lifted during Prayer Time the following
week*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS – Worship Asst.

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.**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, [☩] 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 [☩] Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

<p>Verse 1 Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name</p> <p>Verse 2 Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name</p> <p>Pre-Chorus Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say</p> <p>Chorus Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name</p>	<p>Verse 3 Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name</p> <p>Verse 4 Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name</p> <p>Bridge You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name</p>
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Psalm 82: Read Responsively by Worship Asst. and ALL [in BOLD]

¹ God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

² **“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah**

³ Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

⁴ **Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**

⁵ They have neither knowledge nor understanding;

they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ **I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;**

⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince.”

⁸ **Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2 Read by Worship Asst.

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance. The faith of the Hebrew people, a great cloud of witnesses!

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL - LUKE 12: 49 – 56 *Jesus brings fire on earth and has a baptism with which to be baptized* Read by Rev. Bill

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?” Word of God! **Word of Life!**

SERMON MESSAGES for Summer - First, Gathering with the Kids
"The BLESSING of the BACKPACKS!"

SUMMER – PART 3: Given our history with ancestors who were 'Pillars of Faith' –

What can we learn from their trust in things not seen?

The Eyes of Faith – Retired Rev. Bill

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

My Hope Is In You CCLI Song # 6070957 CCLI License # 1787498

Verse 1 I meet with You and my soul sings out As Your word throws doubt far away I sing to You and my heart cries holy Hallelujah Father You're near Chorus 1 My hope is in You Lord all the day long I won't be shaken by drought or storm A peace that passes understanding is my song And I sing My hope is in You Lord Verse 2 I wait for You and my soul finds rest In my selfishness You show me grace I worship You and my heart cries glory Hallelujah Father You're here	Bridge I will wait on You You are my refuge (REPEAT 4X) Chorus 2 My hope is in You Lord all the day long I won't be shaken by drought or storm My hope is in You Lord all the day long I won't be shaken by drought or storm The peace that passes understanding is my song And I sing My hope is in You Lord My hope is in You Lord My hope is in You Lord
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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** O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners... *moment of silence for your prayers*
- **CREATION-** O God, sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit... *followed by silence for your prayers*
- **JUSTICE ISSUES-** O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression... *moment of silence for your prayers*

- **THOSE WHO NEED ADDITIONAL PRAYERS**- O God, sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination and all people discriminated against based on their ableness, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. We pray You sustain friends and family of Holy Cross. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep.

Today we pray for...

Dot Bangert,
Keith DeCamp,
Myron Holm (now in Rehab back at LaClede Groves),
Marian Newport,
Adam Jackson,
Leah Leimbach
Betty Kent,
Preben Christensen,
Sionie Elavsky,
Debbie(auto immune condition, Renate's friend),
Merry Franklin (hospitalized, facing possible surgery),
Prayers of Thanksgiving for Debi (Kasten's niece, whose tests now show 'no cancer'),
Steve Kuhlman (is home after being hospitalized for tests),
All ELCA Participants and Voting Members for Church-wide Assembly in Columbus, Ohio this week (pray for the Lord's discernment and work to live out God's Kingdom, safety and protection when traveling home),
The family of Tim and Linda Tyahla (Tim Tyahla's Mother and Aunt passed away and their Memorials Services & Burials are being held this weekend. Linda Tyahla's Aunt, Sue Townsend, passed last weekend.)
Those that have tested positive for Covid,
Prayers of peace for the people in Ukraine and surrounding areas.

SEE LIST ON SCREEN NAMES & moment of silence

You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing.

Other intercessions may be offered today through email or requests by Rev. Bill

Pastor Bill: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Receive the 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,
setting the sign of your bow in the clouds,
the colors of your love and faithfulness.

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
and calling them to be a blessing to others,
showing them steadfast love in every generation
and calling them to be a light to the nations.

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

COMMUNION SONG - *Refiner's Fire* CCLI Song # 426298 CCLI License # 1787498

Verse 1	Verse 2
Purify my heart Let me be as gold And precious silver Purify my heart Let me be as gold Pure gold Chorus Refiner's fire My heart's one desire Is to be holy Set apart for You Lord I choose to be holy Set apart for You my Master Ready to do Your will	Purify my heart Cleanse me from within And make me holy Purify my heart Cleanse me from my sin Deep within

PRAYER 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 *Awesome God* CCLI Song # 41099 CCLI License # 1787498

Chorus Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above With wisdom pow'r and love Our God is an awesome God Verse 1 When He rolls up His sleeves He ain't just puttin' on the ritz Our God is an awesome God There is thunder in His footsteps And lightning in His fists Our God is an awesome God And the Lord wasn't joking When He kicked 'em out of Eden It wasn't for no reason That He shed His blood His return is very close And so you'd better be believin' That our God is an awesome God	Verse 2 When the sky was starless In the void of the night Our God is an awesome God He spoke into the darkness And created the light Our God is an awesome God Judgment and wrath He poured out on Sodom Mercy and grace He gave us at the cross I hope that we have not Too quickly forgotten That our God is an awesome God
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WE ARE GRATEFUL!

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

AV/Camera Volunteers/Media Shout: Donovan Lucas, Philip Paul

Deacons: Early - John Hanson / Late- Donna Jackson

Usher: Early- Dee Morin & Bob Morin

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