



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA  
11 AM Worship Bulletin - January 24, 2021  
Third Sunday after Epiphany - ELW Holy Communion**

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

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

**WELCOME**

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

Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
whose forgiveness is sure  
and whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Together let us honestly and humbly confess  
that we have not lived as God desires. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Loving and forgiving God,

**we confess that we are held captive by sin.**

**In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger;  
we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another.**

**Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin.**

**Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

People of God, hear this glad news:

by God's endless grace - your sins are forgiven, and you are free—  
free from all that holds you back  
and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.

May you be strengthened in God's love,

† comforted by Christ's peace,

and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

<p>Verse 1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (REPEAT) Chorus Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all</p>	→	<p>Verse 2 When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil Interlude He is Lord Lord of all Verse 3 When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne</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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*  
Almighty God, by grace alone you call us.....

....Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

**FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10** Read by Worship Asst.

A reading from Jonah.

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 2 KINDS OF TIME**

**PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12** Read by Worship Asst. and **Pastor & All (Bold lines)**

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31** Read by Worship Asst.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20** Read by Pastor

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

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

<sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

**SERMON**

*Verse 1* You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

*Chorus (You are)* Way Maker  
Miracle Worker  
Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness  
my God that is who You are

*Verse 2* You are here touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You

*Verse 3* You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending ev'ry heart  
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

*Tag* That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are

*Bridge* Even when I don't see it You're  
working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working

**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.

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** LED BY THE WORSHIP ASST.

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief

**Sionie Elavsky** (determining source of her falls), **Yoko Yu** (Yelena Barnhart's great niece, has recovered from Covid), **Vika** (Yelena Barnhart's aunt, recovering at home on oxygen), **Keith DeCamp, Myron and Patsy Holm, Adam Jackson, Betty Kent, Al Leimbach, Vera Bannen** (heart monitoring), **Lois Ristau** (recovering from recent surgery), **Wayne Mosher** (home from rehab & cardiac issues), **Sandy Frueh** (recovering from surgery), **Dennis McCracken** (moved into Hospice care), **Tara** (Mary Bailey's daughter), **Merry Franklin** (for pain to lessen and to give thanks for her new dog Winston), **Terry** (the Pastor's friend who is quite ill after having a heart attack), **Scotty Larson** (2 vertebrae cracked from a fall, several months healing needed), **Marylyn** (at home recovering),

THOSE with COVID:

**Zach Bailey, Marini** (the Stone's daughter), **Kari Brangan and Diana, Todd & Kylie Jost, Kristee** (daughter of Clint & Jayne), **Sue** (Linda Tyahla's aunt)

, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered from Text in Church*

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE (ELW p. 143)**

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*

- *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.*

**OFFERTORY Hungry** CCLI Song # 2650364 CCLI License # 1787498

<p>Verse 1 Hungry I come to You for I know You satisfy I am empty but I know Your love does not run dry Pre-Chorus So I wait for You So I wait for You</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Chorus I'm falling on my knees Offering all of me Jesus You're all this heart is living for Verse 2 Broken I run to You for Your arms are open wide I am weary but I know Your touch restores my life</p>
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**OFFERING PRAYER** *After the table is set, the assisting minister leads.*

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

**[Home Communion / Fellowship Cups – PLEASE HOLD UP YOUR ELEMENTS...]**

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.  
Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.  
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **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**

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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. *The bread may be broken for the Home communion.*

#### **COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)**

*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 INSTRUMENTAL**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *The assisting minister leads*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ONE SUNDAY 10 AM WORSHIP ON 31<sup>ST</sup> / RECOGNITION OF THANKS TO JONATHAN SCHACK**

**BUDGET HEARING ON ZOOM AFTER WORSHIP 11:30 AM**

**BLESSING**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING SONG *You Never Let Go***

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<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 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 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 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' 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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**WE ARE GRATEFUL!**

**Worship Assistant** Greg Miller

**PRAISE BAND Singers** – Moira McCracken & Jonathan Schack

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

**AV/Camera Volunteers** Donovan Lucas, Patrick Goertzen, Kylie Jost, David Ristau, Philip Paul, & Marcus Benson

**Flowers:** Yelena Barnhart - In celebration of Frank's Birthday