



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA
SPirit-LED, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN
10:30 AM CT Contemporary Worship
Sunday, April 14th, 2024
Third Sunday of EASTER
With Holy Communion
Prayers Requests Please Text-in-Church
314.329.0487 or Email Office@holycrosselca.com



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

MEDITATION MUSIC *Come and See*

<p>Verse 1 Behold the Author of our salvation Behold the wonder of grace so free Behold the blessing of true forgiveness at Calvary</p> <p>Verse 2 Behold the answer for all the broken Behold the mercy that makes a way Behold the promise of perfect healing at Calvary</p> <p>Chorus Come and see Come and see what God has done Come and see Come and see what love has won In this place hearts and lives waking up To the light of the world You're the light of the world</p> <p>Verse 3 The cross is speaking Your words of freedom No condemnation shall we now fear Our shame is silenced Your love has triumphed at Calvary</p> <p>Bridge God it's Your love here on display We stand in awe it takes our breath away God it's Your love here on display We stand in awe it takes our breath away</p>	<p>(REPEAT) Ending In this place hearts and lives waking up To the light of the world You're the light of the world In this place hearts and lives waking up In this place hearts and lives waking up In this place hearts and lives waking up To the light of the world You're the light of the world</p> <p>CCLI Song # 7000700 Chris Tomlin Jason Ingram Matt Maher Matt Redman © 2013 Rising Springs Music; S. D. G. Publishing; Said And Done Music; Thankyou Music; Twelve Lions Music; Valley Of Songs Music; Worship Together Music; worshiptogether.com songs; Open Hands Music; So Essential Tunes For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 1787498</p>
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WELCOME *by Worship Asst*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & ANNOUNCEMENTS *by Pastor*

THEME OF THE DAY SIGNS of EASTERING - ALL THAT IS CREATED - HEARTS BURNING!

GREETING & PASSING OF JESUS' PEACE *The minister and All greet each other*

The Beauty of our Creator inspires us, the Grace of the Good Shepherd be with us,
and the unity of the Breath of Life enfold us all.

C: And may it be so *Then the assembly is seated.*

CONFESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Blessed are You, God, our hearts are open, and you know our desires in totality...

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts... Help us be attuned by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit

...so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Thank you for your Grace – your Saving Grace! In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, may we live in You and
You in our hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Led by the Worship Assistant*

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all those in need of good news. Today we pray for...

Keith DeCamp,

Adam Jackson,

Leah Leimbach,

Preben Christensen,

Sionie Elavsky,

Lois Ristau,

Ginger Prellwitz,

Alvin Leimbach,

Marylyn Bicknell,

Jeff Benson,

Sam Boydston, (friend of Brock & Michele Klingler),

Michelle Le Bihan (breast cancer, friend of Quentin),

Carol Hermann (Bud's sister in KC with heart problems),

Diana (hospitalized),

Patti, (treatment for cancer, friend of the Jost Family),

Larry Dennison (radiation on & chemo treatments),

Sally & Wayne (Prayers for healing and God's Peace, friends of Jayne & Clint)

All the those affected by illness and wars. God of grace,

C: AMEN!

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

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19 *Read by the Worship Assistant*

A reading from Acts.

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.” The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4 *Read by the Worship Assistant and ALL in Bold*

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48 *Read by Pastor*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.” *The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON MESSAGE - SIGNS of EASTERING: ALL THAT IS CREATED has HEARTS BURNING
Starting with the Children / Youth Time *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

SONG AFTER MESSAGE *King of Heaven*

<p>Verse 1 Jesus let Your kingdom come here Let Your will be done here in us Jesus there is no one greater You alone are Savior show the world Your love</p> <p>Chorus King of heaven come down King of heaven come now Let Your glory reign shining like the day King of heaven come King of heaven rise up Who can stand against us You are strong to save in Your mighty name King of heaven come</p>	<p>Verse 2 We are children of Your mercy Rescued for Your glory We cry Jesus set our hearts towards You That ev'ry eye would see You lifted high</p> <p>Bridge King of heaven come King of heaven come King of heaven come Oh King of heaven come</p> <p>CCLI Song # 5997804 Jason Ingram Paul Baloche © 2010 Spirit Nashville Three; So Essential Tunes; Spirit Nashville Three; Integrity Worship Music; Leadworship Songs For use solely with the SongSelect® All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 1787498</p>
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MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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OFFERING SONG - Instrumental

OFFERING PRAYER *Led by the Worship Assistant*

Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God... 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. Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD’S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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 Risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God’s Table.

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

COMMUNION SONG *We Fall Down* CCLI Song # 2437367 CCLI License # 1787498

<p>Verse We fall down We lay our crowns At the feet of Jesus The greatness of mercy and love At the feet of Jesus</p>	<p>Chorus And we cry holy holy holy And we cry holy holy holy And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb</p>
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *The assisting minister leads*

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

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

BLESSING The God of Resurrection Power, the Christ of unending Joy, and the Spirit of Easter Hope
+ bless you now and always!

C: Amen!

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>
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WE ARE GRATEFUL! Pastor: Janice Hawley **Lay Assistants:** Mary Bailey / **A/V Volunteers:** Philip Paul, Court Templeton, Carrie Curnutte, Dave Ristau, Mark Rudolph **Organist:** Jack Hamill and **Singer:** Linda Tyahla **Praise Band:** Brandon Clay, Marty Little, Jason Cooper, Matt Davis **Contemporary Music Worship Director:** Dave Reinking **Council Members:** Dave Winkler (President), Bob Morin (Vice President), Kevin Aleshire (Member at Large) Kari Brangan, Kelly Caligiuri, Donovan Lucas, Philip Paul, Mary Bailey (Treasurer), Clarence Jentes (Financial Secretary), Penny Rudolph (Secretary)

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