

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

God brought you here for a reason today! Trust the Lord, he cares for you. You can greet pastor after the service outside the main doors. **VISITORS & MEMBERS please at least put your name on the connection card and turn it in** with any other info and place in the offering plate in back. You can also do this online on your phone with this QR Code:



SURVEY QUESTION:

What would you like included in a church picnic?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

TAKING COMMUNION: We celebrate the Lord's Supper at most of our worship services. We believe that when Jesus said this "is" my body...and blood, "is" means "is". We receive the Body and Blood of Christ. He is truly present and gives himself for the forgiveness of our sins. If you have faith in these words of Jesus and have been baptized, you are welcome to receive. Questions, instruction, or examination in these beliefs occurs with first communion, confirmation, new member classes or meeting with pastor. You may come to the altar and receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. *Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of tray and gluten-free wafers are available.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: You may light a candle and enter the sanctuary in reverence, find a seat and take a moment to pray and be still. Please keep all social dialogue in the Narthex.

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: We are equipped with a personal hearing assistance system. If you would like a receiver for the service, please see an usher.

WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU: If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, the pastor, deacons or one of the Elders will join you at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

GIVING Your: tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering plates in back of church with your connection card. You can also give online with your phone using this QR Code:



Seventh Saturday of Easter

Exaudi

May 11, 2024

Exaudi: This is the sixth Sunday after Easter. It is also called Waiting Sunday. It is uniquely positioned between Ascension and Pentecost. The Bible reference is from Psalm 27:7. The origin is from Church Worship in the Middle Ages. In English, the Introit is: Hear me O Lord.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, CONNECTION CARD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 1 John 1:8 & 9 says, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

(pause to for silent confession)

All: **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, forgive us, renew us and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, in Jesus Name. Amen.**

Pastor: Now that you have confessed your sins, I proclaim God's grace to you. In the place of our Lord Jesus Christ and by his command to me, a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23].

All: **Amen.**

Please stand and share the peace with someone.

OPENING SONG #1 “Thy Word Is a Lamp”

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Refrain Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
 And a light unto my path.
 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
 And a light unto my path.

1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
 Still You're there right beside me.
 And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
 Please be near me to the end. **Refrain**

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
 My heart forever is wandering.
 Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
 And I will love You to the end. **Refrain**

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PASTOR'S PRAYER

OPENING SONG #2 “Shine Jesus Shine”

Lord the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us,

Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me. Shine on me. **Refrain**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story;
Shine on me. Shine on me. **Refrain**

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 36:22-28

²²“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:7-14

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But

rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26—16:4

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. ¹"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Let us now pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

All: Amen.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated until the usher releases your pew for communion.

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THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG #1

“There is A Redeemer”

1 There is a Redeemer—
 Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
 Holy One. **Refrain**

Refrain: Thank You, O my Father,
 For giving us Your Son,
 And leaving Your Spirit
 Till the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer,
 Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
 Hope for sinners slain. **Refrain**

3 When I stand in glory,
 I will see His face;
 There I'll serve my King forever
 In that holy place. **Refrain**

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CLOSING SONG #2 “In Christ Alone”

verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

verse 3

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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FINAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE