

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:

If HC were to offer two worship services on Sunday mornings (instead of current Saturday and Sunday times) which one, would you attend?

- A. 8:30am or 8:45am start time
B. 10:45am or 11:00am start time
C. I have to attend church at 10:00am
D. Comments

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:



The Holy Trinity

May 25, 2024

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 “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, Come.

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly praise You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, Come.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives;
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
We gladly praise You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, Come.

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PASTOR’S PRAYER
OPENING SONG #2 “Trinity Song”

(Cantor)
Holy Father Son and Spirit
Holy Communion Three in One

ALL
Holy Father Son and Spirit
Holy Communion Three in One

(Cantor)
Come with Your peace with Your invitation
Bind us together in holy love

ALL
Holy Father Son and Spirit
Holy Communion Three in One

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VIDEO

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1-7

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with

two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 11:33-36

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

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

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."
⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."
¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

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- P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- P And the catholic faith is this,
- C that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- P For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- P Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- P the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- P And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- P In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**
- P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- P So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- P Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each

distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

C The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

P The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

C The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

P Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

C And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

P but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

C Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

P He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

C perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

P equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

C Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

P one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

C one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

P For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

C who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

P ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

C At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

P And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

C This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

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

“Glorify Thy Name”

Father, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name,

Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

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CLOSING SONG #2

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
 Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
 Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
 Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and
sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

FINAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE