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
- C. I have to attend church at 10:00am
- B. 10:45am or 11:00am start time
- 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.

<u>WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU:</u> 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.

<u>GIVING Your:</u> 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:



PRELUDE

WELCOME, CONNECTION CARD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

- P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: 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)

- C: 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.
- P: 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].
- C: Amen.

Please stand and share the peace with someone.

OPENING SONG #1 "Lord I Lift Your Name On High"

Lord, I lift Your name on high, Lord, I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky, Lord, I lift Your name on high!

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PASTOR'S PRAYER

OPENING SONG #2

"Believe For It"

Verse 1

They say this mountain can't be moved. They say these chains will never break. But they don't know You like we do. There is power in Your name.

Chorus

Move the immovable, break the unbreakable. God we believe, God we believe for it. From the impossible we'll see a miracle. God we believe, God we believe for it.

Verse 2

We've heard that there is no way through. We've heard the tide will never change. They haven't seen what You can do. There is power in Your name. So much power in Your name. **Chorus**

Verse 3

We know that hope is never lost. For there is still an empty grave. God we believe no matter what, there is power in Your name. So much power in Your name. **Chorus**

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VIDEO

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 4:16-21

¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen

cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

Pastor:The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.All:Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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.

SERMON

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER,

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Let us now pray the prayer our Lord taught us.
- C: 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

- P: 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."
- P: 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."
- P: 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)
- C: Amen.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

- P: 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.
- C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG #1 "Trinity Song"

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

Come with Your peace with Your invitation Bind us together in holy love

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CLOSING SONG #2 "Revelation Song"

Verse 1 Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain; Holy, holy is He; Sing a new song to Him. Who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. Who was and is and is to come; With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings; You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder; Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You, the only wise King. **Chorus**

Verse 3, Solo

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name; Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water, such a marv'lous mystery. **Chorus 2 Times**

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