

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:

No survey question this weekend.

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:



Third Saturday after Trinity
June 15, 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 “Living Waters”

Verse 1

Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken,
rest beside these living waters.

Verse 2

Christ is calling, find refreshing
at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone,
Rise up in these living waters.

Chorus

There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,
praise the Lord of living waters.

Verse 3

Spirit moving, mercy washing;
Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shoreline,
Life is in these living waters.

Chorus

There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,
praise the Lord of living waters.

Verse 4

Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless,
Christ, He is our living waters.

Chorus

There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,
praise the Lord of living waters.

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PASTOR'S PRAYER

OPENING SONG #2 “Kyrie Eleison (Have Mercy)”

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison, have mercy.
Christe Eleison, have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison, have mercy.
Christe Eleison, have mercy.

Verse 2

When the cries of victims go unheard in the land,
And the scars of war refuse to heal.
Will we stand for justice to empower the weak,
Till their bonds of oppression are no more.

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison, have mercy.
Christe Eleison, have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison, have mercy.
Christe Eleison, have mercy.

Verse 3

If we love our God With all our heart mind and strength,
And we love our neighbours as ourselves,
Then this law of love will heal the nations of earth
And the glory of Christ will be revealed.

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison, have mercy.
Christe Eleison, have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison, have mercy.
Christe Eleison, have mercy.

Verse 4

Lord renew our vision to be Christ where we live,
To reach out in mercy to the lost.
For each cup of kindness to the least in our midst,
Is an offering of worship to the throne.

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison, have mercy.
Christe Eleison, have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison, have mercy.
Christe Eleison, have mercy.

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VIDEO

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 7:18-20

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. ¹⁹He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 5:6-11

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

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

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].
²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."
³So he told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?
⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'
⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
⁸"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?
⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'
¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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 AND 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."

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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

“How Great Is Our God”

Verse 1

The splendor of the King,
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice,
and trembles at His voice.

Chorus

How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
how great is our God!

Verse 2

And age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus 2 times

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CLOSING SONG #2 “His Mercy is More”

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest the poor.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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FINAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE