

## 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:



**Fourth Sunday after Trinity**  
**June 23, 2024**  
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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

Please stand if you are able.

**OPENING HYMN**

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

LSB 851

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.
  
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.
  
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
“You have done it all to Me.”  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
“Give as I have giv'n to you”?
  
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us

With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

### INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### CONFESSION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### ABSOLUTION

P ...

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

## ENTRANCE PSALM

A The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**C When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

A Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**C One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

A For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.

**ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 12:14-21

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written,

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:36-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>[Jesus said:] “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” <sup>39</sup>He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup>A

disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. <sup>41</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>42</sup>How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **APOSTLES CREED**

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**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.**

Please be seated.

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 657

1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.

On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might.

We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight,

Whom God Himself elected.

You ask who this may be?

The Lord of hosts is He,

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,

God's only Son, adored.

He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land

All threat'ning to devour us,

We tremble not, unmoved we stand;

They cannot overpow'r us.

Let this world's tyrant rage;

In battle we'll engage.

His might is doomed to fail;

God's judgment must prevail!

One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,

No thanks to foes, who fear it;

For God Himself fights by our side

With weapons of the Spirit.

Were they to take our house,

Goods, honor, child, or spouse,

Though life be wrenched away,

They cannot win the day.

The Kingdom's ours forever!

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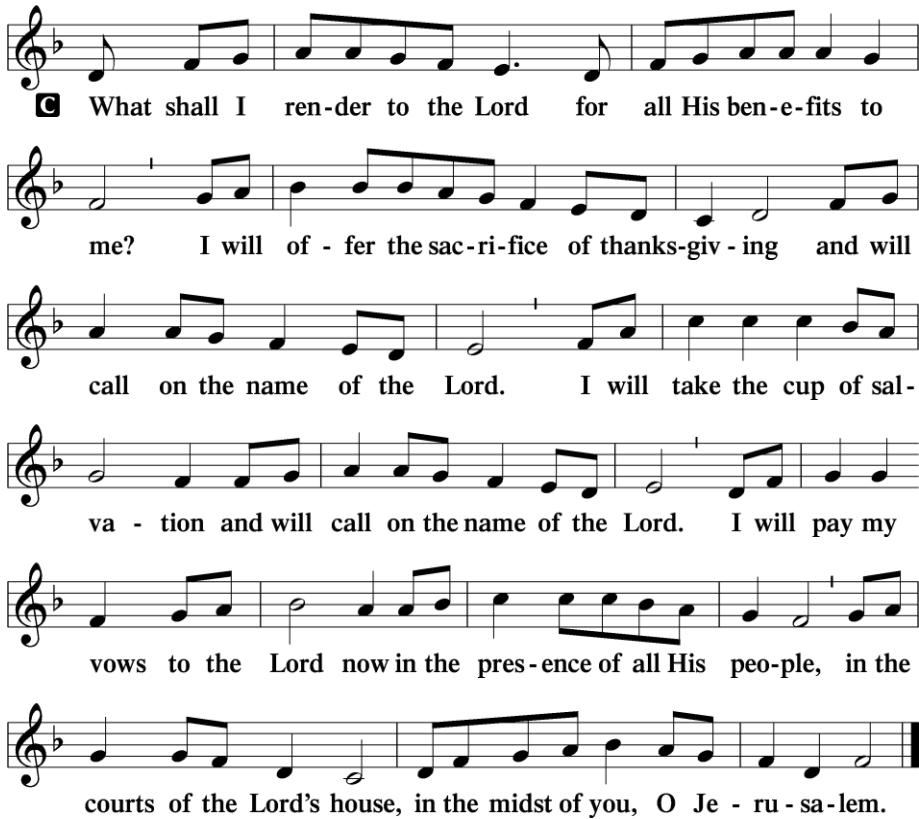
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## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

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**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## VBS PRESENTATION

Please stand if you are able.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**A** Let us pray for the whole Church and all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, in your great love provide for the needs of the poor, those without work and those without homes. Be present with first responders, those in law enforcement and our military overseas. Grant wisdom and conviction to our governing leaders according to your laws. Give us strength to reject bitterness and build each other up in faith. Lord, in Your mercy.

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**A** Father of all mercies and God of all comfort, look with favor upon your

servants that we now mention who are in need of prayer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assure them of your mercy, deliver them from temptation, give them  
patience in affliction. And if it pleases you, restore them to health or give  
them grace to accept tribulation with courage and hope. Lord, in your  
mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Gracious Lord, bring peace to our world, to our country, to our homes and  
to our hearts. Give us boldness to shine the light of the Cross in the World.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

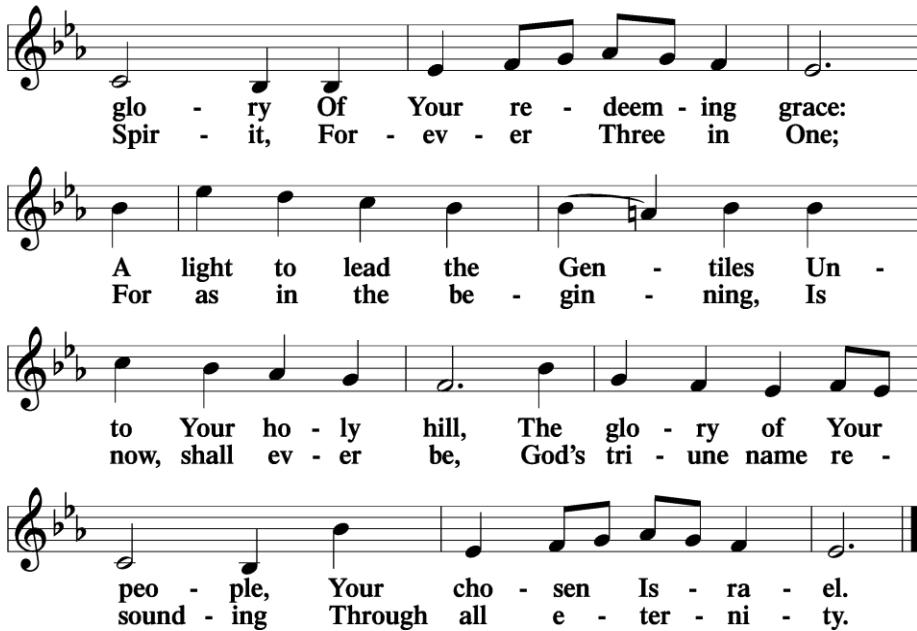
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### SONG OF SIMEON HYMN



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## FINAL BLESSING

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

**C** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CLOSING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LSB 790:1-4

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief  
Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.

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