

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 you have not attended the Women's Bible Study yet, what would entice you to attend?

- A. What day works best _____ B. What time works best _____
C. What subject _____ D. other 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:



Fifth Saturday of Easter
Cantate
April 27, 2024

Cantate: This is the fourth Sunday after Easter; The Bible reference is Psalm 98:1-2. The origin is from Church Worship in Middle Ages. The Introit is: Sing to the Lord a new song.

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, Solo

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

Verse 2, ALL

**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, Solo

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.

Chorus, ALL

**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, ALL

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

Verse 4, ALL

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

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PASTOR'S PRAYER

OPENING SONG #2

"Gather Us In"

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat, the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

You may be seated.

VIDEO

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

James 1:16-21

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. ¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. ²¹Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:5-15

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

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus said:] “But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to 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

“Seek Ye First”

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
 And His righteousness.
 And all these things shall be added unto you!
 Allelu, alleluia!

- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
 Seek and ye shall find,
 Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
 Allelu, alleluia!

- 3 Man does not live by bread alone,
 But by ev'ry word
 That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
 Allelu, alleluia!

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CLOSING SONG #2

“10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before;
O my soul! I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me.
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before;
O my soul! I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before:
O my soul I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing.
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending.
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before:
O my soul I'll worship Your holy name. (repeat)

Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

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