Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

Faithful Through Generations

June 19, 2022



This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

PRELUDE Organist: Jeff Rudi

Welcome and Announcements

OPENING HYMN ***"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*** **ELW #779**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

L: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **C: Amen.**

GREETING & KYRIE **ELW p. 203**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

1. Have mercy on us, Lord,
and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair.

2. Have mercy on us, Christ,
and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole
that new life may begin.

3. Have mercy on us, Lord;
make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
create in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE **ELW p.204**

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exult you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

L: The Lord be with you**. And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST READING *(Bulletin Insert)* **Isaiah 65:1-9**

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING *(Bulletin Insert)* **Galatians 3:23-29**

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **ELW p.205**

C: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE GOSPEL *(Bulletin Insert)* **Luke 8:26-39**

*The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *"Going to the Other Side"* Pastor Dan Nordin

HYMN OF THE DAY ***"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*** **ELW#843**

*THE APOSTLE'S CREED: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

*The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p.206

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*THE PREFACE

***THE SANCTUS** **ELW p. 207**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER: **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.**

LAMB OF GOD **ELW p. 208**

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN **"*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*** **ELW#858**

*L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE (**Please Stand*)

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