

# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

*Faithful Through Generations*

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PRELUDE

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Welcome and Announcements

## *Rising*

### **Pre-Chorus**

From the rising of the sun  
'til the sun goes down  
Let the Name of the Lord be praised  
From the rising of the sun  
'til the sun goes down  
Let the Name of the Lord be praised

We've gathered to worship  
Becoming a choir to sing Your praise  
Lifting our voices  
Joining our hearts in this house today  
People of God, in the power of God  
For the Kingdom of God, we sing

### **Chorus**

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Let the Name of the Lord be praised  
From the sky, to the depths  
From the east, to the west  
We give You praise

## **CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS**

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L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

## **GREETING & KYRIE**

ELW p. 165

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.**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“This is the Feast”**

ELW p.169

*Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain**

**2. Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**

**3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Refrain x2**

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **PSALM**

### ***All Who Are Thirsty***

All who are thirsty  
All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep  
We sing

### **Chorus**

Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come, Lord Jesus, come  
*(Repeat All)*

Holy Spirit, come  
Holy Spirit, come  
Holy Spirit, come  
Holy Spirit, come

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**THE GOSPEL**

**Mark 9:38-50**

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

John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

**SERMON**

Deacon Todd Portinga

***How Great Is Our God***

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

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)

**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

**Bridge**

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God  
(Repeat Bridge)  
(Chorus)

**\*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.172

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**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.**

**\*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**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

Communion Song (*Bulletin Insert*)

**\*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.**

**\*Litany of Farewell (*Bulletin Insert*)**

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We're gathered to go out  
To cities and towns we'll  
take Your Name  
Into the nations  
Shining Your light in the darkest place  
People of God, in the power of God  
For the Kingdom of God, we live

**Chorus**

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

**POSTLUDE**

(\*Please Stand)