

# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

## *Faithful Through Generations*

### July 31, 2022



Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

PRELUDE

Organist: Kathy Illa

Welcome and Announcements

OPENING HYMN

*"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

ELW #789

### 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**

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**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.**

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

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

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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**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**

**Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

## **THE SECOND READING**

**Colossians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

**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****Luke 12:13-21**

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

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

**SERMON***“The Gift that Keeps Giving”*

Pastor Dan Nordin

**HYMN OF THE DAY***“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”***ELW#759**

**\*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**

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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, 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**

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**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**

***“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”***

**ELW#774**

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

**POSTLUDE**

***(\*Please Stand)***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Wednesday	7:00PM	Finance Meeting-CC
Saturday	9:00AM	Men's Bible Study-CC

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### **80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

Join in celebration of Darnell Smith's **80<sup>th</sup>** birthday bash! **Sunday, August 7 from 1pm to 5 pm** at the Bay City American Legion. We will be grilling out - brats & hot dogs, potato salad, chips, and drinks will be provided. Darnell has requested no gifts but would love cards with fond memories you have with her.

### **Kwik Trip Cards**

The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, August 9** and will be available at the church by, August 14. **If you would like to order cards and are not on the regular order list, please email [hjschreif@live.com](mailto:hjschreif@live.com) or 507-990-7024.**

### **WELCA Bible Study**

WELCA Bible Study will be held on **Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>** at Cross of Christ in Dahlen Hall. 9:00am . Bring a treat to share and a friend. Pastor Dan will lead bible study and hand out the lesson.

### **Mission Committee Meeting**

The Mission Committee is made up of Deanna Gehloff, Sue Hill, Ann Kulla, Rhonda Meyer and Pastor Dan. If you ever have any questions about Mission outreach, please contact one of us! We will meet on **Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in Dahlen Hall to do some planning.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us in reaching out to people who need assistance! Our mission is fun and very rewarding!!

### **Annual Outdoor Worship Service**

Cannon River will hold their annual potluck, outdoor worship service and bonfire on **August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Potluck: 6:00pm Outdoor worship service: 7:00pm followed by bonfire. Potluck and worship will be inside if raining. There will be no service held on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Annual Taste of Welch**

Taste of Welch will be held on **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** and will be held in person. Let Millie Niebeling or Kelley Mittelsteadt know if you are donating an item for Raffle Tickets by **August 14<sup>th</sup>**. Packets available starting Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Valley Fair Youth Trip**

A Valley Fair trip is planned for youth in grades 5-12 for **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**. Youth and chaperones will depart from church at 9am and return by 6pm. Interested youth can bring one friend. Please respond by August 10<sup>th</sup> to Pastor Dan at 763-458-5066 or [dcnordin333@gmail.com](mailto:dcnordin333@gmail.com).

### **Welch Community Picnic**

Welch Community Picnic is set for **Saturday August 27** co-hosted by our church and the Willing Welchers 4H club. We will return to a traditional potluck meal. The 4H members will provide and serve the desserts. Refer to the flyer for more details.

### **Family Fare Store Receipt Collection**

*Please* continue to save your Family Fare store receipts! Both Cross of Christ and Cannon River churches are collecting receipts and participating in this great mission outreach. Remember that only the store receipts are valid; no e-receipts.

*To date, our collection totals \$79,062.*

*When* the receipts total \$150,000, we will receive a check for \$1,000 which will go to Feed My Starving Children. **Shop, bring your receipts to church** and we will support children who are hungry!

### **Shoe Away Hunger**

A single pair of **new or gently used shoes**, for someone in need, can have a big impact. Every pair of shoes collected offers affordable footwear for someone in need; those proceeds enable **Shoe Away Hunger** to buy groceries for those who are hungry through **Feeding the Future** programs and services. This amazing program offers a simple and meaningful way for you to join with us as we work together to eliminate hunger **“one sole at a time.”** Here is how you can help!

- Look for the Shoe Away Hunger box in the back of the church.
- Donate your footwear including sneakers, casual shoes, winter boots, sandals, and heels; **remember, new or gently used.**
- Please tie or band them together.
- Your donations will be taken to Schuler Shoes where they are picked up by Shoe Away Hunger.

Thank you! The Mission Committee

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