

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1720 E Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55407**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 8, 2022**

Silent Prayer Before Worship: O God of peace, You brought again from the dead our LORD Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of Your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do Your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. Amen.

Welcome

Opening Hymn, ELW 385, verses 1-3 [red hymnal]

"God Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, begging Him in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the

sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our LORD Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gloria Patri



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

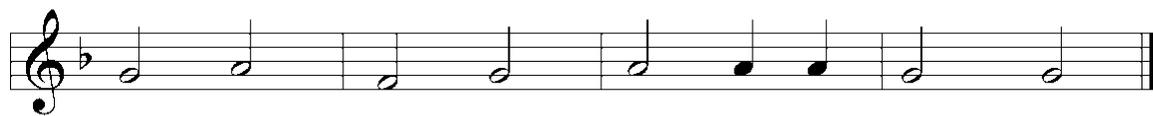


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

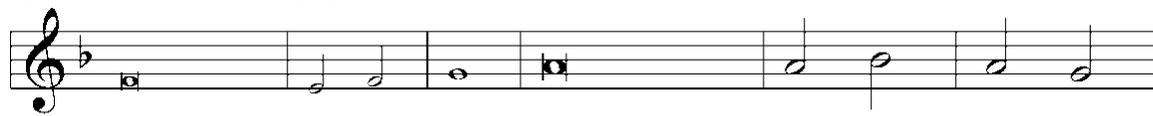


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



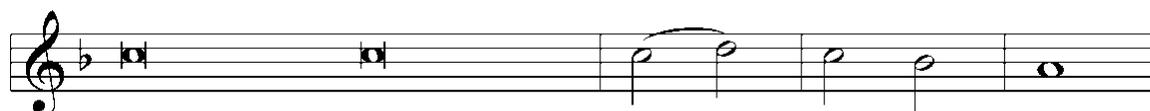
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



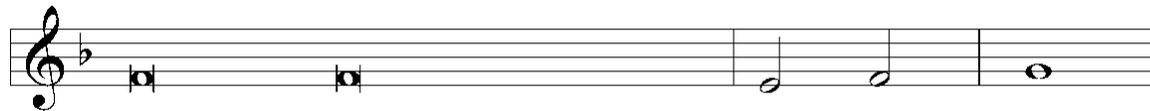
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The LORD be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray.

C: We praise You, LORD, for all the talents You have given us.

Remind us, we pray, that as we accomplish Your will, to not only be pleased with what we have done, but to give credit to You for giving us the ability to do so. We pray in Your blessed name, Jesus. Amen!

Choir, "Shepherd, Lead Us" by Robert Wetzler

First Reading, Acts 20:17-35 (NIV)

Paul's final words to his friends from Ephesus

From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. I served the LORD with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our LORD Jesus.

"And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the LORD Jesus

has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

“Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

“Now I commit you to God and to the word of His grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the LORD Jesus Himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading, Psalm 23 (NIV)

A Psalm of thanks to God for His constant care for His people

The LORD is my Shepherd; I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters,

He refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for His name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely Your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading, John 10:22-30 (NIV)

Jesus declares His everlasting care for His sheep

P: The Holy Gospel according to John:

C: Glory be to Thee, O LORD.

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's

Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around Him, saying, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in My Father's name testify about Me, but you do not believe because you are not My sheep. My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and the Father are One."

P: This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED (ELW, p. 104)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one LORD, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. ** catholic means universal*

HYMN, ELW 362, verses 1, 5, 6, 8

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Sermon, "It All Begins HERE"

Psalm 23

Canticle



□ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering *(The plate is available in the back of the church.)*

Prayer of the Church

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.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



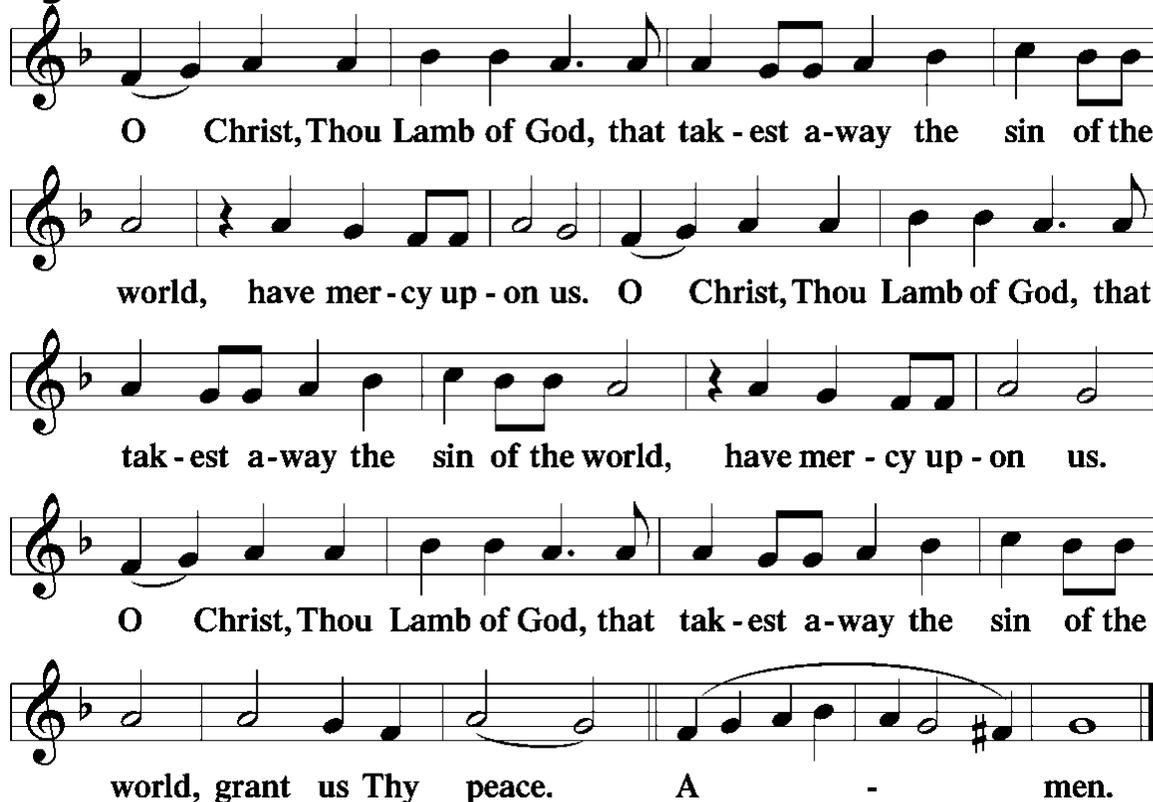
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our LORD

Agnus Dei

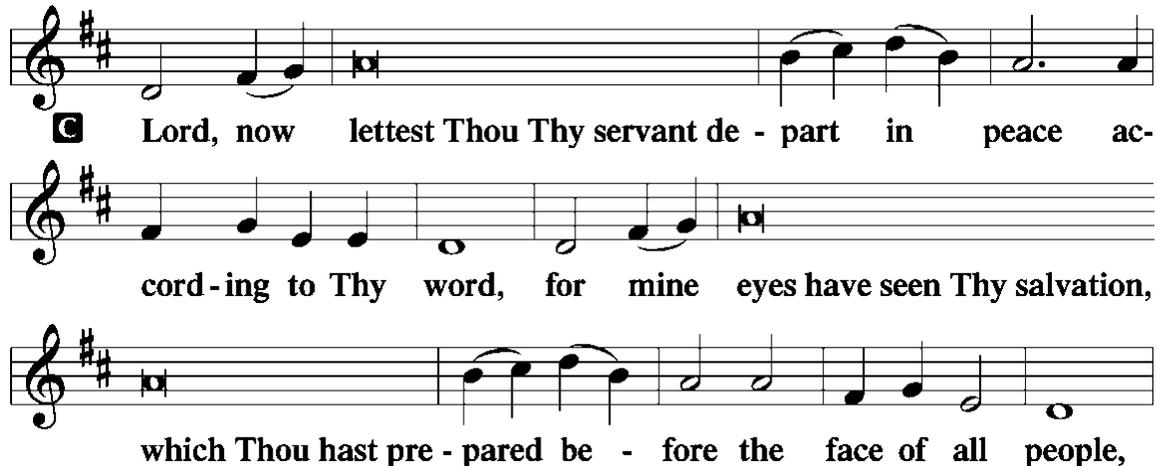


O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

Choir, "As the Deer" by Greg Scheer

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good,

C: and His mercy endureth forever.

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: The LORD be with you.

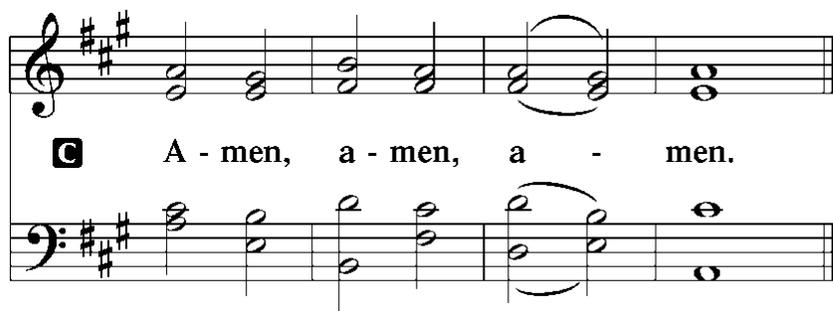
And with thy spir-it.

Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Closing Hymn, ELW 534, verses 1 and 2

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

Spoken Announcements



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Statistics

Attendance on Sunday (5/1) was 32. The total offering was \$4,176.20 including \$80 to the Building Fund, \$151 to the Minneapolis Synod, \$150 to Trinity First and \$166.20 to the We Care Fund from the Easter Flower fundraiser.

Now Available

- Lutheran Disaster Response info for Ukraine on the back table.
- May Newsletter

Celebrations This Week

Happy Birthday to Esther Witt (5/12), Tom Kulberg (5/13), Ken Hoffmann (5/15) and Steve McConley (5/16).

Happy Anniversary to Peter and Gail Klatt (5/7).

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Bus will be at Holy Cross on Friday, May 20, from 1:00 to 7:00 PM. Please call (800) 733-2767 or RedCrossBlood.org and enter HCLC to schedule an appointment.

Treats Sign UP

The signup sheet to bring treats for Sunday morning is in the narthex.

Easter Pictures Link

Visit the Holy Cross website to see Easter worship and brunch pictures.

The Church Basement Ladies

The Church Basement Ladies will present a new musical comedy called "Plowin' Thru." Information is on the poster in the narthex. There is a tear off sheet to take with you.

New Website

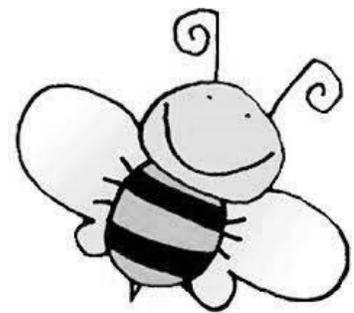
If you haven't been to www.holycrossmpls.org lately, check it out. We now have a spiffy new website thanks to Linda McConley.

Janitorial Service

Minnesota Services is our new janitorial service. We have been working together to make sure all things get done. If you spot something that needs cleaning, leave a note for Kevin or call the office.

Busy Bees at HCLC

- Thanks to Jean Anderson who sewed cloth bags for the altar paraments. They even have matching colors on each bag so you know immediately which paraments are in which bag.
- Thanks to Linda McConley for the new website – it looks great!
- Thanks to Kim Blomberg for organizing the Blood Mobile Bus that will be at HCLC on May 20.
- Thanks to all those who attended the Minneapolis Area Synod assembly that welcomed HCLC into the ELCA. Attending were Pastor Don, Darcy Tatham, Steve McConley, Linda McConley, Jim Likely, Mike Dennis and Becky Swenson-Dennis.



SERVING THE LORD

Serving Today, May 8

May Altar Guild: Mary Lange
May Elder: Lyle Horrmann
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counter: Adam Horrmann & Gail Klatt
Lector: Andy Tatham
Organist: Julie Wright
Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger
Recorder: James Blomberg
Treats: Arlene and Kurt Kise
Usher: Tim Phelon & Adam Horrmann

Serving Next Sunday, May 15

May Altar Guild: Mary Lange
May Elder: Lyle Horrmann
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counters: Keith and Mary Lange
Lector: Tim Phelon
Organist: Julie Wright
Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger
Recorder: James Blomberg
Treats: No one is signed up
Ushers: Steve Blomberg & Ed Copeland