

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



**PENTECOST 23
NOVEMBER 13, 2022**

Silent Prayer Before Worship: O God, the Protector of all who trust in You, without You nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with Your mercy, that with You as our Ruler and Guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. Amen.

Hymnals: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW, the red cover hymnal), The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH, blue hardcover hymnal), and With One Voice (WOV, blue paperback cover)*

Welcome

GATHERING HYMN, ELW 876, "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. Amen.

P: God, Who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Acclamation, [ELW, page 142]



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O LORD, at times we look around and think that we must be in the "Final Days." Remind us, we pray, that whether we are or not, we have been called to share Your love the same today as yesterday...always knowing that You are with us and caring for us. **LORD Jesus, thank You! Amen.**

FIRST READING, MALACHI 4:1-2a (NIV)

Malachi forecasts the final day when creation will come to an end.

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root

or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays.”

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING, SECOND THESSALONIANS 3:6-13 (NIV)

Paul tells the people to keep busy...doing what is good.

In the name of the LORD Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.”

We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the LORD Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR, “E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come” by Paul O. Manz

GOSPEL READING, LUKE 21:5-19 (NIV)

Jesus points out some signs of the end times.

Some of [Jesus'] disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in My name, claiming, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

Then He said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of My name. And so you will bear testimony to Me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of Me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life."

P: This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to You, 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 Christian* 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 or universal*

HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 620, verses 1-3 and 5

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

SERMON, "The End of Time?"

"Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in My name, claiming, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them . . . not a hair of your head will perish . . . Stand firm, and you will win life." - Luke 21:8, 18, 19

Offertory [ELW 188]

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 your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: "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 your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it." The score ends with a double bar line.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER, page 208 (right column, traditional)

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.

COMMUNION

CHOIR, "On My Heart Imprint Thine Image" by Paul O Manz

COMMUNION HYMN, ELW 485 or WOV 702, verses 1-3

BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD share His presence with you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN, ELW 485 or WOV 702, verses 4 & 5

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Spoken Announcements

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Statistics

Attendance on Sunday (11/6) was 38. The total offering was \$3,979.81 including \$10 for the Building Fund, \$77 for Synod, and \$110 for Trinity First. Also included in that amount is a \$6,000 donation and \$150 for Use of Building.

2023 Offering Envelopes

- Now available on the table in the back of the church.
- In order to reduce the number of boxes of envelopes ordered the numbering has been changed.
- Please do NOT use these envelopes until 2023. Thanks!

Next Sunday, November 20

- Voters meeting after the service to call a pastor!!
- It is "Christ the King" Sunday
- Guest preacher will be Rev. Sarah Bunge

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Anneliese Tatham (11/10), Keith Lange (11/10), Amelia Erickson (11/12), Darcy Tatham (11/12), Marsha Katasonova (11/12) and Carol Rusk (11/24).

Sign Up to Help with Christmas by the Creek

Our annual Christmas by the Creek will be December 4, beginning at 4-7PM. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. A special bulletin board is up in the narthex/lobby with the list of help needed for our December 4th festival.

Pillar of Warmth and Love

We are once again collecting warm socks, new or gently used hats, scarves, and mittens for the Holy Cross pillar throughout the winter. Your donations are greatly appreciated. The collection bin is in the Family room. We'll start putting items out in mid-December when the really cold weather sets in. *Hands in Ministry*

Lights Off & Lock Up

If you are the last person out of the building, please make sure that the lights are off and the doors are locked.

The 75th Anniversary Booklet on the HCLC Website

The 75th Anniversary Book (2016) is now posted on our website which is holycrossmpls.org. It takes a bit of time to load since it's a huge file, but it's worth the wait. The page-turning affect looks best on a larger screen, but also works on a phone. The booklet is linked in the top menu under *About Us* and on the footer menu. There is also a link to it from the History page.

Monthly Game Night

Join us for more fun times and fellowship the 1st Wednesday of each month from 6-8PM. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share! Join us! Questions to Sandi at 612-275-5235

Thanksgiving

We will gather together to give the Lord thanks for his many blessings on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24 at 9:30AM.

SERVING THE LORD

Today, November 13

November Altar Guild: Carol Rusk
November Elder: Jim Likely
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counters: Adam Horrmann & Gail Klatt
Lector: Linda Scanlon
Organist: Julie Wright
Interim Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger
Recorder: James Blomberg
Treats: Carol Rusk
Ushers: Tim Phelon & Keith Lange

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Treats: Kim & Steve Blomberg
Ushers: Steve Blomberg & Ed Copeland



Christmas BY THE Creek

A FREE EVENT

Sunday, December 4th
1720 East Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis

A Festival of Lessons and Carols
Bonfire, Caroling and Christmas Treats

★ Warm Socks donations being received for
Holy Cross Lutheran Pillar of Warmth ★

Beginning at 4 PM

- ★ Bonfire, Christmas Treats, and Beverages
- ★ Sing Christmas Songs
- ★ Fun Activities for Children

Beginning at 5 PM

- ★ Festival of Lessons and Carols *indoors*
- ★ Listen to wonderful readings and sing favorite Christmas carols
- ★ Stay for more treats and bonfire fun!

Bring your friends ★ Make new ones!

christmasbythecreek.com