



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19, 2023

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

MINNEAPOLIS

Welcome to worship at Holy Cross! We are glad that you are here.

We practice open communion, welcoming all to Christ's table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is typically served on the second and last Sundays of each month.

Child care is available in the nursery for young children. Talk to an usher if you would like to make use of the nursery.

Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.

If you are seeking pastoral care, please speak to the pastor today, or call or email Pastor Jay at 612-722-1083 or pastorjay@holycrossmpls.org

*We invite ordinary people
with everyday struggles,
who need a place to lighten the load.*

*We offer a hug if you need one,
a blessing if you seek one,
and a place to belong if you want one.*

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

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

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW 843

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

P: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

TLH p. 7

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

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has five measures, and the second system has four measures. The piano part is in the left hand, and the vocal part is in the right hand. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer- cy up- on us, Christ, have mer- cy up- on us, Lord, have mer- cy up- on us." The score ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the shadows of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Turn Our Darkness into Day

by B. Wayne Bisbee

FIRST READING Ephesians 5:8-14

Awake from sleep, live as children of light

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

GOSPEL John 9:1-41

P: The gospel according to John, the ninth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

ELW p. 105

**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 Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
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 to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* ELW 779

SERMON *Called and Sent*

OFFERTORY *Create in Me* ELW 188

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 208

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.

BENEDICTION

God, the giver of love,
Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

HYMN*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

ELW 611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Statistics

The attendance on Sunday, March 12, was 42, including 4 visitors. The total offering was \$2,844.00 including \$55 for the Building Fund, \$51 for Synod and \$75 for Trinity First School.

Birthdays: Caleb Likely (3/20)

Worship and Soup Suppers in Lent

A service of evening prayer will be held each Wednesday in Lent at 7:00 pm: March 22 and 29. Come early for a soup and sandwich supper each Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Sign up in the narthex if you are able to help provide soup.

Study on Worship

Join Pastor Jay for a study on worship on Sundays during Lent, 11:00-11:45. We will discuss the following and other topics.

Today: Serving Communion
March 26: Baptism preparation and remembrance
April 2: Making funeral plans

Upcoming Dates

Holy Week: Palm Sunday Worship	April 2nd at 9:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship	April 6th at 7 p.m.
Good Friday Worship	April 7th at 7 p.m.
Easter Worship	April 9th at 9:30 a.m.

Nametags

Nametags are available in the narthex, if you would like to wear one. It's a great way for us to put names to faces and introduce ourselves to visitors!

Spring Flower Fundraiser

The days are getting longer. The snow will soon be gone and spring will be here shortly. Now is the time to dream & plan for your gardens at home. We are offering another fundraiser from Gertens with bedding plants, hanging baskets, perennials, vegetables, and plant cards. Funds raised will go to HCLC's General Fund.

The preferred way to order plants is to go online to Gertensfundraising.com and enter store ID code: 518. You then will see our own Gertens website from which you can order and pay. The plants will then 'miraculously' show up at church where you pick them up and take them home.

If you don't want to or can't order online, then you will be able to make your selections by using an order form and Amy will order the plants. You will then reimburse the church for the plants by writing a check to 'Holy Cross Lutheran Church' and write in the memo line 'Spring flowers'. Brochures with photos of the plants and order forms are available in the narthex.

Important dates:

Website open: Now

Last day to order: April 6th

Pick up from church: May 14th – Mother's Day!

Contact Darcy with any questions at (651) 552-1625.

Summer Youth Opportunity

There is an exciting, collaborative ecumenical day camp being planned for this summer. It will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave S.) June 20-23 (Tuesday-Thursday). Day camp is for students entering Kindergarten-8th grade, with high schoolers serving as counselors.

Consider inviting the young people you know to participate. Talk to Pastor Jay for more information and to register.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday, March 19

March Altar Guild: Sally Gorski
March Elder: Jim Likely
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counters: Mary Lange and Keith Lange
Lector: Sally Gorski
Organist: Julie Wright
Pastor: Rev. Jay Carlson
Recorder: James Blomberg
Treats: Judy Sorenson
Usher: Keith Lange

Next Sunday, March 26

March Altar Guild: Sally Gorski
March Elder: Jim Likely
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counters: Lynn Oolman and Sandi Likely
Lector: Jean Anderson
Organist: Julie Wright
Pastor: Rev. Jay Carlson
Recorder: James Blomberg
Treats: Open
Usher: Adam Horrman

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