

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 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](mailto: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.*

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

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## 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.

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

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

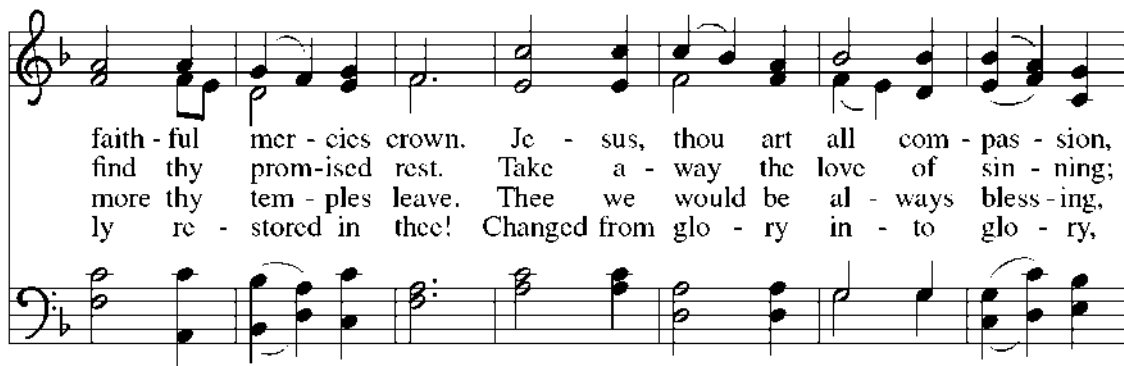
ELW 631



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**     *He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord*     TLH 198

He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord; He o - pened Death's  
Then sing your ho san - nas and raise your glad voice; Pro - claim the blest

pris - on, the In - car - nate Word. Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in  
ti - dings that all may re - joice. Laud, ho - nor, and praise to the

ju - bi - lant song, And earth, sea, and moun - tain, the pae - an pro - long.  
Lamb that was slain, Who sit - teth in glo - ry and e - ver shall reign.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*The Earth Adorned*

Waldemar Åhlén,  
*Ed. Kenneth Jennings*

**FIRST READING**     Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and

looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**    1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive

in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

ELW 172

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.



## **GOSPEL** John 14:15-21

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

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

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Don't Be Afraid*

ACS 1027

Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a simple accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your".

fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger and

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with lyrics: "fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger and". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

I have prom - ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

The third system of musical notation, which concludes the hymn. The treble staff has lyrics: "I have prom - ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near." The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to exchange words and signs of peace with those around you.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Create in Me*

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.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, the true Paschal lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# SANCTUS

TLH 26

Ho - - ly, ho - - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

The first system of the Sanctus, measures 1-4. The music is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - - ly, ho - - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of".

Sab - a - oth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho -

The second system of the Sanctus, measures 5-8. The lyrics are: "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,

The third system of the Sanctus, measures 9-12. The lyrics are: "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 -

The fourth system of the Sanctus, measures 13-16. The lyrics are: "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 fifth system of the Sanctus, measures 17-20. The lyrics are: "san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.".

## 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.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Communion will be served continuously. You are invited to come forward  
at the direction of the ushers. All are welcome.*

## AGNUS DEI

ELW 195

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

**HYMN**

*Thy Holy Wings*

ELW 613

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voice - es,  
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Statistics**

The attendance on Sunday, May 7, was 47, including 4 visitors. The total offering was \$4,941, including \$75 for the Building Fund, \$126 for the Synod, \$100 for the food shelf, and \$150 for Trinity First School. Additionally, \$754.50 was received electronically.

**Birthdays:** Ken Hoffmann (5/15), Pastor Jay Carlson (5/16), Steve McConley (5/16), Roger Holland (5/17), and Harold Sand (5/20)

**Anniversaries:** Linda & Steve McConley (5/18) and Mary & Keith Lange (5/19)

### **Upcoming Dates**

May 19      Blood Drive 1-7 p.m.

May 28      Pentecost

June 4      Annual meeting

June 11      "Summer by the Creek" Outdoor worship and picnic

### **Spring Flower Fundraiser**

Thank you to all of those who ordered spring plants and flowers as part of our Spring Flower Fundraiser through Gertens! Your selections will be available for pick-up today after worship.

### **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, June 4, after worship. All members are encouraged to attend. We will review the past year and make plans for the coming year of ministry together. This will include voting on the proposed budget, electing officers, and approving a new constitution. Materials will be available on the back table in the sanctuary in the coming weeks.

## **Thank you for your generosity**

Many Holy Cross members offered stewardship forms last Sunday with commitments for giving and volunteering in the coming year. Thank you! If you haven't yet completed one, forms are available on the back table and can be placed in the offering plate this morning or mailed to the church office.

## **Summer Outdoor Worship and Picnics**

Mark your calendars for three outdoor worship services this summer on the Holy Cross front lawn: June 11, July 23, and September 10. Food, music, and other fun activities will follow the 9:30 a.m. service. Invite your friends and neighbors, too!

## **Blood Drive at Holy Cross**

The American Red Cross Bus will be at Holy Cross on Friday, May 19, 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm by appointment only (no walk-in appointments are available). Please call (800) 733-2767 or go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter HCLC to schedule an appointment. Any questions or need of assistance signing up, please contact Kim Blomberg at (612) 803-4884.

## **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, May 14**

May Altar Guild: Mary Lange

Choir Director: David Hinrichs

Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot

Communion Assistant: Steve McConley

Counters: Mary Lange and Keith Lange

Lector: Jean Anderson

Organist: Julie Wright

Pastor: Rev. Jay Carlson

Audio: James Blomberg

Video: Ed Copeland

Treats: Pat Swanson

Usher: Lynn Oolman

**Next Sunday, May 21**

May Altar Guild: Mary Lange

Choir Director: David Hinrichs

Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot

Counters: Lynn Oolman and Sandi Likely

Lector: Linda Scanlon

Organist: Julie Wright

Pastor: Rev. Jay Carlson

Audio: James Blomberg

Video: Ed Copeland

Treats: Open

Usher: Tim Phelon

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