



# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 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.

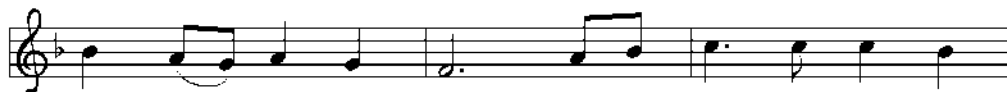
**Amen.**



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## 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

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.



## **GOSPEL** John 17:1-11

**P:** The gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

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

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**



**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Oh, Love, How Deep*  
(Stanzas 1, 4, 6, 7)

ELW 322



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
6 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
7 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and  
went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
Spir - it here to guide, to streng - then, and to cheer.  
we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er more.

**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.**

**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**

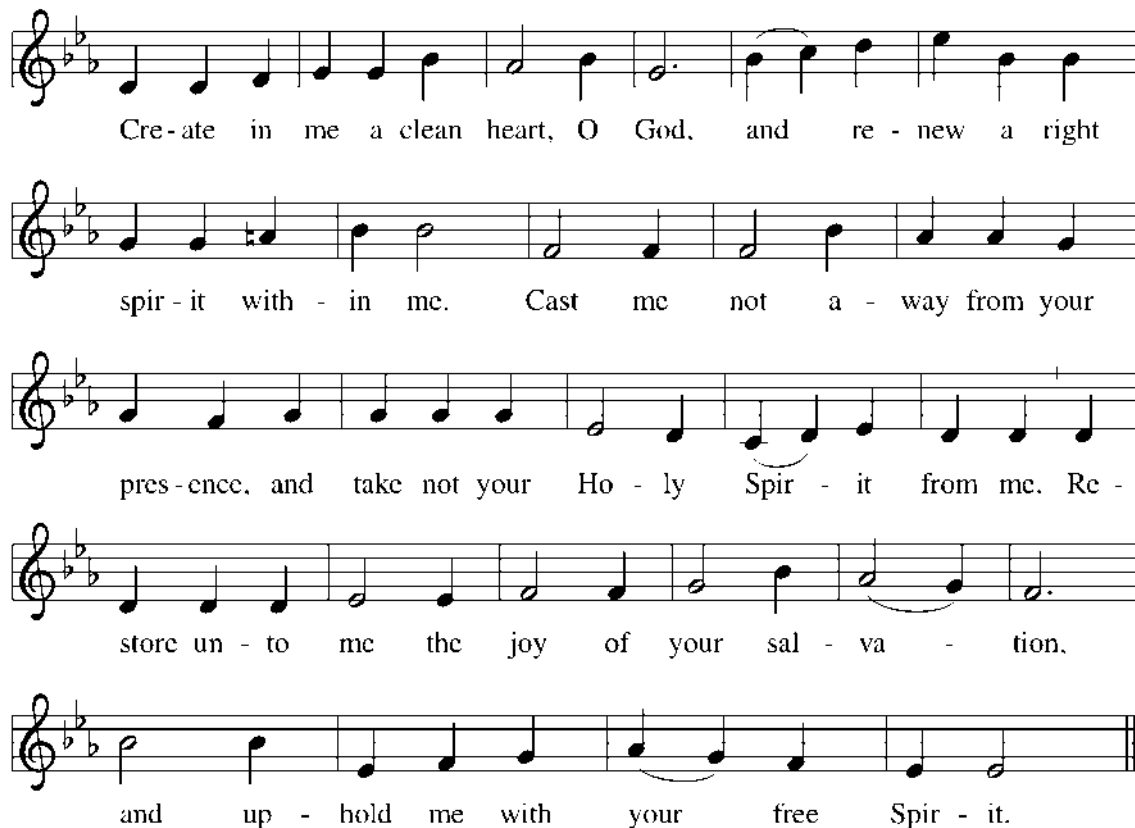
**CHOIR**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

Thomas Keesecker

**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.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy

**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.**

*You may be seated.*

## BENEDICTION

CHOIR

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter C. Lutkin

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.**

*Please stand as you are able for the sending hymn.*

SENDING HYMN

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

ELW 579

(Stanzas 1, 2 and 5)

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -

5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you  
preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains stanzas 1 and 2, and the second system contains stanza 5. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new

may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:

cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the lower staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time and features a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The system concludes with a double bar line.

*Refrain*

With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

The second system of the musical score is labeled 'Refrain'. It consists of two staves: a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The music continues in the same 4/4 time and one-flat key signature. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The system ends with a double bar line.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

**CHOIR**

*O Christ, Surround Me*

Arr. David Sims

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Statistics**

The attendance on Sunday, May 14, was 50, including 5 visitors. The total offering was \$3,672, including \$5 for the Building Fund and \$51 for the Synod. Additionally, \$150 was received electronically.

### **Upcoming Dates**

May 23	Planning meeting for Summer By the Creek
May 28	Pentecost
June 1	Elders meeting, 7 p.m.
June 4	Annual meeting
June 11	“Summer by the Creek” Outdoor worship and picnic
July 6	Elders meeting, 7 p.m.
July 23	Outdoor 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 have offered stewardship forms 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 By the Creek**

Our Sunday worship on June 11 will be held outdoors on the church lawn with a picnic after. If you can bring food or help in other ways, please sign up in the narthex.

## **SERVING TODAY**

**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: Sue Protzner

Usher: Tim Phelon

**Next Sunday, May 28**

May Altar Guild: Mary Lange

Choir Director: David Hinrichs

Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot

Counters: Mary Lange and Keith Lange

Lector: Steve Blomberg

Organist: Julie Wright

Pastor: Rev. Jay Carlson

Audio: James Blomberg

Video: Ed Copeland

Treats: Judy Sorenson

Usher: Andy Tatham

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