



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**NOVEMBER 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](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**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

arr. Paul Manz

## **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you.  
We are not faithful in using your gifts.  
We forget the least of our siblings.  
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.  
We are infected by sin  
that divides your beloved community.  
Open our hearts to your coming,  
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation.  
Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,  
by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.  
**Amen.**

**GREETING**

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.

**KYRIE**

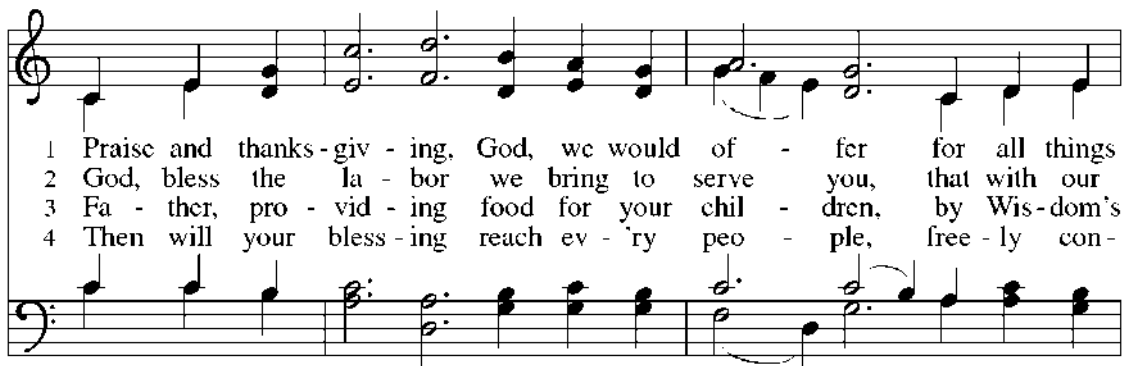
TLH

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

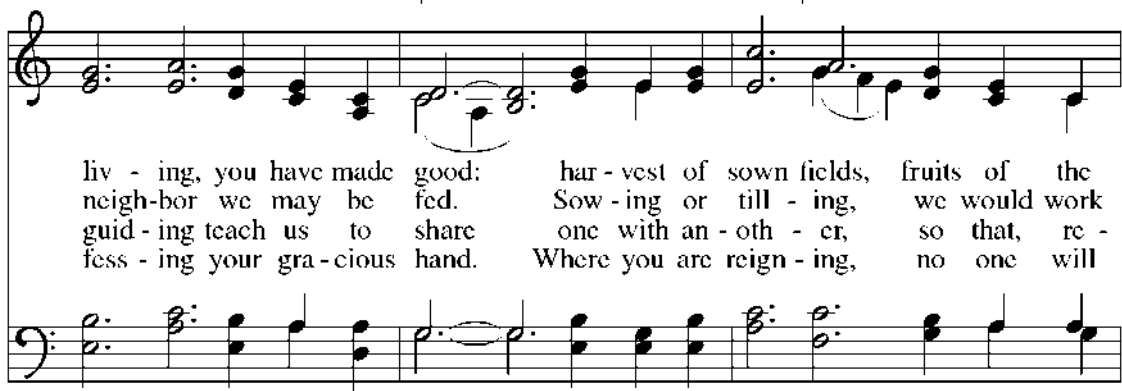
The first system of the musical score consists of five measures. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer- cy up- on us, Christ, have mer- cy up-". The piano accompaniment is written on a bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature, featuring a steady accompaniment of chords and single notes.

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

The second system of the musical score consists of four measures, starting with a measure number '6' at the beginning. The melody continues on the treble clef staff with the lyrics: "on us, Lord, have mer- cy up- on us.". The piano accompaniment continues on the bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature.



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good; har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**CHOIR**

*For the Fruits of All Creation*

arr. Anthony Power

**FIRST READING** Psalm 90:1-12

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust and say,  
"Turn back, O children of earth."

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;**

you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

**in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.

**Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly  
and we are gone.**

Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?

**So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*ELW* p. 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.

## **GOSPEL** Matthew 25:14-30

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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



## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

ELW 707

### APOSTLES' CREED

ELW p. 105

Let us confess the faith of the church.

**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

*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

arr. Craig Phillips

**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.

## **BENEDICTION**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow*

*ELW 327*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Fanfare*

Georg Phillip Telemann/  
Van Denman Thompson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Food Donations Need for Sharing Pantry

The Holy Cross Sharing Pantry continues to provide a place for people to both donate and take non-perishable food and personal care items this winter. We currently have a good supply of personal care items but are **running low on food**. If you are able to donate, the following items are safe for winter. Please, **no cans or glass** until spring when overnight temperatures stay above freezing.

#### Food (most needed)

- “Just add water” mac and cheese, soup, etc.
- Tuna Packets
- Boxed Grains
- Boxed Pasta
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Granola Bars
- Snack Crackers
- Dried Fruit
- Pepperoni Packets
- Beef Jerky
- Summer Sausage
- Peanut Butter
- Applesauce
- Tortillas
- String Cheese

#### Personal Care

- Deodorant
- Bar soap
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Lotion
- Feminine Pads
- Tissue Packets
- Toilet Paper
- Hand Sanitizer
- Band-Aids
- Chapstick
- Hand and Foot Warmers
- Socks, Gloves, Hats (new or gently used)

Download the list at [tinyurl.com/hc-pantry-winter23](http://tinyurl.com/hc-pantry-winter23).

Donations can be left in the coat room near the 18<sup>th</sup> Street door.

Contact Linda McConley if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

### **November Diaper Drive**

Please help us address the Diaper Gap, the lack of diapers to keep babies clean, dry, and healthy. This is a significant need for many families in our community. In fact, 1 in 2 U.S. families cannot afford enough diapers for their infant or child.

Bring your donations of disposable diapers to church during the month of November and place them in the collection area in the narthex. Donated diapers will be collected and delivered to People Serving People and MPS TAPP sites. Contact Mike Dennis with any questions. For more information about the National Diaper Bank Network, visit [diaperbanknetwork.org](http://diaperbanknetwork.org).

### **Christmas By the Creek**

Holy Cross will host the 4th annual Christmas by the Creek on Sunday, December 3, 3-6 pm. All are welcome for an afternoon of live music (inside and outside by the bonfire), hot drinks, appetizers, kids crafts, and more! New this year: have your Christmas portrait taken by a professional photographer, 3:30—4:30 pm! A brief service of lessons and carols will begin at 5 pm. If you are able to volunteer your time and talents, please see the sign-up list in the narthex.

### **Annual Carol Sing**

We will be gathering on Friday, December 8, at Peter and Gail Klatt's house (1070 Tiffany Place, Eagan) at 7:00 pm. Please bring finger food to share and your holiday spirit. All are welcome! Join us this year to enjoy the spirit of the season.

### **Saturday Bible Study via Zoom**

Contact the church office for information on how to join this study of the weekly scripture passages, led by Doug Morton. The studies are held each Saturday morning, from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

## **Statistics**

The attendance on Sunday, November 12, was 47. The total offering was \$2,302, including \$55 for the Building Fund, \$51 for the Synod, and \$75 for Trinity First. Additionally, \$350 was received electronically.

## **Sunday Forums, 10:45-11:30 am**

Today: Psalms Part I: Thanksgiving, led by Kim Blomberg

Next week: Introduction to the Gospel of Mark, led by Pastor Jay

## **Upcoming dates:**

Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day Service, 9:30 am

Dec 3 Christmas by the Creek, 3-6 pm

Dec 24 Christmas Eve, 10 pm

Dec 25 Christmas Day, 9:30 am

*A free event!*

# Christmas by the Creek

 **Sunday, December 3rd**

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

*Beginning at 3 pm*

- \* Bonfire, Christmas treats, and beverages
- \* Sing Christmas songs
- \* Fun activities for children
- \* Christmas portrait with a photographer

*New  
this  
year!*

(3:30—4:30 pm)

*Beginning at 5 pm*

- \* Festival of Lessons and Carols (indoors)
- \* Listen to inspiring readings and  
sing favorite Christmas carols
- \* Stay for more treats and bonfire fun!

*Bring your friends & make new ones!*



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## **SERVING TODAY**

### **Sunday, November 19**

November Altar Guild: Carol Rusk

Choir Director: David Hinrichs

Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot

Counters: Adam Horrmann and Gail Klatt

Lector: Andy Tatham

Organist: Pamela Carlson

Pastor: Rev. Jay Carlson

Audio: James Blomberg

Video: Ed Copeland

Treats: Mary Lange

Usher: Andy Tatham

### **Next Sunday, November 26**

November Altar Guild: Carol Rusk

Communion Assistant: Jim Likely

Choir Director: David Hinrichs

Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot

Counters: Lynn Oolman and Sandi Likely

Lector: Tim Phelon

Organist: Trevor Wolter

Pastor: Rev. Jay Carlson

Audio: James Blomberg

Video: Ed Copeland

Treats: Arlene Kise

Usher: Tim Phelon

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