



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 7, 2024

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: *All Creation Sings (ACS), Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW, the red cover hymnal) and With One Voice (WOV, blue paperback cover)*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Meditation on Spirit

Michael Bedford

(b. 1949)

Musette

Anon.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is mighty in word and deed.

God's mercy is everlasting.

Blessed be the one holy and living God.

Glory to God forever.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins to God, whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

Holy God,

you call us to boldly proclaim your name,

yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call.

By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life

that we may return to faithful living,

in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Siblings in Christ, God's grace and mercy are never ending. Your sin is forgiven.

Be at peace.

Amen.



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dress to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

+ 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.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING Ezekiel 2:1-5

L: A reading from Ezekiel:

[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

Read responsively.

To you I lift up my eyes,

to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,

and of the derision of the proud.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

L: A reading from Second Corinthians:

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
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+ **GOSPEL** Mark 6:1-13

P: The gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

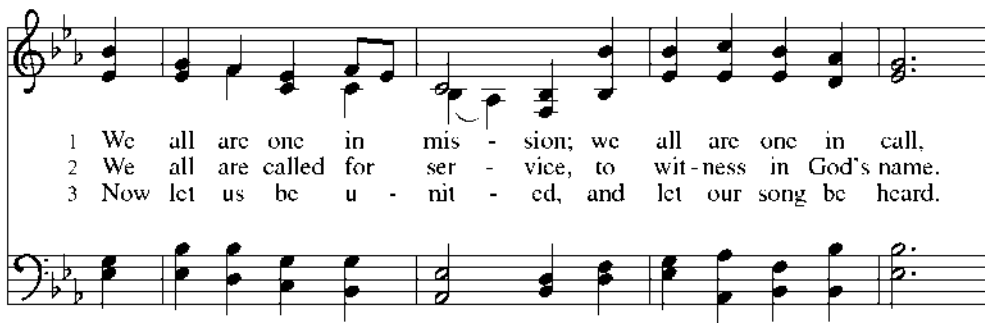
[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same;
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

+ 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

A Short Story

Heinrich Lichner
(1829-1898)

+ **OFFERTORY HYMN** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* ELW 884

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be low;

praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

+ **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.

SENDING

+ **BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
† be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

ELW 771



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

This Land Is Your Land

Woody Guthrie
(1912-1967)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gardener of the Week

Thanks to Carol Horrmann who volunteered to water last week and to Kim Blomberg who will water this week. Working together, we can keep the gardens looking bright and flourishing! *Open dates remain in August and September.*

Please help if you can! The signup calendar is in the narthex.

Statistics

The attendance on Sunday, June 30, was 40 (14 also attended online). The total offering was \$1,558, including \$5 for the Building Fund and \$1 for the Minneapolis Area Synod. Additionally, \$590.18 was received electronically.

Celebrating This Week

Birthday: Kathy Riley (7/10)

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, July 11	Hands in Ministry, 2 pm Council, 7 pm
Sunday, July 14	Neighborhood Walk
Wednesday, July 31	Prayer Group, 1 pm

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Today, Sunday, July 7

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jay Carlson

Lector: David Hinrichs

Musicians: Scott Rohr & Malena Carlson

Altar Guild: Mary Lange

Audio: James Blomberg

Video: Ed Copeland

Usher: Sandi Likely

Counters: Gail Klatt & Sandi Likely

Treats: Langes

Next Sunday, July 14

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jay Carlson

Worship Assistant: Jim Likely

Lector: Steve Blomberg

Communion Server: Open

Musicians: Scott Rohr & Amelia Erickson

Altar Guild: Mary Lange

Audio: James Blomberg

Video: Ed Copeland

Usher: Lyle Horrmann

Counters: Adam Horrmann & Lynn Oolman

Treats: Open

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