

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, July 7, 2024



First & Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Dan Baker, Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Michael A. Breznen, Pastor

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

DIALOG

L: Open our lips, O Lord,

C: and we shall declare your praise.

L: Give us the joy of your saving help,

C: and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

L: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

C: proclaim his salvation day after day.

L: Declare his glory among the nations,

C: his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

L: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

C: be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever! Amen

OPENING HYMN – *God Bless America*

God bless America. Land that I love. Stand beside her, And guide her,
Through the night with the light from above.

From the mountains, To the prairies, To the oceans, White with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home. (repeat)

CREED

L: Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

C: We believe and trust in him.

L: Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

C: We believe and trust in him.

L: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

C: We believe and trust in him.

L: This is the faith of the Church.

**C: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

SONG - Here I Am To Worship

VERSE

♩ = 75

E Bsus F#m E Bsus

1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

4 A2(no3) E Bsus F#m E Bsus

see. Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with
bove. Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came

CHORUS

8 A2(no3) B7sus E B/D#

You. So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
poor.

12 E/G# A E

say that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

15 B/D# E/G# A A2(no3) A

wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me. And I'll nev -

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. . . 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.

C: Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***First Lutheran Church Council will meet today after worship.

***Would you like to share in the deeper life and mission of the church? Join us for two **New Members Classes** on July 28 and August 4th where you will meet others joining, discover more about what our churches are doing together, and how you can be a part of this vital ministry. Contact the office (561) 833-9653 or secretary.firstchurch@outlook.com today!

***First Lutheran is having a **Specially Called Congregational Meeting** on July 21 at 11:30 in the sanctuary to vote on a new lease agreement for the 850 and 824 properties (the old PNC Bank and “flag” properties).

***The planned Passover Bible Study will be rescheduled for a later date.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

2 He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” ² As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

³ He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴ The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’ ⁵ And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

KIDS TALK

Pastor Dan Baker

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

6 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. **2** When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? **3** Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph,^[a] Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

4 Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” **5** He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. **6** He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. **7** Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

8 These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. **9** Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. **10** Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. **11** And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

12 They went out and preached that people should repent. **13** They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Dan Baker

HYMN OF THE DAY: - *Christ be our Light*



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Merciful God,

**C: our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed:
we have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves:
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: Almighty God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: Jesus said: I am the bread of life.
All who come to me shall not hunger,
and all who believe in me shall not thirst.

With Christians around the world
and throughout the centuries,
we gather around these symbols
of bread and wine—simple elements
that speak of nourishment and transformation.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
Always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is praised among all peoples.

Therefore we praise your name, and join their unending hymn...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION – CONTINUOUS FORMAT

We practice Open Communion at Holy Cross and First Lutheran. If you believe that the Holy Sacrament carries with it the promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and are a **baptized Christian** – you are welcome to receive. We do ask however, that younger children who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament - please come to the chancel for a blessing, but refrain from receiving. Grape juice is located in the center of the communion trays.

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

L: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the sacrament of his body and blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart.

Through Christ, our Lord, Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN – *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

WELCOME to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the Guest Register. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service. We very much would like to greet you and hope to make you feel welcome.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding:	The Rev. Dan Baker	Supplicant:	The Rev. Dan Baker
Assisting:	The Rev. Michael Breznen	Celebrant:	The Rev. Dan Baker
Liturgist:	The Rev. Dan Baker	Crucifer:	Tom Kalorgis
Lector:	Vince Burkhardt	Comm. Asst.:	Dianne Breznen & Pastors
Gospeler:	The Rev. Dan Baker	Music & Video:	Sera Butz
Preaching:	The Rev. Dan Baker	Sound:	Ken Burton
Musician:	Anne Akerson		

Remember in Prayer

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and Ukraine; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation’s leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for Youth for Christ, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony and Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt. We also pray for God’s healing presence to be with: **Brian Bell** – car accident (Lori Kinney’s son-in-law); **Grunwald/Mansfield Families** – on passing of Cheryl Grunwald (LeeAnne’s aunt); **Carson Lanza**; **Judith Miller**; **Logan** – heart complications (2-month old cousin of Todd Parrish); **Ken Wolf** – throat cancer (friend of Todd Parrish); **Malary Palmer** (Todd Parrish’s cousin) – chemical dependency; **Patrick Murphy** – addiction; **Elizabeth Ducally**- breast cancer (Tracy Graham's mother); **Nina** (Todd Parrish’s friend) – brain surgery; **Dale Bedwell** (recovering from stroke complications); **Cyndy Sellari** - for healing; **Joan Cannon** – health issues; and members of the **Holy Cross and First Church** families who are at home and unable to attend.

Holy Cross prayer requests: **Allan, Claudia, Diane, Gertrude, Hal, John, Jyl & Family, Katie, Linda, Marilynn, Memphis-Rose, Patrick, Peter, and Wayne.**

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