

# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Worship with Holy Communion/FB  
Sunday February 9, 2025



- Monday:** 9:00 Quilting Day  
**Tuesday:** 9:00 Quilting Day  
6:00 Executive Mtg.  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 Confirmation/Club 56 (Simple Supper 6:00)  
**Thursday:**  
**Friday:**  
**Saturday:** 10:00 WELCA Valentine's Brunch  
**Sunday:** 9:30 Worship Service w/Holy Communion/Caring Collection/FB  
10:30 Sunday School/Coffee Hour  
10:30 Stone Church Preservation Committee Mtg.

*Cross of Christ Mission Statement: As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in word and deed; inviting people to worship together, nurturing them in the Christian faith, loving one another and serving a world in need.*

## **Prelude**

## **Ringling of the Church Bell**

## **Announcements**

## **Gathering Song: Hymn #413 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”**

1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## **Prayer of the Day:**

**Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Choir**

## Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup> **You will make good your purpose for me;  
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Pastor Dana Jackson**

## **Hymn of the Day: Hymn #798 "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?"

2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?

3 "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

### **Apostle's Creed**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.**

## **Prayers of Intercession:**

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## **Offering Collection**

### **Offertory**

### **“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of  
life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## **Words of Institution**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*Pastor:* The Table is set. Who is Welcome?

*Congregation Response:* **All are welcome.**

## **The Distribution (*Please sign the pew pad.*)**

**Communion Hymns: 491, 677, 785**

**Sending Song: ELW #414 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" vs 1,2&4**

1 Holy God, we praise  
your name;  
Lord of all, we bow  
before you.  
All on earth your scepter  
claim,  
all in heav'n above adore  
you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
everlasting is your reign.

2 Hark! The glad  
celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are  
raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus  
praising,  
fill the heav'ns with  
sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

4 Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we  
name you,  
though in essence only  
one;  
undivided God we claim  
you  
and, adoring, bend the  
knee  
while we own the  
mystery.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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## **Thank You for helping with the service today:**

Organist: Gayle Smith  
Choir Director: Jake Olson  
Acolytes: Delaney Erickson, Keirah  
Stuttgen

Reader: Paul Kempter  
Communion: Jenelle Lemke, Vicki  
McKay, Cheryl Eaton  
Usher: Asher Meyer, Alivia Halvorson

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> Cross of Christ WELCA Valentine Brunch 10:00 a.m.**

Speaker this year will be Pastor Laura Gentry. From her big smile and zealous laugh to her colorful outfits you will feel her warm energy and contagious joy. Known as laughing Laura she has presented laughter and motivational programs on six continents. She has been Pastor of Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Lansing Iowa for 22 Years. We look forward to her talk Live, Laughter & Love. Please join us for a delightful morning. Brunch served by the men of our church. Tickets are available every Sunday after church for \$10.

**February 16<sup>th</sup> Caring Collection** we will be collecting soup, canned chicken, pasta.

## **AREA EVENTS:**

**Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> & Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 p.m. Church Basement Ladies. Rushford Lutheran Church is hosting a locally cast dinner theater performance to raise money for their 2025 youth mission trip. Tickets are \$25 for the show and the meal at 6:30. A matinee performance will be held both days at 2 p.m. for \$15. Contact Kristin Burdey at 507-459-0731 or [kristinburdey@gmail.com](mailto:kristinburdey@gmail.com).

**Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>** at Noon. Love Luncheon at Looney Valley Lutheran Church.

**Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>** Annual Meeting for Valley View at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Court Lounge. Call Connie if you have any questions.