

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship with Holy Communion/First Communion/FB

Mother's Day

May 11, 2025



Monday:

Tuesday: 6:00 Executive Mtg.

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: 9:00 WELCA Quilt Day/Pastor's Day Off

Saturday: 9:00 WELCA Quilt Day

Sunday: 9:30 **Confirmation Sunday** Worship Service w/Holy Communion/FB

10:30 Coffee Hour with Cake

10:30 Stone Church Preservation Mtg.

12:00 Private Party Rental

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: 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.

Prayer of the Day:

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Choir

Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 10:22-30

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

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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

Sermon

Pastor Dana Jackson

Hymn of the Day "In The Garden"

1 I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is ringing. **R**

(Refrain)

**And He walks with me, and He talks
with me, and He tells me I am His
own, And the joy we share as we tarry
there, none other has ever known.**

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him tho' the
night around me be falling;
But He bids me go thru the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. **R**

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 Hymn# 186 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

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 *Congregation Response: All are welcome.*

First Communion – Della Hegland-Tarr

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

Communion Hymns: 471, 393, 838, 769

Sending Song: ELW # 631 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Vs. 1 & 4

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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

Postlude

Thank You for helping with the service today:

Organist: Shelley Jerviss

Choir Director: Jake Olson

Acolytes: Aaren Kulas, Claire

Frauenkron

Reader: Lisa Skifton

Communion: Lisa Skifton, Rae Evenson,
Ron Evenson

Usher: Helen Kulas, Caidence

Frauenkron

Sunday May 18th Caring Collection we will be collecting canned fruit, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce.

Wednesday May 21st Stone Church Cleaning Day All are welcome to join us at 9:00 AM to help clean the Stone Church and get it ready for our summer worship season. We enjoy a potluck lunch together at noon. There are jobs available for every ability. We really do have fun together. Many hands make light work.

Friday May 23rd Stone Church 11:00 WELCA Program After all is cleaned up, we have a special day to celebrate our church. All are welcome to attend our program and lunch. This year our program will feature Sandy Ask as she shares with us her mission work in Cambodia. Please join us for fun and fellowship.



Memorial Weekend

Summer Worship Service begins Sunday May 25th at the Stone Church at 8:30 a.m. followed by coffee and treats served by WELCA officers.

Stone Church Sunday June 1st

Worship service at 8:30 a.m. followed by Brunch. Please bring your favorite Brunch dish to share.

Cross of Christ Monday evening June 2nd

Worship service at 6:30 p.m. at Cross of Christ.

