

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
204 S. Chase Street, Houston, MN
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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Worship
with Holy Communion/Noisy Offering Collection/FB
November 1, 2026



Monday: 2:00 Ruth's Circle

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: Pastor's Day Off

Saturday:

Sunday: 8:30 choir

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion/FB

10:30 Sunday School/Confirmation/Coffee Hr.

S.C. Cemetery 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

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Gathering Song: ELW #422 “For All the Saints” vs 1,2&7

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress,
and their might; thou, Lord, their captain
in the well-fought fight;

thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of The Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Choir

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

⁹You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. ¹¹As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹²urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

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

Psalm 43

¹Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

²**For you are the God of my strength; why have you rejected me, and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy oppresses me?**

³Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your sanctuary;

⁴**that I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.**

⁵**Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me? Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Sermon

Pastor Dana Jackson

Remembrance of Saints and Lighting of Remembrance Candles.

Hymn ELW #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!

Hymn ELW #423 “Shall We Gather at the River”

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

(Refrain)

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. **R**

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. **R**

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. **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:

P: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Noisy Offering Collection

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

Congregation Response: All are welcome.

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

Communion Hymns: 471, 629, 810

Sending Song: ELW #414 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” vs 1-3

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!"

3 Lo, the apostolic train
join your sacred name to
hallow;
prophets swell the glad
refrain, and the white-
robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of
sun through the church
the song goes on.

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

Postlude

Thank You for helping with the service today:

Organist: Shelley Jerviss

Choir Director: Jo Ann Miller, Jake Olson

Reader: Ellen Hongerholt

Acolytes: Owen Krings, Tason Bartsch

Communion: Ellen Hongerholt, Krin

Abraham, Claire Reay

Usher: Holden Lund, Dakota Tinderholt,

Duane Hegland

Announcements

Sunday November 15th Caring Collection we are collecting cereal (no Cheerios) and canned fruit.

Saturday November 21st WELCA Holiday Bazaar. As always we encourage and appreciate your continued support by donating baked goods, candy, preserves, produce, and crafts. Watch for more details to follow soon.