

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

204 S. Chase Street, Houston, MN

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First Sunday in Lent Worship with Holy Communion/FB

Sunday March 9, 2025



Monday:

Tuesday: 6:00 Executive Council

Wednesday: 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper
6:30 Holden Evening Lenten Worship Service

Thursday:

Friday: Pastor's Day Off

Saturday:

Sunday: 9:30 Worship Service w/Holy Communion/Caring Collection/FB
10:30 Sunday School/Coffee Hour
10:30 Stone Church Preservation 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 #438 “My Lord, What a Morning”

(Refrain)

**My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.**

1 You will hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **R**

2 You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **R**

3 You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **R**

Prayer of the Day:

**O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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: Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b} “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—
- ² **you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**
- ⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
- ¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.
- ¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
- ¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Gospel Acclamation

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

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

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said.

³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

Sermon

Pastor Dana Jackson

Hymn of the Day: Hymn #787 "On Eagle's Wings"

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

(Refrain)

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. **R**

3 You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. **R**

4 For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

(Final refrain)

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand; and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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: 338, 697, 742

Sending Song: ELW #774 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is
mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

(Refrain)

Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus,
leaning on Jesus,) safe and secure from
all alarms; leaning, leaning, (leaning on
Jesus, leaning on Jesus,) leaning on the
everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim
way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day
to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. **R**

3 What have I to dread, what have I to
fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so
near, leaning on the everlasting arms. **R**

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

Postlude

Thank You for helping with the service today:

Organist: Gayle Smith

Choir Director: Jake Olson

Acolytes: Mikey Bills, Bentley Beech

Reader: Denise Rostad

Communion: Jessica Brand, Denise Rostad, Judy Munson

Usher: Claire Srock, Keahna Seekamp, Duane Hegland

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday Evenings Lenten Soup Supper to be served March 5th thru April 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday March 16th Caring Collection we will be collecting Cereal (not Cheerios), canned fruit, and granola bars.

Easter Flower Order Form Flowers can be purchased in Memory or Honor of loved one for Sunday Easter Service. If you are ordering through the church the order forms are available in the narthex and due by Sunday March 23rd.

First Communion Class Sundays March 30, April 6, and April 13th at 10:30am – 11:15am for 5th graders. Register through the church office: email cofc@acegroup.cc

Attention Thrivent members, you have until March 31 to designate your Choice Dollars for 2024. For assistance, please contact your Thrivent agent or Steve Halvorson (Steve @ 507-450-9153).

Sunday, April 6, from 10:40 to 11:15 a.m., Tharan Leopold with the ELCA Foundation will be at Cross of Christ to share a forum on legacy gifts.

AREA EVENTS:

Saturday March 22nd 9:00-12 WELCA - Root River Conference Spring Gathering at Central Lutheran, Winona. Reservations and information contact Elsie Olson. Cost: \$15 for program and lunch.