

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

204 S. Chase Street, Houston, MN

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Third Sunday of Easter Contemporary Worship Service w/Holy Communion/FB

Sunday April 14, 2024



Monday:

Tuesday:

6:00 Council Mtg.

Wednesday:

11:00 Prayer Group

6:00 Confirmation/Club 56 (Simple Supper)

Thursday:

Friday:

Pastor's Day Off

Saturday:

Sunday:

8:30 Choir

9:30 Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship Service w/Holy Communion/Caring Collection/FB

10:30 Sunday School/Coffee Hour

10:30 Roadside Cleanup followed by potluck

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: ELW #581 "You Are Mine"

1 I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.

2 I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me. **R**

(Refrain)

**Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me. I will bring you
home I love you and are mine.**

3 I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. **R**

4 I am the Word that leads to all to
freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now and walk and live! **R**

Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Psalm: 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

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

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

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

Hymn of the Day: Hymn #728 “Blest are they” vs 1-4

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
They shall be consoled.
(Refrain)

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;
They shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
They shall have their fill. **R**

3. Blest are they who show mercy;
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
They shall see God. **R**

4. Blest are they who seek peace;
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
The glory of God is theirs. **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.*
The Distribution (*Please sign the pew pad.*)
Communion Hymns: 471,483,773,793

Sending Song: ELW #857 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

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

Postlude



Scholarships 2024 Summer Camps

- ❖ Applications for scholarship are due to Jess Brand no later than 5pm April, 14th
- ❖ Kids attending a camp will receive a free Good Earth Village camp t-shirt, please include t-shirt size on application.
- ❖ Siblings get a 25% discount
- ❖ Parents pay the deposit
- ❖ Health forms are required
- ❖ Email **Jess Brand** for additional questions or information about camp @ thebrands77@outlook.com
- ❖ Scholarship application due April 14
- ❖ Does your child have a friend from another congregation that wants to attend, GREAT, let's get them registered!

Thank You for helping with the service today:

Accompanist: Eileen Hegland

Choir Director: Jake Olson

Acolytes: Karlee Frauenkron, Vadyan Van
Gundy

Prayers of intercession: Volunteer

Reader: Nancy Runningen

Communion: Vicki McKay, Nancy
Runningen, Cheryl Eaton

Usher: Clayton Brand, Volunteer,
Duane Hegland

April 21 Caring Collection Items we are collecting: Toilet Paper, Shampoo and Dish Soap.

April 21 Roadside Cleanup

Following service we will have our Biannual roadside cleanup. CofC will provide bags, approved safety vests, training and bag retrieval. You contribute approximately two hours of labor. We look forward to having a multi-generational group to help out and will be having a potluck afterwards.

All volunteers between the ages of 12-17 participating must have written consent of a parent or legal guardian to participate. Thanks!

April 27th Brat Sale at Cross of Christ Drive - Thru from 10:30-1:00P.M.

(fundraiser Proceeds go to St. Pete's & Stone Church Cemetery)

April 28 Senior Recognition and Reception

Seniors will be presented with a quilt from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church presented by WELCA. Reception to follow worship service.