

# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

204 S. Chase Street, Houston, MN

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Time of Thanks/Contemporary/Caring Collection Worship Service

with Holy Communion/FB

Sunday November 19, 2023



**Monday:**

**Tuesday:**

6:00 Council Meeting

**Wednesday:**

Office Closed

**Thursday:**

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Friday:**

Pastor's Day Off

**Saturday:**

Private Party facility rental

**Sunday:**

8:30 Choir

9:30 Worship Service w/Holy Communion/Baptism/FB

No Sunday School

*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 #689 “Praise and Thanksgiving”

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.

3 Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.

4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

## Singing Performance by our Sunday School

### Reading: Colossians 3:15-17

<sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.  
R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: Psalm 100:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

<sup>2</sup>**Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

**<sup>4</sup>Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

<sup>5</sup>Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

## **Bell Choir Performance**

***“This is My Father’s World”***

## **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Reading Pastor Dana**

<sup>1</sup>For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

<sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

## **Sermon**

**Pastor Dana Jackson**

## **Hymn of the Day: Hymn #857 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”**

### **(2 Times)**

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.

## **Prayers of Intercession:**

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

## **Caring Collection**

## **Offering Collection**

### **Offertory “Have You Thanked the Lord?”**

Have you thanked the Lord?  
Have you praised God's name?  
Don't you know that no tomorrow is quite the same?  
Have you thanked the Lord?  
Have you knelt in prayer,  
and rejoiced that, rain or sunshine, our God is there?

## **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:** 824,840,888,879

## **Sending Song: ELW 881 “Let All Things Now Living”**

1 Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 God rules all the forces:  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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

**Postlude**

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

Accompanist: Eileen Hegland

Choir Director: Jake Olson

Cross Bearer: Hegland-Tarr Family

Acolytes: Hegland-Tarr Family

Prayers of intercession: Hegland-Tarr

Family

Reader: Lisa Skifton

Communion: Lisa Skifton, Krin Abraham,  
Sherry Jergenson

Usher: Duane Hegland, Hegland-Tarr  
Family

**Prayer Requests;** the ongoing war in Ukraine.

## **Noisy Offering December 3**

### **Cookie Walk**

December 10th Cross of Christ Cookie Walk after church.

Everyone is invited to bring cookies and buy lots! Thanks!

## **Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Services at Cross of Christ**

**3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

### **Poinsettia Decorations**

Cross of Christ will be taking orders for flowers to decorate our church for Christmas. All who are interested and would like to purchase a plant can fill out the form provided.

Flowers can be purchased in Memory or Honor of loved one and will be available to take home after the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services on December 24, 2023.

Please make checks payable to Cross of Christ.

The order forms are due by **November 24th.**

'Tis the season for **Salvation Army bell ringing** at Root River Market! Get in the holiday spirit by helping those in need. All donations stay in Houston County.

Sign up on Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DADA628A4FACE9-45695337-salvation#/>

or contact Lisa Skifton at 507-429-3820 or [lisa.skifton@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.skifton@gmail.com) to sign up for a shift.

If you prefer, you may mail donations to: Salvation Army Houston County at Merchants Bank, 1 South Sprague St, Caledonia, MN 55921 Thank you!



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