

**Cross of Christ Lutheran Church**  
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**Sixth Sunday in Lent Worship with Holy Communion/FB**  
**Sunday April 13, 2025**



- Monday:** 9:00 am Quilt Prep Day  
**Tuesday:** 9:00 am Quilt Prep Day  
5:00 pm First Comm. (make up class)  
6:00 pm Council Mtg.  
**Wednesday:** 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper  
6:30 pm Holy Wednesday Worship Service  
**Thursday:**  
**Friday:** Pastor's Day Off  
**Saturday:**  
**Sunday:** 7:00 am/9:30 am Easter Sunday Worship Service w/Holy  
Communion/Caring Collection/FB  
Easter Breakfast served between services  
10:30 am 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 #344 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” vs 1,2 & 4

(Refrain)

**All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**

2 The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. **R**

1 You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
our King and Blessed One. **R**

4 To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. **R**

### Prayer of the Day:

**Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## Choir

### Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

- <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

### **Psalm 31:9-16**

- <sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.  
<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**  
<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,  
a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.  
<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**  
<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.  
<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.**  
<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

### **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 19:28-40**

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

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

<sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'

<sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dana Jackson**

**Hymn of the Day: Hymn #697 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"**

(Refrain)

**Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

2 Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord,  
none but thee. **R**

1 I am weak but thou art strong:  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. **R**

3 When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. **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**

### **"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: 349, 347, 351, 359**

## Sending Song: ELW #660 "Lift High the Cross"

(Refrain)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ  
proclaim till all the world adore his sacred  
name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our  
captain trod, our king victorious, Christ,  
the Son of God. **R**

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who  
died. **R**

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to  
thee. **R**

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! **R**

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

## Postlude

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

Organist: Shelley Jerviss

Choir Director: Jake Olson

Acolytes: Tatum Bartsch, Easton Kildahl

Reader: Nancy Runningen

Communion: Sherry Jergenson, Ruth Ann Stensgard, Susan Ferries, Sherry Lundak

Usher: Garret Reay, Taya Evenson, Duane Hegland

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Worship** 7:00 am & 9:30 am. Easter Breakfast served between services. Free will Offering.

\*Egg donation may be brought to the church Monday-Thursday from 9 am-3 pm\*

**Sudsy Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> Caring** Collection we will be collecting dish soap, hand soap and laundry soap.

**Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> Graduation Recognition.** Join us as the Seniors receive their Quilts during 9:30 am Worship followed by cake during coffee hour to celebrate.

**Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> New Member Sunday** It has been a while since we have had a New Member Sunday and thought it would be nice to offer the opportunity to welcome all new members on Sunday, May 4 during our 9:30 am worship service. If you would be comfortable Pastor Dana will invite you forward during the worship service to acknowledge you and offering a blessing. Please email the church office at [cofc@acegroup.cc](mailto:cofc@acegroup.cc) if you can join us on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> Roadside Cleanup** after service.

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. Contact Mike Berg if you have questions or need more information.

\*All volunteers between the ages of 12-17 must have written consent of a parent or legal guardian to participate; these forms are available in the narthex. \*