

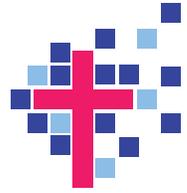
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PENTECOST



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## Welcome to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

*By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to:  
Worship God, Grow in faith, Share the Gospel, Serve others, Welcome all*



*Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

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WELCOME

Pastor Dave Thomas

PRELUDE

Dean Robinson, organist

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*Ricercare – Andrea Gabrieli*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.  
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

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*O God, Why are You Silent?*

1 O God, why are you si - lent? I can - not hear your voice;  
 2 My hope lies bruised and bat - tered, my wound-ed heart is torn;  
 3 Through end - less nights of weep - ing, through wea - ry days of grief,  
 4 May pain draw forth com - pas - sion, let wis - dom rise from loss;

the proud and strong and vio - lent all claim you and re - joice;  
 my spir - it spent and shat - tered by life's re - lent - less storm;  
 my heart is in your keep - ing, my com - fort, my re - lief.  
 oh, take my heart and fash - ion the im - age of your cross;

you prom - ised you would hold me with ten - der - ness and care.  
 will you not bend to hear me, my cries from deep with - in?  
 Come, share my tears and sad - ness, come, suf - fer in my pain,  
 then may I know your heal - ing through heal - ing that I share,

Draw near, O Love, en - fold me, and ease the pain I bear.  
 Have you no word to cheer me when night is clos - ing in?  
 oh, bring me home to glad - ness, re - store my hope a - gain.  
 your grace and love re - veal - ing, your ten - der - ness and care.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



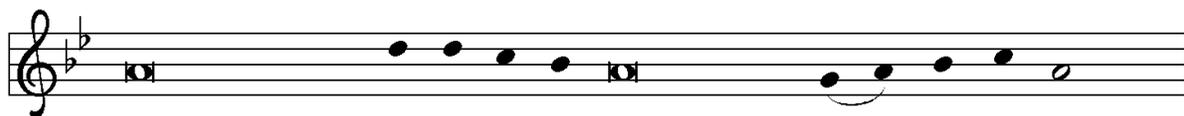
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of

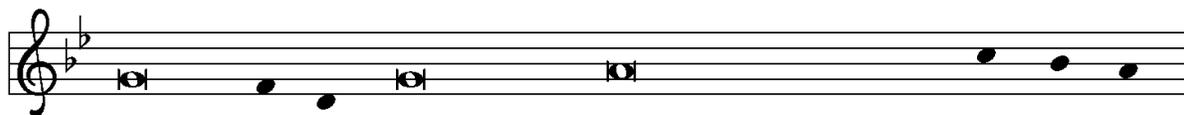


God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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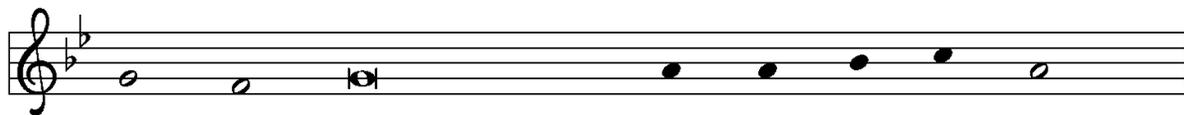
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



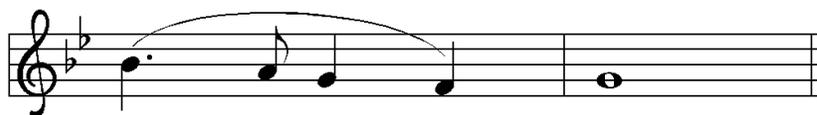
praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

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## CANTICLE

## ELW Holy Communion: Setting Nine

*Glory to God*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



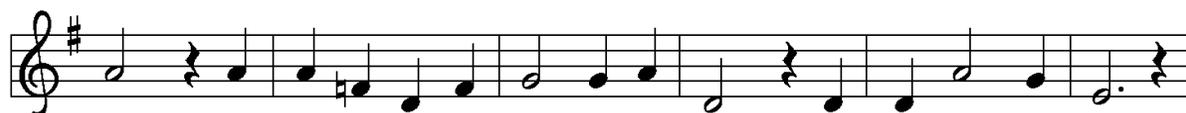
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: God of all, your mercies knows no bounds, and your arms of compassion are open to all. Continue to mold us in the ways of our Teacher, who showed us how to love one another and all our neighbors with compassion. This we pray in his name, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## LESSONS

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### THE FIRST LESSON

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*Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (NRSV)*

*The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.*

L A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord God,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

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THE PSALM

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*Psalm 67 (NRSV)*

*Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)*

- <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to | us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known | upon earth,  
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth.**
- <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought | forth its increase;  
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**
- <sup>7</sup>May God | give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.
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THE SECOND LESSON

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*Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (NRSV)*

*God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.*

L A reading from Romans.

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The third line of musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life." are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

THE GOSPEL

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*Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)*

*Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.*

P The Holy Gospel as recorded in St. Matthew the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Judy Brennan

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*When the Pain of the World Surrounds*

1 When pain of the world sur - rounds us with dark - ness and de -  
 2 We see with . . fear and trem - bling our ach - ing world in  
 3 The church is a ho - ly ves - sel the liv - ing wa - ters  
 4 We praise you . . for our jour - ney and your a - bun - dant



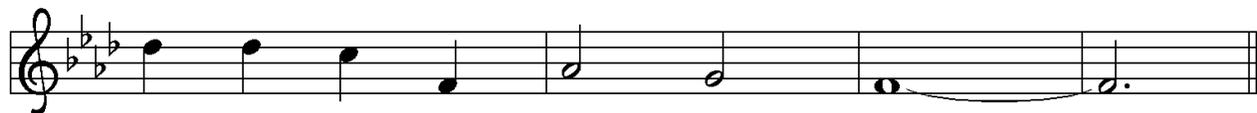
spair, when search - ing just con - founds us with  
 need, con - fess - ing to each oth - er our  
 fill to nour - ish all the peo - ple, God's  
 grace, your sav - ing word that guid - ed a



false hopes ev - 'ry - where, when lives are starved for mean - ing and  
 waste - ful - ness and greed. May we with stead - fast car - ing the  
 pur - pose to ful - fill. May we with hum - ble cour - age be  
 strug - gling hu - man race. O God, with all cre - a - tion, your



des - ti - ny is bare, we are called to fol - low Je - sus and  
 hun - gry chil - dren feed. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and  
 o - pen to God's will. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and  
 fu - ture we em - brace. We are called to fol - low Je - sus and



let God's heal - ing flow through us.  
 let God's jus - tice flow through us.  
 let God's Spir - it flow through us.  
 let God's chang - es flow through us.

Text: Jim Strathdee, b. 1941

Music: CALLED TO FOLLOW, Jim Strathdee

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends, "Lord, in your mercy."

To which the congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer.**"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Dean Robinson, organist

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*Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 737 – J. S. Bach*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

**P** May God Creator bless you and keep you.  
May Christ be ever light for your life.  
May the Spirit of Love be your guide and your path for all of your days.  
In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

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*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

SENT TO SERVE

P Jesus said, "As I have been sent, so also I send you."

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**C** **Worship God,**  
**Grow in Faith,**  
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