

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH –ELCA  
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship  
Sunday, June 26, 2022  
With Holy Communion**

***Please text Prayers Requests to  
“Text in Church” # 314.329.0487  
- lifted during Prayer Time***

**GATHERING  
The Holy Spirit calls us together  
as the people of God**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *All may make the sign of the cross.***

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**



**OPENING SONG - I Will Follow** CCLI Song # 5806878 CCLI License # 1787498

<p><b>Intro</b> Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow Oh oh oh</p> <p><b>Verse 1</b> All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone</p> <p><b>Chorus</b> Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow You Whom You love I'll love How You serve I'll serve If this life I lose I will follow (You)</p>	<p><b>Interlude</b> Yeah I will follow You yeah Verse 2 Light into the world Light into my life I will live for You alone You're the One I seek Knowing I will find All I need in You alone In You alone</p> <p><b>Bridge</b> In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul In You there's joy unending joy And I will follow</p> <p><b>Ending</b> Yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah</p>
--	---

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to you, and you favor us with true freedom...  
...Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may  
steadfastly follow your paths, through our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**WORD** God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

**PSALM 16** Read Responsively by the Worship Asst. and All (In Bold)

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**2 I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you."**

3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

**4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;**

**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**8 I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**10 For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25** Read by the Worship Asst. A reading from Galatians. *For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

<sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62** Read by Pastor

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

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

<sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON MESSAGE for Summer - First, Gathering with the Kids**

**Part 1: Does God ever intervene in Earthly events? “Teachable Moments when Traveling”**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**AFTER MESSAGE SONG - Freedom** CCLI Song # 2183941 CCLI License # 1787498

<p><b>Verse</b> Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom (There is peace there is love there is joy)</p> <p><b>Pre-Chorus</b> It is for freedom You've set us free It is for freedom You've set us free (And I'm free)</p> <p><b>Chorus</b> (I'm) free O I'm free O I'm free I'm free</p>	<p><b>Bridge</b> So we will walk in Your freedom Walk in Your liberty We will walk in Your freedom Walk in Your liberty We will dance in Your freedom Dance in Your liberty We will dance in Your freedom Dance in Your liberty</p>
--	---

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Read by the Worship Asst.

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence. LED BY THE WORSHIP ASST. OVER THE 5 PETITIONS WITH SILENCE AFTER EACH ONE, YOU CAN OFFER YOUR PRAYERS SILENTLY TO GOD:*

- **CHURCH & THIS COMMUNITY** God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors ... *moment of silence for your prayers*
- **CREATION-** God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters... *followed by silence for your prayers*
- **JUSTICE ISSUES-** God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict ... *moment of silence for your prayers*
- **THOSE WHO NEED ADDITIONAL PRAYERS-** God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying. Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads.

Today we pray for...

**Dot Bangert**

(hospitalized with shortness of breath & Covid),

**Keith DeCamp,**

**Myron Holm,  
Marian Newport,  
Adam Jackson,  
Leah Leimbach  
Betty Kent,  
Preben Christensen,  
Sionie Elavsky,  
Paul Craig** (last days of life, father of Lori Reinking, daughter-in-law of Dave Reinking)  
**Vera Bannen** (pain management),  
**Diana**

**Renate Hawn's brother Achim** (reoccurring health issues),  
**Linda** (paralyzed vocal chords for last 3 months, sister-in-law of Cathy Mosher),  
**'Baby-Wait' for baby due 6/21** (Pastor and Dennis Hawley are waiting for their 6th grandchild),

**Jayne Kasten** (right eye cataract surgery),

**All those with sick with Covid: Bob Morin (tested positive last week),**

**PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR...**

**The family of Bill Lynch** (Passed away 6/20, father of Pam Jokerst, Penny Snelson, Barb & Michael),

**The family Jacquie & Ken** (on the passing (6/20) of Jacquie's sister-in-law, Wanda, family of Dennis and Pastor Janice)

**Prayers of peace for the people in Ukraine and surrounding areas.**

*SEE LIST ON SCREEN NAMES & moment of silence*

- God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence.
- *Pastor: Prayer Requests may be offered through Text-in-Church to the Pastor at 314.329.0487*
- **FUTURE-** *Pastor:* God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. And God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

**MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ**

#### **OFFERING**

*Please continue to offer to Holy Cross what you desire to give to God through*

- *E-giving pledge through Vanco online*
- *Send your check directly to Holy Cross at 13014 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur, MO 63141*
- *Go to our Website & hit "DONATE NOW" <http://www.holycrosselca.com/site/cs/links.asp>*

*The presiding minister instructs those communing at home to gather their bread / cracker / wine/ grape juice elements to hold up during the Words of Institution*

## **OFFERING SONG *Instrumental***

**OFFERING PRAYER** Led by Worship Asst.

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ACS p. 37)**

Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying:  
Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,  
granting them life and calling them to flourish, the colors of your love and faithfulness.  
Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise you bound yourself to your people,  
showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations.  
Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved,  
grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

**[Please Hold Up Your Communion Elements / Fellowship Cups]**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember his life laid down and lifted up  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come!

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for Home Communion.*

**COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond Amen. The ministers commune after others commune.*

*Blessing is given to those not communing today. (+)*

**COMMUNION SONG *Holy Spirit* CCLI Song # 6087919 CCLI License # 1787498**

<p><b>Verse 1</b> There's nothing worth more that will ever come close No thing can compare You're our living hope Your Presence</p> <p><b>Verse 2</b> I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone In Your Presence Lord</p> <p><b>Chorus</b> Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord</p>	<p><b>Interlude</b> Your Presence Lord</p> <p><b>Interlude</b> Your Presence Lord Your Presence Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord</p> <p><b>Bridge</b> Let us become more aware of Your Presence Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)</p>
---	--

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Led by the Worship Asst.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger,

that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

**SENDING** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

**BLESSING** *The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing*

The God of peace, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life  
this day and always. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING SONG - *The Stand*** CCLI Song # 4705248 CCLI License # 1787498

<p><b>Verse 1</b> You stood before creation Eternity in Your hand You spoke the earth into motion My soul now to stand</p> <p><b>Verse 2</b> You stood before my failure And carried the cross for my shame My sin weighed upon Your shoulders My soul now to stand</p> <p><b>Pre-Chorus</b> So what can I say And what can I do But offer this heart O God Completely to You</p>	<p><b>Verse 3</b> So I'll walk upon salvation Your Spirit alive in me My life to declare Your promise My soul now to stand</p> <p><b>Chorus</b> So I'll stand With arms high and heart abandoned In awe of the One who gave it all I'll stand My soul Lord to You surrendered All I am is Yours</p>
---	---

Copyright © 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS006499.

CCLI Copyright License 1787498 + Rehearsal License CRL023496 + Streaming License 20181333

**WE ARE GRATEFUL!**

**Worship Assistant:** Early- David Haas / Late-

**Singer:** Megan

**Organist:** Jack Hamill

**Praise Band:** Dave Reinking, Brandon Clay, Marty Little, Jason Cooper, and Matt Davis

**AV/Camera Volunteers:** Donovan Lucas, David Ristau, Philip Paul & Marcus Benson

**Media Shout:** Carrie Curnutte & Jane Ristau

**Deacon:** Early- Kari Brangan / Late- Lola Nosker

**Flowers:** Jeff Benson 52nd wedding anniversary  
Steve Kuhlman Darlene and Steve's Anniversary