



HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

July 4, 2021 - 9:30 am

How does God Act?



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We will never know God through wisdom.

God's wisdom sounds like foolishness.

We will never know God through power.

God's power feels like weakness.

We will never know God based on the way our world works.

We proclaim Christ crucified.

Opening Hymn

"Come With Me"

(Verse) Come with me for the journey is long. Come with me for the journey is long.
Come with me for the journey is long. Come with me for the journey is long.

(Chorus:) *The journey, the journey, the journey is long,
The journey, the journey, the journey is long.
The journey, the journey, the journey is long.
The journey, the journey, the journey is long.*

(Verses)

Pray with me.....(Chorus)

Sing with me.....(Chorus)

Come with me....(Chorus)

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

"Tell the Story"

(Sung to "Thine the Amen" ELW 826)

Tell the story, share the word, let them know what you have heard
Help them understand the way, God is working every day.
Help us share your great, great story so that all the world may see
by your love we're all set fr-ee, by your love we're set free.

Tell the story, share the word, let them know what you have heard
God is making all things new, God is calling me and you.
Let us tell God's great, great story, so that all the world will hear
God's not distant, God is with us, God is near, God is near

Prayer

Special Music

"Let Freedom Ring"

Elizabeth Yearwood

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

1 Corinthians 1:21-25...For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 14:32-42...Jesus and his disciples went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?" ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Dialogue

Message Pastor Jim Killough

Hymn of the Day

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

ELW 817

You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.

*(Refrain) Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.*

You know full well what I have, Lord: neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working. *(Refrain)*

You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving. *(Refrain)*

You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *(Refrain)*

Prayers

As each petition concludes: "Hear us gracious God." Please respond: **We lift our prayers to you.**

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Feed Us Now

**Feed us now, Bread of life, in this holy meal;
Let us know Your love anew; we hunger for You.
Feed us now, Bread of life, come and live within;
Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus we pray .**

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.

**Piece of bread, glass of wine; Lord this food is good
Love and mercy come to us; Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand
How His mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.**

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.

**God is here, O so near; Nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where're we go; Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near; In this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on You, on the Bread that is true.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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, forever and ever. Amen**

Communion

Communion Hymn

"Goodness of God"

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me. All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God.

*(Chorus): All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend,
I have lived in the goodness of God. *(Chorus)*

*(Bridge): Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. (repeat Bridge)*

*(Chorus): All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God. (Repeat Chorus)*

I will sing of the goodness of God.

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"This is My Song"

ELW 887

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you, and hearts united learn to live as one.
So, hear my prayer, O God of all the nations; myself I give you; let your will be done.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live and share the story.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Announcements

⇒ In-Person Worship Guidelines

- People who are feeling ill, have been exposed to COVID-19, or are at high risk of exposing others are asked not to attend worship.
- Fully vaccinated people are not required to wear masks, social distance, and may sing.
- People not fully vaccinated are expected to wear masks, refrain from singing, and social distance. This includes people who have had COVID-19 but are not yet fully vaccinated.
- Bulletins will be emailed. Projection will resume when streaming system is installed.

We must be highly mindful of those around us who are still at risk including:

- those who are not yet fully vaccinated
- those who are vaccinated but have underlying health issues
- children, age 11 and under, and individuals who are not yet able to receive a vaccination

⇒ Food Pantry Our third Thursday of the month Pantry is July 15. To assist with pantry prep on Wednesday, July 14, or the day of the pantry, Thursday, July 15, please [CLICK HERE](#).

⇒ Prayer Requests If you have prayer requests for Sunday worship, email [PASTOR JIM](#).

⇒ Heartland Pride Parade "Let's Get Back 2gether" is this Saturday July 10, at 10:00 am. For more information and to sign-up to join in the march [CLICK HERE](#).

⇒ VBS Donation Request During Vacation Bible School, we are learning about people in our own community and all over the world whom we are called to share God's love with. The kids will be putting together hygiene kits to be donated to Youth Emergency Services. The following items are needed: New Towels and Wash Cloths. New Full Size Hygiene Products, Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Bottled Gatorade, Bottled Water. Donations can be brought to church through **Sunday July 18th**. Thank you for helping our VBS kids learn how to share God's love with our neighbor!

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, July 4

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

Monday, July 5

Office Closed

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, July 6

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, July 8

1:30 pm Centering Prayer Group (Zoom)

7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Mtg

7:00 pm Alanon

Saturday, July 10

10:00 am Heartland Pride Parade

Sunday, July 11

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns

Marie Pitner recovering from broken wrists. **Irene Schnack** recovering from knee replacement.

On-Going Member Concerns

Eddie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives

Amy Churchill, friend of Barb Kay; **Ron Gulbranson & Sharon Kelley**, Julie Noteman's brother & sister; **Aaron McDonald**, McDonald's grandson; **Larry Rolles**, Linda Kohrs' daughter-in-law's father; **Diane Aden**, friend of Linda Kohrs.

Grieving:

Wendy Erickson and her family as they mourn the death of her father.