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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

As We Gather

We all know that buildings, including our homes, require continual care and sometimes complete renovations, but have you ever thought of yourself as being “worked on” or “renovated” in your life of faith? In his letter to the Philippian Christians, the apostle Paul uses this idea of construction (or repair) upon the people of God. That we are, in a right way, a project, attended to by the Master Craftsman who is continuously caring for His creation, using the power of the Gospel to heal and reshape us into the people He is calling us to be. It’s what Paul calls in verse 6, a “good work” in us. Today, we continue a new series of messages on this “good work,” “discovering what the Lord is up to in our lives. Welcome to all who join us for worship!

PRELUDE

“Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise”

Thomas Chesterton

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Tom

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

ALL Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

LSB 873

**1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise;
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**3 Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and
grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.**

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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.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray....

C Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

My Soul Waits for God Alone

Psalm 62, vv. 1-2; 5-12

R ¹ For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

**C ² He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

R ⁵ For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

**C ⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

R ⁷ On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**C ⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.**

R ⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

**C ¹⁰ Put no trust in extortion;
set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

R ¹¹ Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

**ALL ¹² and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.
For you will render to a man according to his work.**

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

READING*Jonah Goes to Nineveh**Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

¹Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING*The Baptism of Jesus**Mark 1:4-11*

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

MUSIC MINISTRY*"I Will Follow"**Mary Sorensen, Jonathan Malone, and Mark Heil*

MESSAGE

*Winning the Race
Renovation: Week 3
Philippians 3:12-16
Pastor Tom*

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

- Dissatisfaction vv.12-13a "Not that I have already obtained!"
- Devotion v.13b "One thing"
- Direction v.13c "Forgetting what is behind"
- Determination v.14 "I press!"
- Discipline vv.15-16 "Let us live"

For Application ~ Week 3

Pick one of the above scripture references from the stack of "Ds" (i.e. Direction, etc.). Write out the whole portion of the verse on a notecard or in your journal. Choose the one you struggle with the most. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you as you read and pray over it? How can you specifically apply what you learned today to your life of faith this week? What does this portion of Philippians tell you about the apostle Paul or about the church at Philippi? How do Paul the words of Paul encourage you in your witness to the world?



APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor Tom will lead the congregation in prayer.

P Into Your hands, eternal God, we offer our prayers, trusting Your love through, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ~ SETTING THREE

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

LSB, p. 195

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna,
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who com-eth in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

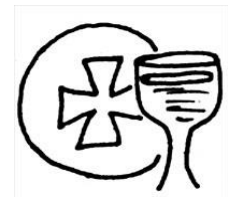
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



LAMB OF GOD

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**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
Takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
World, grant us Thy peace, A-men.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

"At the Cross"

Mary Sorensen, Jonathan Malone, and Mark Heil

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

LSB 744, v.1-2, 4-5

- 1 **Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!**
- 2 **The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**
- 4 **Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.**
- 5 **When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

POSTLUDE

"Let Us Adore Him"

Rob Roy Peery

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