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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 your life of faith as being "worked on" or "renovated"? 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 Philippians 1:6 "a good work" in us. Today, we continue our series on this "good work," discovering what the Lord is up to in our lives. Welcome to all who join us for worship!

PRELUDE

"Fantasia on 'Dix'"

Lani Smith

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Tom

CONFSSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

P In the name of the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that, attentive to Your Word, we may confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

C Gracious God, have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

LSB 809

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.** *Refrain*

Refrain **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.** *Refrain*

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**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!** *Refrain*

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 *Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart* *Psalm 139:1-10*

- R¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
- C² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- R³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- C⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**
- R⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- C⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.**
- R⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- C⁸ **If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**
- R⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ALL¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.**

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

READING*The Lord Calls Samuel*

1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!****GOSPEL READING***Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael*

John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Abide with Me"

Mary Sorensen, Jonathan Malone, and Mark Heil

MESSAGE

The Ins and Outs of Christian Living

Week 2 of our series, "Renovation"

Pastor Tom

Philippians 2:12-18

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, **13** for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, **15** so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky **16** as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. **17** But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. **18** So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

- There is a **Purpose to Achieve** (vv.12, 14-16)
 - The purpose is to live out the salvation you have already received in Christ
- There is **Power to Receive** to live out that salvation (v.13)
 - Through the Word, Prayer, and Suffering
- There is a **Promise to Believe** when we live within His purpose and under His power (vv.16-18)
 - The promise is that we will receive joy through submission to Christ

FOR APPLICATION

Do you feel the Lord is achieving His purposes in and through you? Give an example. Or, when have you recently had the opportunity to "practice" being a disciple of Jesus? What was it like to serve someone or tell them about Jesus? Additionally, do you ever pray for the suffering or persecuted Church? Do some research on areas of the world where religious freedom is restricted at www.persecution.com. Choose a nation and pray for it this coming week. Lastly, do you struggle to find joy in your Christian faith? If so, why do you think this is? Are there certain experiences which have made you cynical or jaded? Ask the Lord to help you discover why joy is elusive to you. Talk with someone you trust about this. It's too important not to address!

PHILIPPIAN CREEDAL CONFESION, PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

Scholars believe this “creedal hymn” was already known to the Church. It is not thought to have originated with Paul even though he includes it in his personal letter to them.

**⁶ Jesus, Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. 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.

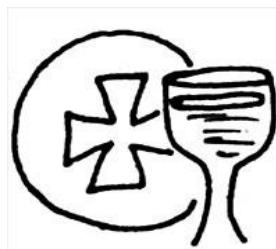
P Into Your hands, eternal God, we offer our prayers, trusting Your love through, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 TWO

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

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of Power and Might;
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
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."

LAMB OF GOD

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**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Holy Spirit"

Mary Sorensen, Jonathan Malone, and Mark Heil

Congregation is invited to participate

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen, amen, amen!

CLOSING HYMN*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

LSB 507

- 1 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 3 **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,**
 Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
 Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
 Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

- 4 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

POSTLUDE*"Sicilian Mariners Hymn"*

Benton Price

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