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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 begin 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

“From God the Father, Virgin-Born”

David Schack

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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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- 1 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!**
- 2 **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**
- 3 **Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

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

Ascribe to the LORD Glory

Psalm 29

R¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

R³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.

**C⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

R⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**C⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

R⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**C⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

R⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**C¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

**ALL¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

READING*The Creation of The World**Genesis 1:1-5*

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And 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. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And 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. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And 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. ¹¹ And 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*"No Longer Slaves"**Mary Sorensen and Jonathan Malone*

MESSAGE

Renovate Wk 1: "Of Single Mind and Purpose"
Philippians 1:27-30 (ESV)

"²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have."

Consider Ways You Can Apply the Following:

Because we are "in Christ Jesus" and our life and good works are based upon the person and work of Jesus, we can:

- Be **CONSISTENT** in our message and motivation (1:27a)
- Be **COOPERATIVE** in our relationships with one another (1:27b)
- Be **CONFIDENT** that the Lord is at work in us and for us (1:28-30)

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 1

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

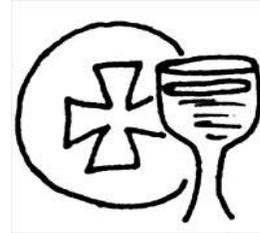
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

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

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



SANCTUS

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**C Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Power and Might;
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. 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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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 AND CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC

*"In Christ Alone"
Mary Sorensen and Jonathan Malone*

The congregation is invited to participate in the singing.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

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**4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.**

Ponder anew

What the Almighty can do

As with His love He befriends you.

**5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!**

Let the Amen

Sound from His people again;

Gladly forever adore Him!

POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Friedrich Zipp

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