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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 with our fourth message on this “good work,” “discovering what the Lord is up to in our lives. Welcome to all who join us for worship!*

PRELUDE

“Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”

Kevin Hildebrand

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Tom

- 1 **Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!**

- 2 **My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.**

- 3 **Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.**

- 4 **He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.**

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.

Continued....

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.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Great Are the Lord's Work

Psalm 111

R ¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**C ²Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

R ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**C ⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

R ⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

**C ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

R ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

**C ⁸they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

R ⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

**ALL ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!**

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

READING*A New Prophet like Moses**Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING*Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit**Mark 1:21-28*

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

MUSIC MINISTRY*"Who Do You Say I Am?"**Mary Sorensen, Jonathan Malone, and Mark Heil*

MESSAGE

Contentment in Christ
Renovation: Week 4
Philippians 4:10-20
Pastor Tom

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you **renewed your concern** for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you **to share** in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, **you sent me aid** more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more **be credited to your account**. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable **sacrifice**, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Chapter 4 Partial Outline and Questions

- The Providence of God (4:10)
- The Power of God (4:11-13)
- The Promise of God (4:14-20)
 - V. 10 A Budding Tree
 - V. 14-17 An Investment
 - V. 18 A Sacrifice

Do you struggle with contentment, constantly searching for peace? What "ends" have you pursued in this quest? Or, what are you putting your energy into as you look for satisfaction? This morning, let's focus on the promise of God to us in Christ Jesus (vv. 14-20) and discover how we, like Paul, can learn to be content in all circumstances. Yes, dear brothers and sisters in Christ--with God, all things are possible!

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 FOUR, *pp. 208-212*

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 Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

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 Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Nothing Else"

Mary Sorensen, Jonathan Malone, and Mark Heil

CLOSING PRAYER BLESSING

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

C **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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**5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
 Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
 Be justified by grace.**

**6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
 For ev'ry soul of man.**

**7 To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.**

POSTLUDE

"Ceremonial March"

Edward Wetherill

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