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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 conclude our 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

“Thy Strong Word”

Lani Smith

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Tom

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

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

C Amen.

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.



- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."**
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
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Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
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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.**

R ¹Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**C ²The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

R ³ He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

**C ⁴He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**

R ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

**C ⁶The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

R ⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

**C ⁸He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.**

R ⁹ He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.

**C ¹⁰His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

**ALL ¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his
steadfast love.**

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

²¹ Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

²³ who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows on them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?
He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name;
by the greatness of his might
and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING*Jesus Heals the Many**Mark 1:29-39*

²⁹ And immediately he^(a) left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸ And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

MUSIC MINISTRY*"Everlasting God"**Mary Sorensen, Jonathan Malone, and Mark Heil***MESSAGE**

The Big Reveal
Renovate: Final Week
Philippians 2:19-30

The Big Reveal: When the Renovation is Complete

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³ I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

Continued....

²⁵ I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹ So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰ for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

For Thought and Consideration

It may seem odd to end the series by looking at a passage which mentions Timothy and Epaphroditus, but there is a reason for this. If we believe God is "doing a good work" within us and this good work is to make us more Christ-like, then these two co-workers of Paul come very close to the finished product. That is, their lives serve as an example to us of what the Spirit can achieve within us. It also encourages us by making good examples of ordinary people like you and me.

Timothy

- A Servant's Mind (vv.19-21)
- A Servant's Training (v.22)
- A Servant's Reward (vv.23-24)

Epaphroditus

- A Balanced Christian (v.25)
- A Burdened Christian (v.26-27, 30)
- A Blessed Christian (vv.28-30)

How has the Lord been working in your life this past month to make you more Christ-like? Which Christ-like qualities do you want to "grow up" in? What do you believe is the next step for you to do in order to experience this good work of God? Don't forget to share your "growing experience" with someone today!

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 +

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Come as You Are"

Mary Sorensen and Jonathan Malone

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

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- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness,
Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.**

- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon's sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.**

- 4 Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter
With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing
Alleluia joyfully.**

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POSTLUDE

"Recessional"

Edward H. Wetherill

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Also, please take advantage of our easy on-line giving option by visiting www.hcdallas.org, using the "GIVE" tab for your tithe or offering (U.S. Mail is fine too).

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