

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Setting 10

PRELUDE *God So Loved the World* by John Stainer, arr. Mike Carson

COMMENTS ON THE DAY

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: People of God,
 we gather for worship to practice joy:
 not because our lives are perfect,
 but because joy is resilient,
 God's gift for every season
 and the wellspring at the heart of our faith.

When our sins feel heavy,

C: we practice joy.

P: When floods rise and fall,

C: we practice joy.

P: When hope surprises us,

C: we practice joy.

P: When God sets people free,

C: we practice joy.

P: When Jesus heals us,

C: we practice joy.

P: When we are called,

C: we practice joy.

P: When we endure,

C: we practice joy.

P: We practice joy together,

C: and God is with us.

GATHERING HYMN "Lift High the Cross"

ELW - No. 660



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
- 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
- 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
- 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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CALL TO CONFESSION

P: People of God,
 the Merciful One already knows everything we confess.
 By naming our sins and hearing words of forgiveness,
 we are drawn deeper into relationship with God and one another.
 Let's bring before God what we have done wrong
 and what we've failed to do,
 trusting that we will receive the joy of being forgiven.

Brief silence for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: God of abundant goodness,

C: we have hurt those we love,
those far from us,
ourselves,
and your creation

by what we do and by what we neglect.

We cling to disappointments, judgments, and failures
and refuse to enjoy what you give.

We are too content when injustice, violence, and hardship
plague our neighbors.

We ignore the gift of your presence
in times both tragic and triumphant.

Forgive us for what we have done
and for what we have failed to do.

Pour out on us the joy of your presence
and heal what we have harmed.

Assurance of Forgiveness

P: Friends, receive these joyful words:

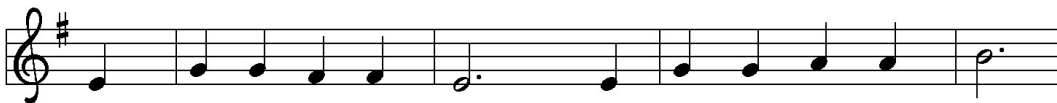
You are entirely and completely forgiven for all of your sins.

You are entirely and completely welcomed as God's beloved child.

You are released to live out God's love
in a world that needs such joy.

C: Amen.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
God of impossible things, you teach us where healing is found: in clarity, in honesty, in the cross. You made us for goodness, not harm, and laid a path toward renewal. Show us joy in the heart of despair. Heal us to be healers in your wounded world.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM *God, Have Mercy* Claudio Monteverdi
Arr. Hal Hopson

God, have mercy. To You I call: forgive my sin, blot out my transgressions.
Lord, restore the joy of my salvation. May I always sing Your praise.
God, have mercy. Hide not Your face from me, hide not Your face.
O God, hear me.

Lord, in You I rejoice; Lord in You I rejoice.
God of truth, God of mercy, I will praise you; I will sing to You;
I will go to Your house; I will praise You.

FIRST LESSON Numbers 21:4-9

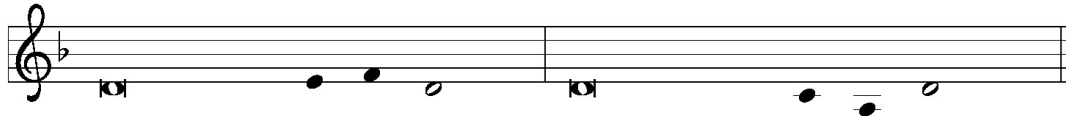
⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke

against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress. R**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices ¹ of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with ¹ shouts of joy. **R**

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Bolt

Silence for Reflection

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY “God Loved the World”

ELW – No. 323



1	God	loved	the	world	so	that	he	gave	his	on	-	ly
2	Christ	Je -	sus	is	the	ground	of	faith,	who	was	made	
3	If	you	are	ill,	if	death	draws	near,	this	truth	your	
4	Be	of	good	cheer,	for	God's	own	Son	for -	gives	all	
5	All	glo -	ry	to	the	Fa -	ther,	Son,	and	Ho -	ly	



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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 to the dead.

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 catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER RESPONSE

A: God of unending joy,

C: **Answer us.**

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

We ask you to be sensitive to those who may not wish to shake hands or receive a touch during the sharing of the peace. Placing your hand on your heart, crossing arms on your chest, simply bowing or other such gestures are ways in which we can honor each other with peace.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offerings are received as the Lord's Supper is prepared. Ushers will come forward with the offering plates.

OFFERTORY HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This"

ELW – No. 666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of mercy and grace,
you give us so much:
our days, our loved ones,
our passions and talents,
the food we eat, the homes we know,
a place to worship.

God, you pour out an abundance of goodness.
Receive the gifts we offer back to you today.
Bless them and bless us,
that we will give generously,

love boldly, and share widely,
our offering reflecting your joyful gift.

C: Amen.

Please stand as you are able

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: God is with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Rejoice with full hearts.

C: We offer them to God.

P: Let us give thanks to our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: God, there is no time, no place
where you are not present,
and there is no time, no place
where we should not practice the joy of praising you:
even here, even now, in our ordinary lives.
As we give thanks, we join the choir
of our ancestors and our heirs
and all God's angels
as they time their breath to the rhythm of joy
and sing of heaven despite the world.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



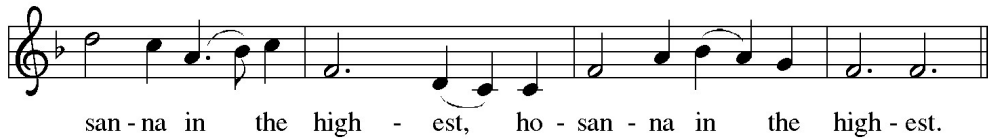
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



God, our ancestors knew the long road toward joy.
Noah saw your rainbow after a devastating flood.
Sarah and Abraham found hope for their future
in a covenant promise.
Moses cradled your law in his arms
and the Israelites found wilderness life
where they should have died.
The prophets read your faithfulness
traced indelibly on their hearts.
Your love sent us Jesus
and his persistent, irrational joy:
dripping with the Jordan's baptismal flood,
teaching in the crowd's beating heart,
tossing the tables of empire and profit,
falling like a seed into warm dark soil
as he offered his life for us all.

On the last night of his life, as evening fell,
Jesus sat down to dinner with his friends.
He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it,
and passed it around the table for everyone to eat, saying,
 This is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

When the meal had ended, the shadows closing in,
Jesus took the cup, blessed it,
and invited everyone to drink, saying,
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people
 for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the heart of fear and pain,
God plants the seed of our joy:

**C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: Send your Spirit upon this bread and cup,
Christ's body and blood,
the food that gives us the strength to persist
until joy appears.
Send your Spirit upon us
and fortify us to be your body, too,
a wellspring of hope for a world in need.

All glory, power, and honor are yours,
God of brilliant resurrection and quiet joy,
today and every day.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father, in heaven.
Hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT SAINT MARK

Christ welcomes all to receive him in bread and wine. As you come forward, you will receive bread or if you wish, a gluten free wafer. You may, if you wish, also receive wine or grape juice. The grape juice is located in the center of the tray; the wine is around the edges. The glasses are distributed on the tray such that you need only touch the glass you are using. Empty glasses may be placed in the tray provided.

LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

All are welcome.

CHOIR COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

Words and Music by Twila Paris

Your only Son no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.
Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as he died,
The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God; I love the Holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in His precious Blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.
I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side.
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a Lamb of God.

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God; I love the Holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in His precious Blood, till I am just a Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

ELW - No. 335



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

Please be seated.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed
the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Go with blessing.
The One who wove joy throughout the whole cosmos
weaves joy within your own heart.
The One who experienced all our human joys and sorrows
travels right beside you.
The One who whispers joy to our hearts
is present within you.

You are blessed in the name of God, Holy Three in One.

C: Amen.

CHARGE

A: Practice joy.
As you leave this place,
Go with the joy that transforms.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* by Dale Wood

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of Carl and Camilla
Ivers Maier --- Carol Maier & Leonard Nelson

Assisting Minister: Gretchen Flesher Moon
Lector: Marlyn Thorpe
Communion Assistants: Mark Thorpe & Trudy Eisenbeis

Welcome to Saint Mark. All are welcomed to receive Holy

Communion. Today we especially pray for: Paul Fauske, Tom, Tim & Lili Harris, Bryan, Craig Zybell, Marjorie Wilson, Anthony Tate, Ana, Dillon, Evelyn & Kim Harper, JJ & Ruth Gartner, Kathleen O'Brien, Yvonne Knoll, Amie, Jennifer Morace, Cindy, Mary Farris, Daniel Detzel, Marie Arthur, Melissa Hamburg, Max Capellas, Joseph Higgins, Kara-Jo Cone, Bonnie Maier, Bill Snyder, James Krogh, Bud & Jeanne Bridges, Jim Wood, Dana, Linda Mattoon, Vic DeVoursney, Maureen O'Brien, and Peyton Higgins. ***And Family Members in the Military:*** Nelson Westby.

If you know of someone who needs to be added to the prayer list, please contact Theresa in the church office or Pastor Heidi.

We are sharing our Lenten pilgrimage with each other weekly by rotating with our fellow Lutheran congregations at their places of worship at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays: March 13 at Holy Cross, and March 20 at Christ the Good Shepherd. A Soup Supper takes place at 5:45 p.m. each week prior to worship.

The labyrinth is set up in the chapel and available during the week when the church office is open, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FORUM on Sundays

March 24 -The Artwork Around Us – Alice Kirk, presenter

Women's Bible Study meets tomorrow, March 11, at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge.

All are welcome. The group uses the *Gather* magazine as their study guide.

We are planning for the Easter Memorial Garden. Please let us know if you would like to have someone remembered/honored by giving us your name and who should be remembered/honored. We will print a brochure with this information on Easter morning. Envelopes are in the pew racks for donations towards the flower garden.

Saint Mark's Welcome Statement:

At Saint Mark Lutheran Church, we celebrate that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's grace and unconditional love. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we embrace all of God's people, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or economic circumstance. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care. We believe we are all unique and worthy individuals created by God. We joyfully welcome all to join us in worship, prayer, study, service, and fellowship.



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This Week: Join to worship, serve, and celebrate!

Sunday, March 10

9:00 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Forum
1:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Monday, March 11

1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Salem Community Chorus Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Wednesday, March 13

10:00 a.m. Mindful Meditative Movement (Zoom)
10:00 a.m. Finance Committee
2:00 p.m. Family Promise Coordinators Meeting
5:45 p.m. Soup Supper at Holy Cross
6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship at Holy Cross

Thursday, March 14

9:00 a.m. Hands of Comfort
4:00 p.m. Reconciling In Christ/ Racism Committee
4:00 p.m. Property Committee
6:00 p.m. CERT
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Friday, March 15

12:30 p.m. Care for Creation (Zoom)

Saturday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Oregon Music Teachers Association Recital
10:00 a.m. Girl Scouts

Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Forum
1:00 p.m. Oregon Music Teachers Association Recital
1:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Week of _____

GRATITUDE!

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8 NIV

Daily Blessings/Reflections

❖ **Today I am grateful for...**

❖ **Today I ask God...**

Sunday:

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: