

Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 • 8:45 a.m.



**Our Mission:
Touching Lives
With the Love of God**

**Our Vision Statement:
We are all called to be ministers-
Welcomed by the love of Jesus Christ,
Nurtured in faith by the Holy Spirit,
Sent to share God's promises with others.**

GATHERING

PRELUDES

"I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives" by Wilbur Held
"Amazing Grace / I Know My Redeemer Lives" by Wm Walker and
Lewis Edwards arr. Tari-Jean Lybbert
"Thine is the Glory" by G F Handel/ arr. Lani Smith
Marsha Gullickson

"Festive Day" by Cathy Moglebust
Jubilation Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, creator of darkness and light.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: We pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Thine is the Glory"

ELW # 376

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.

KYRIE

"Kyrie"

(setting 10) p. 203

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory Be To God In Heaven”

(setting 10) p. 204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Presenter: Jenna Trenbeath

READING

Acts 8:26-40

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia! Lord and Savior”

(setting 10) p.205

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John 15th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Christine Wenzel

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ELW # 449

PRAYERS

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

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“Foundation of Grace”
Jubilation Ringers

by Walker, arr. Anna Laura Page

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW # 186

HOLY COMMUNION

*Gluten-free wafers are available for those that require this option.
Please select a wafer from the plate located between servers and continue with communion.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION

"Lamb of God"

(setting 10) p.208

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ELW # 359

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION HYMN

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

ELW # 207

SENDING

THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL FOR PASTOR CHRISTINE

Aaron Van Hout, Council President

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

ELW # 452

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*"Gloria" (from the First Mass in B flat)
Marsha Gullickson*

by Haydn arr. J S Anderson