

Prelude

Marsha Gullickson

*“Every Eye Shall See” with “Come Thou Fount of Every
Blessing”*

By Wyeth/Gaither/McMillian



Prelude

Jamie Manzi-Moore & Marsha Gullickson

“The Gift of Love”

By Hal Hopson



Opening Song

“We Walk by Faith”

ELW#635



Welcome to Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

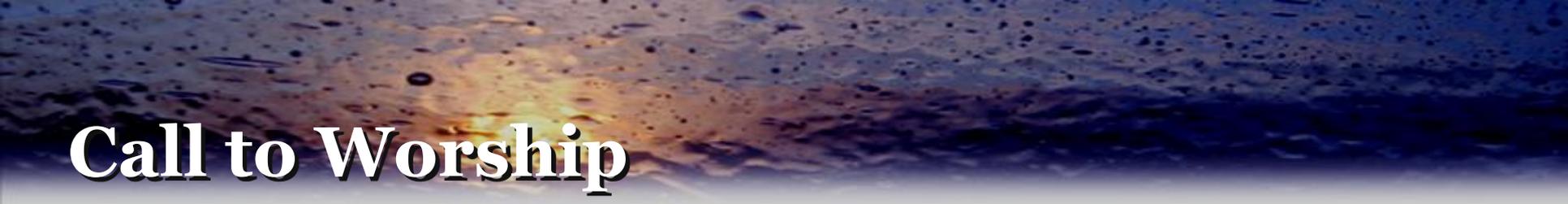


“Touching Lives with the Love of God”



**COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

- 1) Nurture the community*** within our congregation
- 2) Encourage the community*** within our neighborhood
- 3) Transform the various communities*** where our members live and work with the love of God



Call to Worship

*P: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



(Silence is kept for reflection)



P: Most merciful God,



C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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. Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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.

C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me,

Yes, Jesus loves me,

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.



Children's Sermon

Presenter: Jenna Trenbeath





First Lesson

Ezekiel 17:22-24



Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

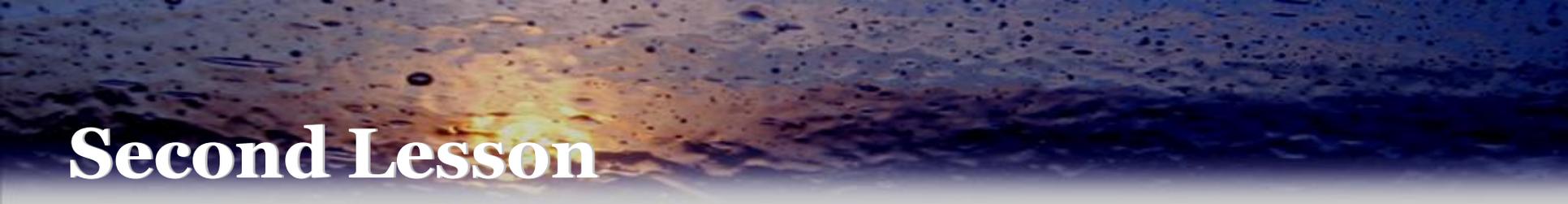


All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.



L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17



So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.



[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.]



For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!



L: Word of God. Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff continues for the third line. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

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lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John 6:68, adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: Robin Cain; arr. Phil Kadidlo
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Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?”



It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Special Music

Jamie Manzi-Moore & Sandy Knight

“From a Distance”

By Julie Gold arr. Dan Coates



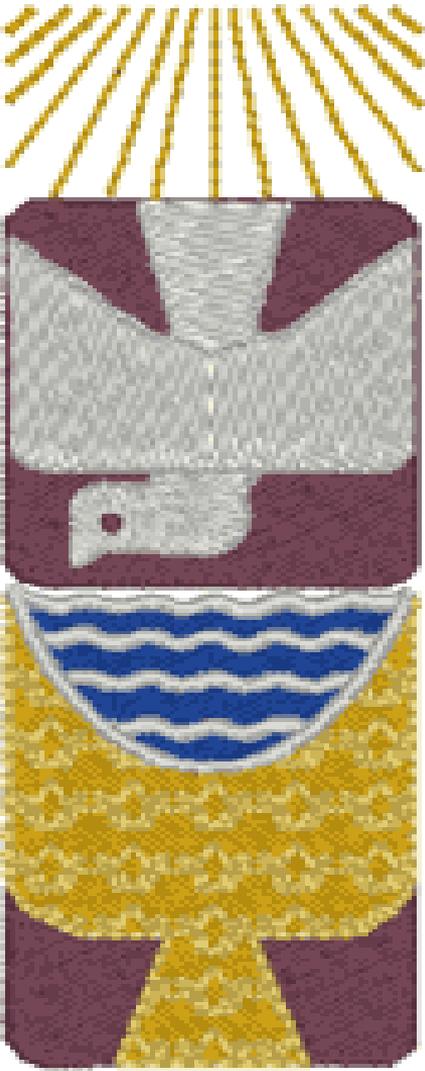


The Baptism of
Norah Isabelle Anderson



*P: Let us renounce the devil and confess the faith
in which we baptize our children*

(Please stand)



Confession of Faith

**C: I renounce the forces of evil, the devil,
and all his empty promises.**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**



C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.



**C: 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.**



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

Prayers

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.



The 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.**



Blessing / Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

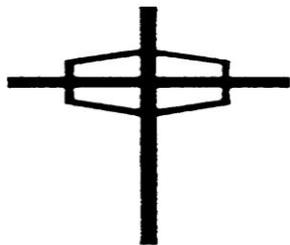
We are all called to be ministers - (CCLC Mission Statement)

Welcomed by the love of Jesus Christ,

Nurtured in faith by the Holy Spirit,

Sent to share God's promises with others.

Touching Lives



with the

Love of God

P: Go in peace to touch lives with the love of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Song

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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Postlude

Marsha Gullickson

“You are My God”

By Bullock/Dunshea/Tornquist et al

