

**Sunday
Oct. 4, 2020**

9:30am
Online Worship
10:00am
Outdoor Worship

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
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**Nothing Is
Impossible:
A Fall of Faith,
Blessings
& Hope**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(only for online worship)*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage 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**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

GATHERING SONG

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW 660

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray....*O Lord God,

you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Paul uses maternal imagery to depict the caring and nurturing relationship he shares with the Thessalonian Christians. When he first came to their city it was not to benefit himself but to share the gospel with them, which was his responsibility as an apostle of Christ.

You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. ²You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition. ³So you can see we were not preaching with any deceit or impure motives or trickery.

⁴For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. ⁵Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money! ⁶As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else.

⁷As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. ⁸We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? ⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

GOSPEL SONG

"There Was Jesus"

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THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(8am Recognition & 10am Full Affirmation of Faith)*

Erica Rose Ericksen

Tessa Marie Ramcke

Olivia Grace Rosenberg

Ava Marie Gardner

Aleksia Rose Rognsvoog

*Let us rejoice with these Sisters in Christ.***We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.****Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.****THE APOSTLE'S CREED****I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.****I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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.****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.****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.**L: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.**All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(10am Outdoor Worship Only)*

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you, May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face,

May the rains fall soft upon your fields, And, until we meet again.....

May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Way Maker"

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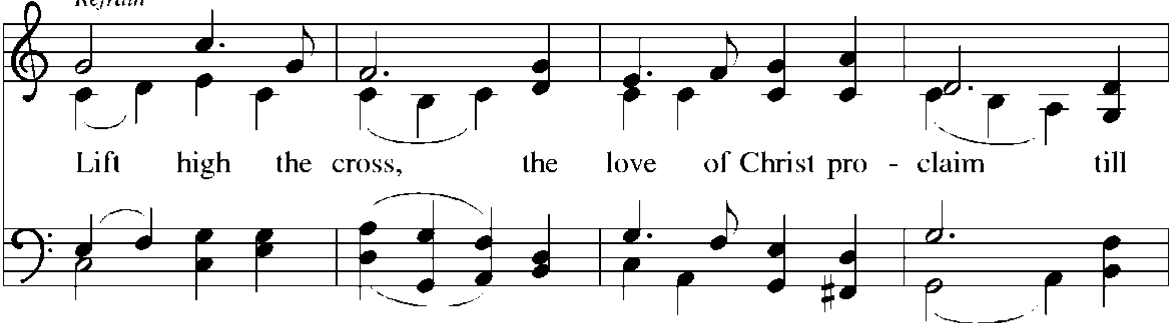
Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God!

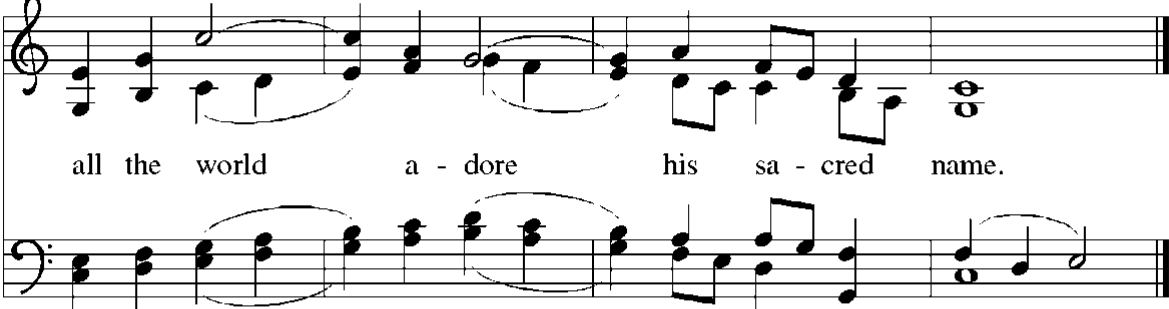
POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross


Refrain



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

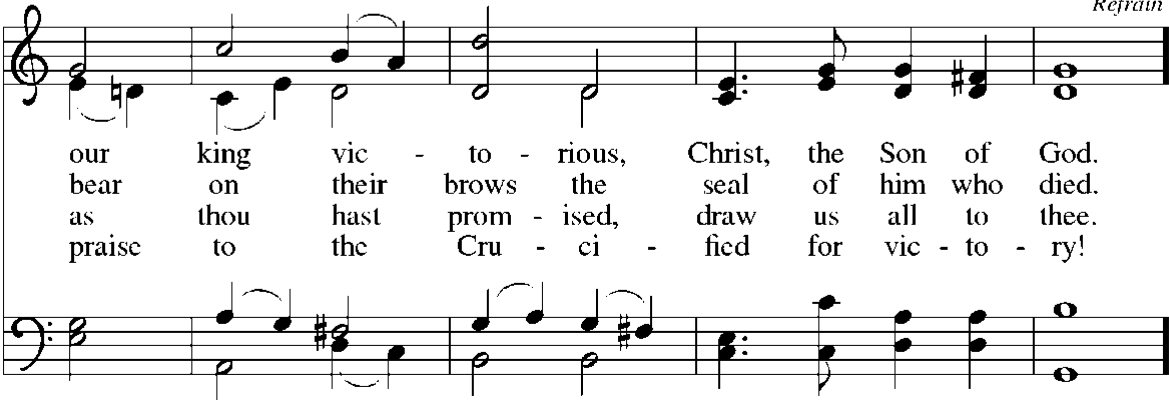


all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



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!

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There Was Jesus

Verse 1

Every time I tried to make it on my own
Every time I tried to stand and start to fall
All those lonely roads that I have traveled on
There was Jesus

Verse 2

When the life I built came crashing to the ground
When the friends I had were nowhere to be found
I couldn't see it then but I can see it now
There was Jesus

Chorus

In the waiting in the searching
In the healing and the hurting
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces
Every minute every moment
Of where I been or where I'm going
Even when I didn't know it
Or couldn't see it
There was Jesus

Verse 3

For this man who needs amazing kind of grace
Forgiveness at a price I couldn't pay
I'm not perfect so I thank God every day
There was Jesus (There was Jesus)

Bridge

On the mountain in the valleys (There was Jesus)
In the shadows of the alleys (There was Jesus)
In the fire in the flood (There was Jesus)
Always is and always was
No I never walk alone
(Never walk alone)

Ending

There was Jesus (There was Jesus) (There was Jesus)

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Way Maker

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You welcome us O God, when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through worshipping you....Continue to nurture our faith and help us grow with questions, ideas, and hope in Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The vastness of the heavens shows us the enormity of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. We continue to hold all those struggling to recover from devastating storms, fires, rain and natural disasters. We look to you O God, for healing and renewal for our world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make your ways known to the nations, O God. Speak kindness to a world full of bitter grudges, war, hatred, racism and disagreements. Be with our government, our communities, our leaders and us your people and we prepare to vote in the upcoming election. Give us all patience, knowledge and wisdom in these challenging times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You open your hand O God and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the voices of all who call out to you in distress and satisfy their deepest needs and prayers. We pray for Tony Baumgardt's mother who has had a return in health issues, bring her strength and healing. Bring wholeness and healing to those who struggle in body, heart, soul, and mind (especially Barb, Toni, Carol, Terry, Jeanine, Jenny, Dee, Joyce, Mark, Adele, Bill, Betty, Don, Sandy, Earl, Hazel, Sandy, Jim, Kit, Mel, Jacki, Julie and Shirley.) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to forgive O God. Remind us that you call us to love our neighbor, seek justice and find peace. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and help us to have faithful conversations even when we may not see eye to eye with each other. Make this congregation and its people a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Whether we live or whether we die O God, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, and for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you (*especially Nancy Wood & Family, a friend of MaryJane Canman who passed away this past week*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**