

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER NOTES
"INSPIRE: WISE MIND" – THE 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9 AUGUST 2020**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

To the online viewers and those in their cars.

GATHERING SONG

"Blessed Be Your Name"

**Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name!
Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name!**

Chorus

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise!
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be Your glorious name!**

**Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all that it should be, blessed be Your name!
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name!**

Sing Chorus

**You give and take away! You give and take away!
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name!"**

Interlude

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise!
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
You give and take away! You give and take away!
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name!"**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be Your glorious name!
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Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be Your glorious name!**

INVOCATION

Please stand.

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

C Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 18:1–3, 6

P ¹I love you, O Lord, my strength.

C ²The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

P My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

C My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

P ³I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

C and I am saved from my enemies.

P ⁶In my distress I called upon the Lord;

C to my God I cried for help.

P From his temple he heard my voice,

C and my cry to him reached his ears.

P ¹I love you, O Lord, my strength.

C ²The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.

PRAISE SONG

"Revelation Song"

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Holy, holy is He!

Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Holy, holy is He!

Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat!

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

Who was and is and is to come!

With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings!

You are my everything, and I will adore You!

Clothed in rainbows of living color,

Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder!

Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be

To You the only wise King!

Sing Chorus

Interlude

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder

At the mention of Your name!

Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water!

Such a marvelous mystery!

Sing Chorus Twice

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

P Our gracious God has promised to hear us for Jesus' sake when we call out for pardon and peace. Let us go to Him, confessing our sins.

A time of silence is observed.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we admit that we have often put our own wills ahead of Yours. In our pride we have demanded reasons from You for what has gone wrong in our lives. We have not called out to You in all humility but have relied on our own righteousness instead of asking You for mercy and grace. We have let the turmoil of the world around us distract us from keeping our lives focused on Your strong Word and the salvation it proclaims.**

C **For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgive us. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, move us to paths in which we may serve You and proclaim Your saving Word to those who do not know Your loving promises.**

P Although God's Law condemns us in our fallen condition, with all our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds, He has promised that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Pastor will invite you to share the peace with those around you now.

COMMISSIONING OF ALL TEACHERS & STAFF

Invite those who are involved in our various educational ministries to come forward to stand in front of the stage.

The Pastor will address the members who are volunteering for our Educational Ministries.

P As members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, we all dedicate ourselves to build and expand the kingdom of God, and to reach out to those who are yet to come. This morning we are commissioning members who are involved in our various educational ministries. I now ask you, as teachers and staff at Holy Cross Lutheran School, teachers of children, youth and adults, and leaders of small groups:

P Do you promise to teach the Word of God faithfully, with love and compassion for each student and member at your feet? And, do you promise to nurture your own relationship with God and to continually grow deeper in your faith? Then answer: yes, with the help of God.

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P Paul told us in Ephesians, "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building of the body of Christ." You have answered God's call to teach and assist in our various Connect ministries, and in our Christian School here at Holy Cross.

P Do you promise, by the grace of God, to give yourselves to this calling, with diligence, energy, and love, and to be guided by the Spirit and the Word of God?

R *I will, with the help of God.*

The Pastor will address the congregation.

- P** Fellow believers, let us acknowledge the gifts and calling of your sisters and brothers, and pledge our support.
- C** **We receive you as servants of Christ; we pledge to support you in your service. We will encourage you with works and prayers. We will consider ourselves coworkers with you in the service of Christ.**

The Pastor will address the teachers of Holy Cross Lutheran School.

- P** Servants of Christ, accept the service with which you have been entrusted. Do not neglect the gift that is in you. Present yourselves to God as approved workers, ever faithful to the Spirit of God. Remember always that Jesus called you as friends as well as servants. Attend to worship, prayer, and study, for without God you can do nothing. Let us pray:
- P** Grant, O Lord, to each one of these teachers the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness and faithfulness so that they may effectively teach and guide. Fill them with grace and grant them the strength and peace of your Spirit. Work through them to reach all Your children, young and old, -- in our school, in the church, and in the community--with the Gospel message of grace and mercy, as they grow deeper in their walk with you. Embolden them to speak the Truth and to touch hearts & lives with Your Word and Spirit. We dedicate them to You, heavenly Father, and ask for Your blessing and guidance. Grant to all your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of your Word be preserved and extended among us that all may know you and, from the least of them to the greatest, praise you now and forever; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C Amen

All return to their seats.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 1

- P** The Old Testament Reading is from the 1st and 3rd chapters of Proverbs.
- P** The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for gaining wisdom and instruction for understanding words of insight; for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 3

- P** Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.
- P** This is the Word of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

- P** The New Testament Reading is from the 5th chapter of Ephesians.
- P** ¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- P** This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:46-49

- P** The Holy Gospel is from the 6th chapter of Luke.
- P** ⁴⁶“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. ⁴⁸They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”
- P** This is the Word of the Lord.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Hannah Lang

MESSAGE

“Inspire: The Wise Mind of Solomon” - 2 Timothy 1:7 - Pastor David McClean

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

Each petition offered in prayer concludes with:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

The prayer concludes:

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Please sit.

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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 LORD'S PRAYER

P Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

C 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ by His death and resurrection. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood.

C Amen.

Pastor McClean will instruct you to open your Communion Cup and remove the wafer.

P "Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took the bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said:

P Take; eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

P In the same way he also took the cup after the 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, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P And now this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep us in the one true faith. We go in peace, our sins are forgiven! Serve Him with joy!

SENDING

Ephesians 5:15-17

- P** ¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,
C ¹⁶**making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.**
P ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish,
C **but understand what the Lord’s will is.**

Colossians 3:1-2

- P** Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,
C **set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.**
P ²Set your minds on things above,
C **not on earthly things.**

Proverbs 19:8

- P** The one who gets wisdom loves life;
C **the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper.**

Matthew 7:24

- P** Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice
C **is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.**

James 3:13

- P** Who is wise and understanding among you?
C **Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.**

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 His peace.
C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

"Today Is the Day"

I'm casting my cares aside!
I'm leaving my past behind!
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus!
I'm reaching my hand to Yours,
Believing there's so much more,
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good – it's good!

Chorus

Today is the day You have made!
I will rejoice and be glad in it!
Today is the day You have made!
I will rejoice and be glad in it!
And I won't worry about tomorrow – trusting in what You say!
Today is the day!

I'm putting my fears aside!
I'm leaving my doubts behind!
I'm giving my hopes and fears to you, Jesus!
I'm reaching my hands to Yours,
Believing there's so much more,
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good – it's good!

Sing Chorus

Interlude

Band: And I will stand upon Your truth!
Echo Everyone: And I will stand upon Your truth!
Band: And all my days I'll live for You!
Echo Everyone: And all my days I'll live for you!
Band: And I will stand upon Your truth!
Echo Everyone: And I will stand upon Your truth!
Band: And all my days I'll live for You!
Echo Everyone: And all my days I'll live!

Today is the day You have made!
I will rejoice and be glad in it!
Today is the day You have made!
I will rejoice and be glad in it!
And I won't worry about tomorrow!
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows!
Where You lead me I will follow – trusting in what You say!
Today is the day!
Today is the day! Today is the day!
Today is the day! Today is the day!

RECESSIONAL SONG

"He Reigns"