



HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION



Eating with Tax Collectors and Sinners

3rd Sunday in Epiphany January 24, 2021—9:30 am

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God has called us together for worship.

Here we will experience the grace of God, the love of Jesus.

God sends us out into the world.

United by Christ, we reflect God's love through joyful service to all people.

Let us be renewed and nourished for our mission together.

Hymn

“Lord of the Dance ”

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*(Refrain) Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came to me and the dance went on. *(Refrain)*

I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die. *(Refrain)*

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. *(Refrain)*

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *(Refrain)*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

ELW 167

*(Refrain) Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. *(Refrain)*
2. Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. *(Refrain)*
3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;
to make all things new. *(Refrain)*

Prayer of the Day

Loving God, Jesus offended the religious people of his day by eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners. May your love and acceptance of us lead us to show that same love and acceptance to others even when it makes some people uncomfortable. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Special Music

“Dawn”

written and performed by Peter Sukstorf

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Luke 5:27-32...After this Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and Jesus said to him, "Follow me." ²⁸And Levi got up, left everything, and followed Jesus. ²⁹Then Levi gave a great banquet for Jesus in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them. ³⁰The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹Jesus answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; ³²I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Jim Killough

Hymn of the Day

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW 583

*Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

Prayers

As each petition concludes: "...let us pray." please respond **"Have mercy, O God."**

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight....and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy are you,

God of power and might;

heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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**

Communion

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"I Will Follow"

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure. I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life; I will trust in You alone.

*(Chorus) Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.*

*Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve, If this life I lose,
I will follow You. I will follow You.*

Light into the world, Light into my life, I will live for You alone.
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find all I need in You alone. *(Chorus)*

In You, there's life everlasting. In you, there's freedom for my soul.
In you, there's joy, unending joy....and I will follow!

*Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.*

*Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve,
If this life I lose, I will follow You.*

*Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.*

*Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve, If this life I lose, I will follow You.
I will follow You. I will follow You. I will follow You.*

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Zoom Fellowship** Join us today, at 10:45 am, for a chance to see one another and share some greetings. [CLICK HERE](#) to join the meeting. The passcode is 1234.
- ⇒ **Holy Cross Lutheran Church's Annual Meeting** is next Sunday, January 31, at 10:45 am, via Zoom. A copy of the Annual Report Packet has been emailed to members. You can also find a copy on our website: www.HCLChurch.com. At this meeting, we will vote on the Proposed 2021 Budget, receive reports, and elect people to serve in leadership positions. Keep in mind that individuals can be nominated from the floor. However, in order to be nominated from the floor, the nominee must either be present in the Zoom meeting to accept the nomination, or have informed the president of the council, Alicia Glesne, prior to the meeting, of their willingness to run. There will be some challenges holding this meeting on Zoom, but we'll get through it. We will send out an email in the next few days with instructions and recommendations. [CLICK HERE](#) to attend the Zoom meeting. The passcode is 1234.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our first Saturday of the month Pantry is February 6. You can help serve by prepping for the pantry on Friday, February 5, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm and/or Saturday, February 6, from 7:45 to 10:15 am. If you would like to serve, please [CLICK HERE](#).
- ⇒ **Prayer Requests** If you have prayer requests would like spoken during Sunday morning worship, email [PASTOR JIM](#).
- ⇒ **HyVee Reusable Bag Program** For the month of January, Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church Food Pantry will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" Bag at the Hy-Vee store located at Hy-Vee 10808 Fort Street, Omaha NE.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, January 24

9:30 am Worship Facebook Live
10:45 am Zoom Fellowship

Monday, January 25

6:30 pm Boy Scouts (outside)
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, January 26

10:00 am Staff Meeting (Zoom)
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, January 27

6:00 pm Confirmation (Zoom)

Thursday, January 28

1:40 pm Centering Prayer Group (Zoom)
7:00 pm Alanon

Sunday, January 31

9:30 am Worship Facebook Live
10:45 am Annual Meeting (Zoom)

Prayer Requests from our Church Family

Member Concerns

Brett Grell

On-Going Member Concerns

Millie Lutz at Parson's House, Eddie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives

Dennis and Mary Mostek, Aaron McDonald; Larry Rolles; Sharon Kelley.

Grieving

Jen Gitt and her family as they mourn the death of Jen's brother in law.

Julie Noteman and her family as they mourn the death of Julie's sister in law.