

Commitment Sunday

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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS & DAY SCHOOL

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Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Cross
GOD PREPARES US

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Special Musical Arrangement

Matty Colonna

WELCOME

Pastor Bruce

- P** Welcome to our worship service with both Onsite Worship and Live Stream Worship! Today is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!

ONSITE WORSHIPPERS:

If you are worshipping with us onsite, wear your masks throughout the worship service. Please speak your responses *softly* within the liturgy. During hymns or other musical pieces, onsite worshippers are asked to hum or sing very softly. ***Loud vocal responses and singing are greater risks to spread aerosol and droplets.***

LIVE STREAM WORSHIPPERS:

If you are worshipping with us by live streaming and plan to come to the church following worship to receive Holy Communion in your cars, please remember to wear your masks as we distribute the Sacrament.

We welcome your prayer requests and updates on family activities as we try to maintain our connections as a church family.

Please stand.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Lisa

- P** The earth is the Lord's, the world and all who live in it.
- C** Praise the Lord with thankful hearts!
- P** Praise the Lord's gifts among us, forget not God's benefits.
- C** Serve the Lord with generous hands!
- P** The Lord does all things new, God opens a new chapter among us.
- C** Shout to the Lord following new paths!
- P** Sing to the Lord a new song!
- C** Tell of God's new work among us!

GOD GATHERS US

*GATHERING SONG

Will You Come And Follow Me (The Summons)

ELW 798 vs. 1,4,

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(Onsite worshippers: please hum or sing softly)

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| 1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?" | 4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?" |
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*Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor Bruce

P: In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Lord of Creation,

All we have is yours, and you have created all things good. And yet, too often our actions do not reflect your reign among us. We come to you now in our brokenness, confessing that we have failed to love as you have loved us, and failed to serve others as you have blessed us.

Merciful God,

C: **We confess that we have all too often rejected your Lordship in our lives.**

We have failed to serve you with all our heart, and strength and mind. We have put ourselves over others, we have used your blessings selfishly, we have ignored the needs of our neighbors. We pray for your forgiveness that we may live the way Christ calls us to live.

P: Brothers and sisters, rejoice in the healing mercy of our God. God has created all things new, and therefore as a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare that you are a new creation in Christ, who has forgiven you entirely. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*GREETING

Pastor Bruce

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.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Matty Colonna

Have mercy on us, Lord,
and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ,
And wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us
Whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord;
Make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
Create in us new hearts!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray:

Pastor Lisa

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Created by you, let us live in your image; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, sanctified by your Spirit, let us enrich the lives of others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kristen Hitchcock
& "Lola"

FIRST READING

1 Thessalonians 1-10

📖 Today's Reading is from the book of **First Thessalonians**.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

📖 Word of God, Word of life.

🎤 **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia! Lord and Savior; open now your savior word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.*

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Pastor Lisa

📖 The Holy Gospel according to **St. Matthew, the Twenty-second Chapter**.

🎤 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

🎤 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please stand.***HYMN OF THE DAY***'We Give Thee But Thine Own*

ELW 686 vs. 1,2,4

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

(Onsite worshippers: please hum or sing softly)

1	2	4
We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.	May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.	And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be: whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition will end with the words, "Hear us, O God." Please respond with, "Your mercy is great."

☐ Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world,
and all of creation.

[Pause for silent prayers.]

☐ Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists and all of us who are fellow ministers of your gospel. Hear us, O God.

☐ Your mercy is great.

☐ God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Hear us, O God.

☐ Your mercy is great.

☐ God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Hear us, O God.

☐ Your mercy is great.

☐ God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt *especially* Tom, Dale & Dick, Elaine, Gus and Don. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Hear us, O God.

☐ Your mercy is great.

☐ Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so we confidently look forward to being reunited with our loved ones whom you will resurrect and gather together with us in the fullness of time. Hear us, O God.

☐ Your mercy is great.

Pastor Bruce: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

☐ Amen.

***SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

Pastor Bruce

P The peace of Christ be with you always..

C **And also with you.**

Be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Pastor Bruce

TEMPLE TALK

Milt Reed

OFFERING REMINDER

Pastor Lisa

OFFERING MUSIC *Softly and Tenderly/Lord Speak to US/Jesus Calls Us
(filling out of daily planner)*

Matty Colonna

Please stand.

***COMMITMENT LITANY & Presentation of Commitment Cards**

Pastor Lisa

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685 vs. 1,6

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

*(During the music the basket with Commitment Cards is brought forward and Given to the
Assisting Minister)*

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

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Stewardship Representative: On behalf of the Stewardship team, who have worked to gather the offerings of God's people, we present now our congregation's faithful response to God's call to serve the Lord with all our heart, strength and soul. We bring now the first fruits of our lives represented by these commitments to support the ministry of Lutheran Church of the Cross for the next year. We look forward toward God opening a new chapter in our ministry together.

(Assisting Minister places the basket of Commitment Cards on the altar.)

A Praise to you God the Father, Creator and Giver of all good gifts. May we always see that all good life and blessings come from you.

Praise to you Jesus our Savior. Help us to follow you more faithfully as we dedicate our lives to your call to be your disciples.

Praise to you Holy Spirit, Giver of Life. Strengthen and guide us so that we give generously of our time, energy and talents to the work of your church and the mission of the kingdom of God.

We come before you humbly now to dedicate ourselves and this church to your mission for the coming year.

C Holy God, we gratefully acknowledge your blessings in our lives and in return we commit ourselves to your call as followers of Jesus Christ. Accept these pledges as an expression of our life and faith, offered to the glory of God and in fulfillment of our call to be stewards of God's bounty. Amen.

P We ask you Lord to bless now these commitments to your mission among us. Accept these pledges as tokens of the life, labor and love of this congregation, offered to the glory of God and for the work of your church in the world. Help us to use these gifts and the lives of all those gathered together as your church, that we may live together as your people, witness to the good news of Jesus, and serve our neighbors and community with the Power that comes from God our Father, the Life that comes from God the Son, and the Wisdom that comes God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GOD FEEDS US

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor Bruce

Responsive:

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- L** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.



***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of our love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all glory and honor, now and forever.

C Amen

P Let us pray softly together the prayer our Lord has taught us.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to Communion. Please note these procedural guides:

- 1. Pastor will invite one section of worshippers forward at a time; please do NOT form lines or crowd others (remember 6' rule).*
- 2. Come forward wearing your mask.*
- 3. Pastor will drop the wafer into your extended hands; hold onto the wafer.*
- 4. Select either a glass of wine or grape juice from communion assistants.*
- 5. Move to location of the basket for collecting used glasses; eat the wafer, drink the wine/grape juice, and place empty glass into basket.*
- 6. Return to your seat.*

COMMUNION SONG

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471 vs. 1,2,3

Text: African American spiritual

(Onsite worshippers: please hum or sing softly)

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

GOD SENDS US

Please stand.

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor Bruce

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray.

Kristen Hitchcock

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Lisa

P Mothering God, † Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Kristen Hitchcock

C Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

***CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pastor Bruce

P During the singing of the Closing Hymn, onsite worshippers may depart as you desire. Please proceed directly to the parking lots and do not linger or congregate in the hallways. Outside in the parking lots you may visit with one another as you choose!

CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793 vs. 1,3

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

(Onsite worshippers: please hum or sing softly)

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

**JOIN US FOR DRIVE THROUGH HOLY COMMUNION AT THE
PORTICO FROM 11:30-12:30**

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***Worship in Jesus' Name
Grow in God's Word***

