

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Progressive in Approach:
Christ-like in Action!

Online Worship: August 23, 2020
Matthew

Jesus Is?

Pastor Dawn Hutchings
Musician: Marney Curran

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Welcome:

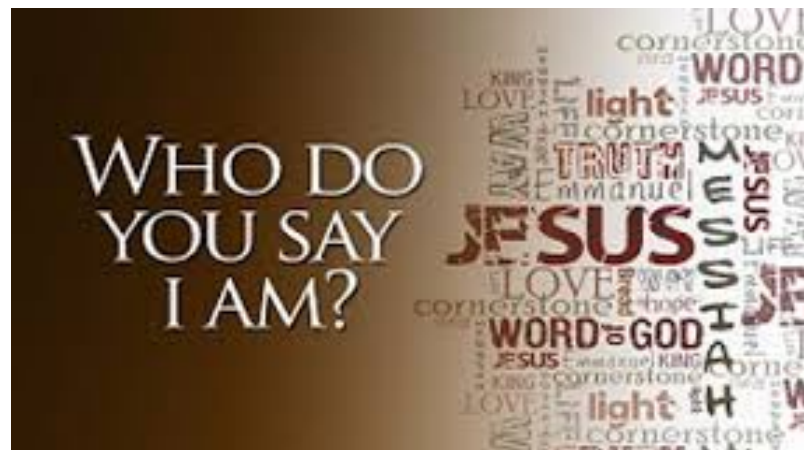
We worship as we live, in the midst of the LOVE
which IS the DIVINE MYSTERY we call God.
Our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE ITSELF. Amen.

Prelude:

Remembrance Op68 #28 by R. Schumann

Invocation:

The grace of CHRIST who rises in every act of kindness,
the LOVE which IS God
and the power of the HOLY SPIRIT is with you all.
Thanks be to all that IS HOLY.



Music:

Gentle Is the Way of

Shirley Erena Murray; Tune: Abbot's Leigh

**Gentle is the way of Jesus:
gentle is the healing soul
bandaging the wounds of conflict,
making peace, and making whole;
gentle is the loving purpose
calling us to live this part,
by the chemistry of kindness
changing our ungentle heart.**

**Inner violence besets us,
inner sickness, born of strife:
lost, our innocence as children,
lost, the focus of our life,
hungry in a world of plenty,
thirsty in the showering rain,
searching for a sense of meaning,
seeking soul-food to sustain.**

**Save us LOVE, from what consumes us,
save us from the selves we hate,
bring us back into LOVE'S household,
to the home you would create;
stir in us the daily graces
that allow LOVE's way to start,
keeping company with Jesus,
changing our ungentle heart.**

Prayer of the Day:

Longing to feel the embrace of DIVINITY,
we open ourselves to the LOVE which IS DIVINE;
DIVINITY beyond our abilities to imagine.

Trusting the SPIRIT which dwells among us to unite us, nourish us, challenge and guide us, we
breathe deeply of the LOVE who dwells among us.

Inspired by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the CHRIST, we embrace the power of
CHRIST to move us beyond our fears.

Together we live in the midst of the ONE, who is our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE ITSELF.
Amen.

Contemporary Reading: A reading from a 20th century woman who embodied the LOVE which IS DIVINITY, Dorothee Soelle

“If Jesus of Nazareth was the poor man from Galilee who was tortured to death, then Christ is that which cannot be destroyed, which came into the world with him and lives through us in him. When I say Christ, I always think also of Francis of Assisi and Hildegard of Bingen and Martin Luther King, Jr. and of Ita Ford, the American nun who was murdered in El Salvador – as well as all resistance fighters who are sitting in prison today. Christ is a name which for me expresses solidarity, hence suffering with, struggling with. Christ is the mysterious power which was in Jesus and which continues on and sometimes makes us into “fools in Christ,” who without hope of success and without any objective, share life with others.”

Acclamation: Christ Above Me

Kristopher E. Lindquist

Christ a - - bove me, Christ be - low me,
Christ all a - round me, Christ with - - in,
Christ in my sis - ters, Christ in my bro - thers,
Christ in cre - a - tion, Christ in all.

Text inspired by Colossians 3:11 & by text attributed to Patrick of Ireland, 372-466 CE.
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Gospel:

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the neighbourhood of Caesarea Philippi, he asked the disciples this question: "What do people say about who the Chosen One is?"

They replied, "Some say John the baptizer, others say Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"And You," Jesus asked, "who do you say that I AM?"

"You are the Messiah," Simon Peter answered, "the Firstborn of the Living God.!"

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon ben- Jonah! No mere mortal has revealed this to you, but my Abba God in heaven. I also tell you this: your name now is "Rock," and on bedrock like this I will build my community, and the jaws of death will not prevail against it. Here – I'll give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven: whatever you declare bound on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you declare loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then Jesus strictly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Reflection:

Who do YOU say Jesus Was and IS?

Life is a gift. LOVE is the Point.

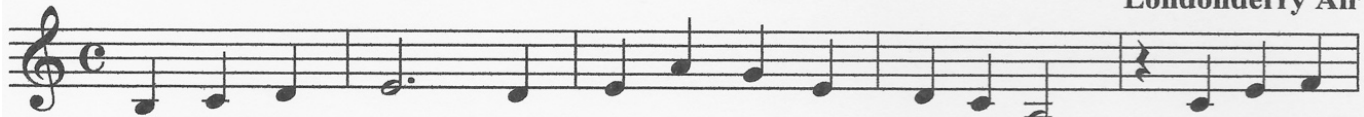


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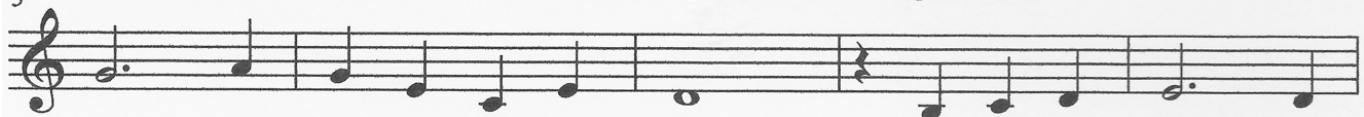
Song of the Day

O Christ Who Came

Londonderry Air



1.O Christ who came through an - cient proph - et voi - ces de - clar - ing
 2.O Christ who came to fish - er folk con - found - ed yet left at
 3.O Christ who came in rush - ing Wind of Spir - it in Pen - te -



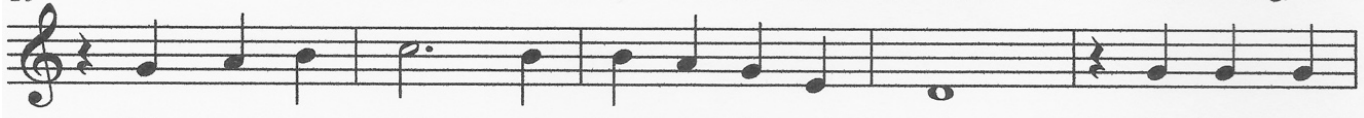
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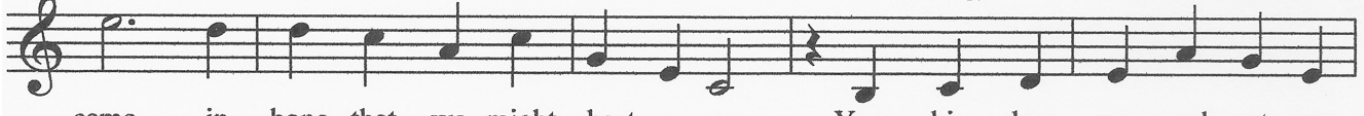
those be - yond our choi - ces, whose words be - yond our fool - ish wis - dom
 hol - y hope un - bound - ed Good news pro - claim and cap - tives to un -
 we might fin - ally hear it; Soft - en our hearts as well, re - store our



went. O Burn - ing Bush a - flame for all cre - a - tion,
 bind. O Christ the Text, the Word of God brought to us,
 sight. O Call - ing God whose voice is nev - er end - ing,



Who bids us all to turn a - side and see; O Christ who
 Who spread the feast and beckoned all to dine; O Christ who
 Whose hope is strong, whose Spir - it yet does roam; O Christ who
 (ending) - O Christ who



came in hope that we might hast - en Your kin - dom come and set your
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peo - - - - - ple free.
 bread - - - - - and wine.
 wel - - - - - come home.
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Blessing

Announcements:

MUSIC:

I AM the Dream

♩ = 100 C

1 I am the dream and you the dream - er.
2 I am the bell and you the sil - ence.
3 You are the word and I the e - cho.

C Am⁷ Fmaj⁷ G⁷

I am the song and you are the rhyme.
You are the yearn - ing I can - not cur - tail.
You are the lead - er and I am the led.

Am Em⁷ F C

You are the tune sung in ev - 'ry si - lence.
I am the blest and you the bles - sing.
You are the joy and I the laugh - ter.

C Am G⁷sus⁴ G⁷ C

You are the now in the end - less stream of time.
You are the wilds in which I lose my trail.
You are the Rock on which I lay my head.

Sending:

GO IN PEACE.
Be LOVE in the world.
Thanks be to all that is HOLY!

Postlude

In the Evening, by H. Hofmann



**Gather with us! ONLINE
Sundays @ 10:45am**

We are reviving the early Christian practice of "Home Church."
Updated for these challenging times:

**Online Worship Videos
are posted
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**Opening ourselves
to the MYSTERY
which is God
who IS LOVE**

HC2021 & BEYOND TEAM

**If you are interested in helping to shape
Holy Cross' future,
then this is the team for you!!!**

HC2021 & BEYOND has a broad mandate which includes exploring our possible return to in-person worship, deepening the connections and between members, friends and viewers, expanding programming which will better serve our members, friends, and viewers and exploring ways to ensure that Holy Cross' continues to be Progressive in Approach: Christlike in Action for many years to come.

Holy Cross Finances as of JULY 31, 2020

THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU! Thanks to all the generous, Members and Friends of Holy Cross who have graciously stepped up to ensure that our financial house is in order during these unprecedented times! Your ongoing donations are especially appreciated as we all struggle to come to terms with the current realities of financial insecurity. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to meet our expenses. As a result of reduced services our expenses are running well below Budget. As many of you know, the budget does not reflect the annual expenses which are paid in the first half of the year.

Financial Report - General Fund Jan-July 31, 2020

INCOME	Jan-July BUDGET	Jan-July ACTUAL	Variance
Regular Sunday Offerings		\$57,861.28	
BLOG Participants		\$3,500	
Total OFFERINGS	\$75,737.17	\$61,361.28	-\$14,375.89
Solar Panel Income	\$5,250.00	\$2,695.52	-\$2,554.48
Fundraising	\$1,166.65	\$0.00	-\$1,166.65
Gifts	\$291.65	\$0.00	-\$291.65
Interest	\$0.00	\$34.38	\$34.38
Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$583.35	\$0.00	-\$583.35
Budgeted Expense		1857.40	\$1,857.40
Budgeted Exp. Government Subsidy		\$7,226.00	\$7,226.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$583.35	\$9,083.40	\$8,500.05
Rentals: Church Facility	\$875.00	\$540.00	-\$335.00
Rental: Armitage Daycare	\$7,525.00	\$7,525.00	\$0.00
Movie Nights/Matinees	\$1,750.00	\$608.81	-\$1,141.19
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Total General Fund	\$93,762.17	\$81,848.39	-\$11,913.78
2019 Surpluss Carried forward	\$578.95	\$578.95	
TOTAL INCOME	\$94,341.12	\$82,427.34	-\$11,913.78
TOTAL EXPENSES to July 31, 2020	\$94,341.02	\$80,891.40	-\$13,449.62
NET INCOME as of July 31, 2020		\$1,535.84	

OFFERINGS:

There are several ways to ensure that we are able to continue meeting our commitments.

You can mail in your offerings:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1035 Wayne Drive
Newmarket, On. L3Y 2W9

You can sign up to our Preauthorized Remittance Program PAR
contact our Treasurer Sharon Smyth who will guide you

You can go to Holy Cross' **CanadaHelps** page to donate just follow the link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/36983>

E-transfer

You can now transfer funds via email to:
holy.cross.donations@rogers.com

CARE TEAM:

We are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE** to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP.

You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.