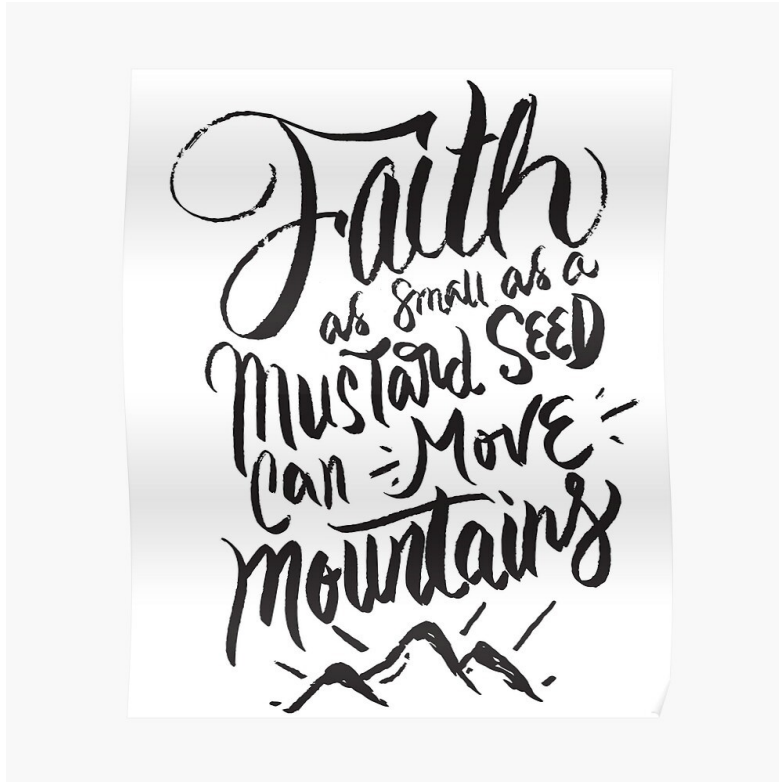


Service of Holy Communion

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**



**Cross and Crown Lutheran Church
and School
5475 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park, CA 94928
Pastor Bill Wessner**

Logistics for the Service

- **Communion** be distributed at the altar. Please come forward and stand to receive the bread and wine or juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
- **Assisted listening devices** are available. Please ask the usher.
- All items in **bold** are said aloud.
- **Kid's Club** is offered during our 10 a.m. worship for ages 3 through grade 6. The children will be taken out at the beginning of the service and returned for communion.
- If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to fill out a **visitor card** (found in the pew pocket) so we have a way to contact you. **Prayer request cards** are also available in the same pew pocket. Please hand either to an usher or place in the offering plate.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bill Wessner

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Where I Belong

By: Building 429

Verse 1

Sometimes it feels like I'm watching from the outside
Sometimes it feels like I am breathing but am I alive
I will keep searching for answers that aren't here to find

Chorus

All I know is I am not home yet
This is not where I belong
Take this world and give me Jesus
This is not where I belong

Verse 2

So the walls come falling down on me
And when I'm lost in the current of the raging sea
I have this blessed assurance holding me.

Chorus

Bridge

When the earth shakes, I want to be found in you
When the lights fade, I want to be found in you.

Chorus

(2X)

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

By Baloche/Brown

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You,
We turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You,
We long for You.

Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away,
Washed away.

CHORUS

*Hosanna! Hosanna!
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us.
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus!*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You,
We turn to You.
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make all things new.

Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
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PIVOTING THE PEACE

Instead of "passing" the peace, we will pivot the peace. Lift up two fingers in the Peace Sign, then pivot 360 degrees to extend the peace to everyone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY**ELW**

**Benevolent, merciful God:
 When we are empty, fill us.
 When we are weak in faith, strengthen us.
 When we are cold in love, warm us,
 that with fervor we may love our neighbors
 and serve them for the sake of your Son,
 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING**Habbakuk 1:1-4: 2:1-4**

At the time of this prophecy, God's people had been unfaithful. A pagan nation is making war against them. The prophet takes this for granted: misfortunes like war are punishment for infidelity. What he complains to God about is that the punishment is excessive and comes from the hands of pagans. -Gregory Warnusz www.lectorprep.org How do we cry "unfair" at the consequence of our sins?

... but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life
 People: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING**2 Timothy 1:1-14**

It seems that Timothy has lost his fervor for the faith. Now he is counseled to follow Paul's example by using the gifts God has given him, and to keep to the doctrine which has been handed down to him from Jesus and the apostles.

-Chris Haslam www.montreal.anglican.org A teacher of faithfulness?

*...for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice,
 but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.*

PSALM READING**Psalm 37:1-10**

An instructional psalm in which an older, more experienced person (v. 25) instructs others, particularly about the Lord's protection of the righteous and the inevitable judgment that comes upon the wicked. The psalm is an exhortation to trust in the Lord, who will vindicate the righteous, and not to be disturbed by the wicked, who will soon pass away. -Harper Collins Study Bible Sounds like the rabbinic (teaching) role Jesus plays today with his disciples (students). Does our faithfulness reveal us to be students or teachers of faith?

*Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.*

Leader: Do not worry because of evildoers;
All: do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
 Women: For they shall soon wither like the grass,
 Men: and like the green grass fade away.
All: Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
 Women: dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
All: Take delight in the LORD,
 Men: who shall give you your heart's desire.
All: Commit your way to the LORD;
 Women: put your trust in the LORD,
 Men: and see what God will do.
 Women: The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
 Men: and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
All: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.
 Women: Do not worry over the one who prospers,
 Men: the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
 Women: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
 Men: do not worry; it leads only to evil.
 Women: For evildoers shall be cut off,
All: but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

Confirmation Glossary

Rabbi: a Hebrew word for teacher, who is given respect for revealing relationship with God. Rabbi students are called disciples.

GOSPEL READING**Luke 17:5-10**

I shrink from these tough words, in which I, in faith, will not be gently treated, a sweet lamb held in loving arms. And even in my shrinking, I hear Jesus saying faith is not something to have, but something to be. Faith is a worker who expects neither praise nor reward, but understands the work itself as what I am. And faith is the mulberry tree leaving the ground in which it has always stood, to live in an ocean of windswept water, because it is a faithful tree. So an increase of faith would be the extra work demanded of the tired worker, would be the tree surviving longer in the alien element. Not joyful certainty, which is what I want it to be. Instead, a shaky setting of my feet in whatever the day brings. -

Nancy Rockwell -[www. biteintheapple. com](http://www.biteintheapple.com) Obedience? Faith?

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(the scripture reading)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated.

TELLING THE STORY**Pastor Bill Wessner**

Great Themes: Obedience & Faith

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

by Joel Houston and Jonas Myrin

All these pieces broken and scattered
In mercy gathered mended and whole.
Empty handed but not forsaken,
I've been set free; I've been set free!

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
Oh I once was lost but now I am found,
Was blind but now I see.**

**Oh I can see You now,
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes,
Laying Yourself down
Raising up the broken to life.**

(Repeat Bold verse)

You take our failure; You take our weakness.
You set Your treasure in jars of clay.
So take this heart, Lord, I'll be Your vessel,
The world to see Your life in me.

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
Oh I once was lost but now I am found,
Was blind but now I see.**

**Oh I can see You now,
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes,
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FIRST FRUITS AND OTHER GOOD WILL OFFERINGS

Stewardship Corner

Holy One, you guide our lives with truth and love. You invite us to accept you with joy. Yet challenges to live as your disciples come with this acceptance. Servant leadership can seem tedious. We struggle to balance our desire to serve ourselves first and your call to serve others first. We prayerfully present these First Fruits and Offerings. May they symbolize our renewed commitment to holding you as the guiding leader of our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

-based on Luke 17:5-10 David S. Bell

FIRST FRUIT:

- A First Fruit gift:
 - A proportionate amount (a percentage)
 - From our gross income
 - Given first before other spending
- A First Fruit gift:
 - Reflects gratitude
 - Demonstrates trust in God
 - Sets worldly priorities behind Heavenly priorities

Give Us Clean Hands
by: Chris Tomlin

We bow our hearts
We bend our knees
We turn our eyes
from evil things
Oh Lord, we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands,
Give us pure hearts
Let us not lift
Our souls to another.
(Repeat)

And God let us be
A generation that seeks
That seeks Your face,
O God of Jacob
(Repeat)

Give us clean hands,
Give us pure hearts
Let us not lift
Our souls to another.
(Repeat)

OFFERING PRAYER

Living and true God,
 we give to you the things that are yours-
 our skills, our time, our possessions, our selves.
 Bless us and these your gifts.
 Move us to works of faith
 and labors of love
 for the good of all your people
 and the wholeness of your creation;
 through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reader: Lord in your mercy Response: Hear our prayer.

To receive Holy Communion please come forward to the front of the altar. You will be given a communion wafer or gluten free wafer (upon request). You will then be given the option of wine or juice. After you have consumed the wine/juice, please place the used container in the empty tray located on the stool.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**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

DISTRIBUTION

For Those Tears I Died

By: Marsha Stevens

Verse 1

You said You'd come
And share all my sorrows
You said You'd be there
For all my tomorrows
I came so close
To sending You away
But just like You promised
You came here to stay
I just had to pray

Chorus

And Jesus said come to the water
Stand by My side
I know you are thirsty
You won't be denied
I felt ev'ry teardrop
When in darkness you cried
And I strove to remind you
That for those tears I died

Verse 2

Your goodness so great
I can't understand
And dear Lord I know
That all this was planned
I know You're here now
And always will be
Your love loosed my chains
And in You I'm free
But Jesus why me

Verse 3

Jesus, I give You
My heart and my soul
I know that without God
I'd never be whole
Savior You opened
All the right doors
And I thank You and praise You
From earth's humble shores
Take me I'm Yours

COMMUNION CORNER

The word 'faith' (*pistis*, in the Greek) is often spoken about as if it meant trying to talk ourselves into intellectual assent to something, with "increasing our faith" meaning that we are successfully persuading ourselves that we have adopted an idea we think is ridiculous. That's not faith; it's self-deception, and usually a pretty unsuccessful kind of self-deception that results in our feeling a little guilty and hypocritical, as we know that we don't actually believe what we say.

But faith is not about intellectual projection and assessment; it is not an intellectual analogue to that process we go through to build and maintain hubris. Faith is relationship -- a relationship of trust, of allegiance. When Jesus talks about "faith," he's not talking about what you do in your head; he's talking about what you do with your hands and your feet, your wallet and your privilege, your power and your time. Faith in Jesus is not shown by saying or thinking things about him, but by following him.

-Sarah Dylan Breuer -www.sarahlaughed.net

Our steps in increase our faith look like the disciples steps. Come to the Lord's table.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Compassionate God,
your Son welcomed sinners
and ate with them.
We give you thanks
for the forgiveness and grace
we have received in this meal.
Make us signs of your love,
that all the world will know
your mercy and blessing
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glorious Day
by: Passion

Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame
who could carry that time of weight?
It was my tomb 'til I met you.

Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive
all my failures I tried to hide.
It was my tomb 'til I met you.

Chorus

You called my name
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
into your glorious day.
(Repeat)

Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
now Your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new, Jesus
When I met You, oh, what a day?

Chorus

Bridge

I needed rescue my sin was heavy
but chains break at the weight of your glory.
I needed shelter I was an orphan now
You call me a citizen of heaven.
When I was broken You were my healing
now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open
Oh when you called my name
I ran out of that grave!

Chorus

Dismissal

Pastor

Go in peace. Serve the Lord

People:

Thanks be to God!

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Barbara, grandmother of a school student, who has been placed on hospice care.
- Caleb, preschool student, who broke his femur this week and is in partial body cast.

EVENTS THIS WEEK — October 3-9

Monday	Pastor Bill's Sabbath
Tuesday	World Prayer Circle 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday	Chapel 9:00 a.m. Quilters 9:30 a.m.
Thursday	Walk-a-thon 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Friday	Band Practice 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Pastor Leon Holm's Memorial 1:00 p.m.
Sunday	Worship 8:30 a.m. Revival of CCLCS Meeting 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Kid's Club 10:00 a.m.

Save the Date

- Trunk or Treat October 28th
- Holiday Craft Faire on November 18th and 19th

Contact Information for Pastor Bill Wessner

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To request a hymn, write the suggestion on a yellow or green card and place in the offering plate or hand to an usher.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

I ask for the grace to live faithfully. Amen