



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Cross of Hope Lutheran Church
February 21, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. Online



Be invited to gather a candle along with a bowl of water in remembrance of your baptism

GATHERING MUSIC *Called Me Higher*

1. I could just sit, I could just sit and wait for all Your goodness hope to feel Your presence.
 And I could just stay, I could just stay right where I am and hope to feel You, hope to feel something again.
2. I could hold on, I could hold on to who I am and never let You change me from the inside. I could be safe, oh, I could be safe here in Your arms and never leave home, never let these walls down

Chorus 1 But, You have called me higher,
 You have called me deeper, and I'll go where You will lead me, Lord. You have called me higher,
 You have called me deeper, and I'll go where You will lead me, Lord, where You lead me.

(Interlude) Where You lead me Lord

Vs 2 and Chorus 1

I will be Yours, oh, I will be Yours for all my life.
 I will be Yours oh, I will be Yours for all my life.
 I will be Yours, oh, I will be Yours for all my life, so let Your mercy. Oh, I will be Yours, Lord, and I will be Yours for all my life, so let Your mercy light the path before me.

Chorus 2 (Oh) 'Cause You have called me higher,
 You have called me deeper, and I'll go where You will lead me, Lord. Oh, 'cause You have called me higher,
 You have called me deeper,
 and I'll go where You will lead me, Lord. (repeat)

Where You lead me. Where You lead me, Lord.
 Where You lead me, where You lead me, Lord.

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WELCOME, CANDLE LIGHTING AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
 the keeper of the covenant,
 the source of steadfast love,
 our rock and our redeemer. **Amen**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.
Silence is kept for reflection

Fountain of living water, **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

HYMN *A Mighty Fortress* ELW 504

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
 The kingdom's ours forever!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10
 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

SERMON

Pastor Adam Berndt

**Worship Series: God Breaking Through
Dry Times****HYMN***As Your Spirit in the Desert* ACS 923

1. As your Spirit in the desert led the Christ to dust and stone, so instill our hearts with courage now to cross where Christ has gone. Let us cross into the wilderness so to walk where Christ has gone.
2. As your fire and cloudy pillar Israel's tribes to Canaan led, may your presence be our comfort, may your manna be our bread. Let us cross into the wilderness with God's manna as our bread.
3. Though wild beasts may lurk in shadow, and dire thirst may sear and sting, you have promised living waters waiting for us at the spring. Let us cross out of the wilderness to the waters of the spring.
4. Through the narrow gate now draw us, past all empire's pull and strife, where beyond our fear and clinging stands the threshold of new life. Let us cross out of the wilderness to the threshold of new life.
5. God of desert, God of promise, you have bid us journey on through the days of dust and darkness to the rising of the dawn. Let us cross out of the wilderness to the rising of the dawn.

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PRAYERS*God of Promise...hear our prayer.***TIME OF OFFERING***Your continued giving through the ministries of Cross of Hope is greatly appreciated.***MUSICAL OFFERING***The Blessing*

Verse: The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Chorus: Amen, amen, amen (repeat)

Verse - Chorus

Bridge 1: May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations and your family and your children and their children and their children. *(Repeat)*

Bridge 2: May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you, all around you and within you. He is with you, He is with you.

Bridge 3: In the morning in the evening in your coming and your going in your weeping and rejoicing. *(He is for you)*

He is for you, he is for you, he is for you, he is for you
(repeat)

Chorus Bridge 2**Bridge 3 Chorus**

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BLESSING

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you + that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

HYMN*Bless Now, O God, the Journey* ELW 326

1. Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.
2. Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way; your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day. We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound; together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

3. Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road. We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow, but waiting not for places, you meet us all around. Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

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COMMUNION

Participate in communion in one of two ways: 1- come to Cross of Hope between 10am-11am today, or 2- continue digitally at home.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the world, from the earth You give us bread to eat.**

He 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. **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, through your goodness you give us the fruit of the vine.**

He 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."

THE 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 *Come to the Table*

We all start on the outside, the outside looking in.
This is where grace begins. We were hungry, we were
thirsty, with nothing left to give.
Oh, the shape that we were in.

Chorus Just when all hope seemed lost, Love opened
the door for us. He said: Come to the table. Come join
the sinners who have been redeemed.
Take your place beside the Savior.
Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.

Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and
these thieves. There's no one unwelcome here.
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you, you
can leave it at the door and let mercy draw you near.

Come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been
redeemed. Take your place beside the Savior.
Sit down and be set free. Come to the table. Come to
the table.

Bridge: To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and
coward, to the pris'ner and the soldier, to the young and
to the older. All who hunger, all who thirst, all the last and
all the first, all the paupers and the princes, all who've
failed, you've been forgiven. All who dream and all who
suffer, all who've loved and lost another, all the chained
and all the free, all who follow, all who lead.
Anyone who's been let down, all the lost, you have been
found. All who've been labeled right or wrong, to ev'ryone
who hears this song.

Come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been
redeemed. Take your place beside the Savior.
Sit down and be set free. sit down and be set free.
Come to the table. Come to the table.

Just sit down and rest a while. Just sit down and rest
awhile. Come to the table.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your
people into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,**

**that our lives bear witness to the love that has made
us new
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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