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**Leading our community into a deep connection in Christ**

**Worship Service for January 23, 2022 at 11 AM**

**Welcome**

**Invocation**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Our Heavenly Father asks us to come into His presence, But we are sinful and unworthy. Truly, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, but Jesus Christ died on the cross that we may be forgiven and washed clean of all our sins by His blood poured out on the cross.

**C: Lord, if You wash us, we will certainly be clean and pure.**

P: We join together in singing, “At the Cross”

**At the Cross (Love Ran Red)**

There’s a place, where mercy reigns and never dies

There’s a place, where streams of grace flows deep and wide

*Pre-Chorus:*

All the love, I’ve ever found

Comes like a flood, comes flowing down

*Chorus:*

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life

I’m in awe of you; I’m in awe of you

Where your love ran red, and my sins washed white

I owe all to you, I owe all to you, Jesus

There’s a place, where sin and shame are powerless

Where my heart has peace with God, and forgiveness

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All the love, I’ve ever found

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P: We take a moment to bow before the His cross and silently reflect on our lives and confess our sins.

 *(a time of silence to reflect and personally confess our sins)*

**C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ and His suffering and death on the cross, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen**

**At the Cross (Love Ran Red) continues…**

*Bridge:*

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground

Here I bow down, here I bow down

Here arms open wide, here you saved my life

Here I bow down, here I bow

*(Repeat Bridge)*

*(Chorus 2x)*

P: The Lord our God is merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. Therefore I announce unto you the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Song of Praise and Thanksgiving –** Praise to The Lord Almighty

Verse 1:

Praise to the Lord The Almighty, the King of creation

O my soul, praise Him for He is your health and salvation

Let all who hear, Now to His temple draw near

Joining in glad adoration

Verse 2:

Praise to the Lord Who o’er all things is wondrously reigning

And as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining

have you not seen, All that is needful has been

Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Verse 4:

Praise to the Lord Who will prosper your work and defend you

Surely His goodness and Mercy shall daily attend you

Ponder a - new What the Al- mighty can do

As with His love He befriends you

Verse 5:

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him

All that has life and breath Come now with praises before Him

Let the amen Sound from His people again

Gladly forever adore Him

**First Reading –**Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading –** Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message**

**Gospel Reading –** Matthew 6:25-34

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
**C: Praise be to You, o Christ.**

**Sermon Hymn –** Take My Life and Let It Be

Verse 1:

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 2:

Take my hands and let them move At the im- pulse of Thy love;

Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Verse 5:

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.

Verse 6:

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;

Take my - self, and I will bever, only, all for Thee.

**Sermon -** "Breaking Down the Barriers to a Deeper Faith-Life "

Week 3: “The Works of Our Hands”

**Sermon Notes:**

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**Prayers:** *Text in prayer requests to (813) 602-1104‬*

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Words of Institution**

**Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
**C: And also, with you.**
P: We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

**Distribution**

**Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song –**As for Me and My House

Verse 1:

Let our foundation be Built on your majesty

Let every word you speak Fill this home

Jesus our cornerstone. The anchor for our souls

Your glory will be shown By our love

Chorus:

As for me and my house, As for me and my house

We will serve you. We will serve you

As for me and my house, As for me and my house

We will serve you. We will serve you

Verse 2:

We stand on Holy Ground. This is where lost get found

Your goodness all around, It’s pouring out

Your presence is new wine. The old is left behind

There’s nothing but new life To be found

(Chorus)

Bridge:

This is a house where idols fall

This is a house where dead man walk

This is a house where freedoms calls

Can you hear it now, hear it now

(Repeat)

(Chorus 2x)

**Offering**

**Upcoming Events**

**February 6, 4 PM – Confirmation**Location – The Frosts

**February 6, 5:30 PM – Youth Game Night**
Bring your favorite game (inside or outside)
We’ll order pizza and have a great time!
Location – The Frosts

**February 5, 10 AM - 2 PM – Spiritual Conversations (Free)**
“*How to Have More Meaningful Spiritual Conversations*”
Presented by Lutheran Hour Ministries
Messiah Lutheran Church – 14920 Hutchison Rd. Tampa, FL 33625
(Lunch provided) – Register at LHM.org/SCDATampa

**Additional Announcement:**

**LCMS Outreach Grant**The pandemic has changed people’s behavior and outlook on life which means some of the outreach strategies used in the past will no longer be effective. The LCMS is offering grants to churches with post-Covid outreach plans. They are especially looking for outreach strategies which can be replicated in different churches so the whole Synod can benefit. In order to qualify, the plan must be fully formed with a description and budget. We’d like to take advantage of this opportunity. If you have an outreach idea, please contact Pastor Kurt. Please have the strategy as developed as possible. In order to make sure we meet the submission deadline to the LCMS, please have any ideas submitted to Pastor Kurt by January 30, 2022.

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