



Cross Lutheran Church April Proclamation 2023

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Psalm 22

¹ **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

³ **Yet You are holy**, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ In You our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.

⁵ To You they cried, and were saved; in You they trusted, and were not put to shame.

⁶ **But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others**, and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

⁸ 'Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—

let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'

⁹ **Yet it was You** who took me from the womb; You kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰ On You I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me You have been my God.

¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

¹² Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;

my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;

you lay me in the dust of death.¹⁶ For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled;

¹⁷ I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸ they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹ **But you, O LORD**, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

²² I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³ **You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

²⁴ **For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

²⁵ **From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**

²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.**

May your hearts live forever!

**²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

**²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.**

³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Psalm 22 is quite a long Psalm, but oh so good...

The psalmist starts out in quite a bleak state, crying out to the Lord in distress. Mourning their circumstance. As a worm...Yet! They recognize the sovereignty of God and see past circumstances where He has come through and protected them. They finish the Psalm in praise and testimony. They call on others to also proclaim the goodness of the Lord and remember His faithfulness.

It is these same beginning words that Jesus spoke while hanging on the cross. In darkness, in pain, in death, His circumstances couldn't have been worse. Jesus hung as a spectacle, while soldiers mocked and divided his clothes. His body bruised and beaten, scourged and scorned. So many of the words in Psalm 22 reflect Jesus' final moments seen in Matthew 27 starting in verse 27.

When we read this Psalm, this season, please put yourself in that moment at the Crucifixion, picture the Lord Jesus, fully man and fully God, crying out to the Father in utter despair. Yet! He knows the Father's faithfulness. He knows the cup he was called to drink from. He wept in the Garden of Gethsemane asking for another way....YET! He knew he must go to the cross in order to redeem us! He suffered unspeakable pain and despair for our sake.

As you suffer in the day to day, do you feel like a worm sometimes? Do "dogs and lions" encircle you? Is illness and pain lurking in the edges of your life? Do you feel forsaken? Do you relate a little to the Psalmist? If so, can you also recall a time where God was faithful before? Cancer may steal family members. Pain may attack the bones. Death may lurk in the shadows. Yet, God is faithful. He has restored, recovered, redeemed.

Pain and loss are sadly normal circumstances here on the earth. But God is not far away! Just as He used the death of Jesus to restore us to Himself, He has a plan to restore all of creation to perfection as it was before the fall. Someday, the pains of this life will be no more. Someday, tears and pain will be distant memories. Till then, may we reflect on the testimony of "past positives". Think back to a time where God was faithful. Did He protect, did He restore, did He heal, did He deliver? May we have the mind of the Psalmist and close out every sad story with a "yet God has done _____, and He will do far more in the age to come." Take heart, hold fast, and testify to His faithfulness from generation to generation!



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday: 7:00pm at Cross

Good Friday: 7:00pm at Zion with Holy Name

Easter Sunday: 8:30am at Zion and 10:30am at Cross

Mark your Calendars!!!! The Church Picnic is scheduled for June 25th. More Details to come!!!



Sunday School: Sunday School will be meeting on April 23rd after Worship. Please stay tuned for more information, planning is in progress.

Adult Education: Adult Education Class will be from 10:00-11:30am at Zion on the 1st- 4th Wednesday mornings. It's a great time to join in. All are welcome! At this time, we are doing text study on the weekly scripture readings. Readings are available for pick up the Sunday before class on the table in the narthex.

Note: There will be no class on April 12th. We will resume on April 19th.

Serving:



Spring Clean-up: We will be holding Spring clean-up on April 15th. We will be working on areas inside and outside of the Church and working in the Cemetery. Please think about attending as many hands make for lighter work.

Ixonix Food Pantry: As always remember to donate goods when you can, it's a much-needed resource in our community, especially now. Also, please remember to check the dates on items donated. The food pantry will not except expired food. Thank you!

Bread and Roses: Arnie Groehler has taken over as coordinator for this ministry at Cross. Thank you, Arnie for representing our church and organizing volunteers!

Bread and Roses will be continuing curbside at this time. The 2023 dates we are scheduled to serve are June 15th and December 14th.

Adopt a Highway: Arnie Groehler has taken over this ministry. Thank you, Arnie, for serving as coordinator!

Leadership:

Church Council: Council will meet again April 11th at Church. Council meetings are usually open to the congregation. If you are interested in attending, please let Elmo Wendorf or Pastor know ahead of time. Thank you!

Fellowship:

Easter Breakfast: Next week April 9th, we will be holding an easter breakfast at the church before worship. It starts at 9:00am. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex to RSVP to the event.

Fellowship Time: Coffee Hour! We will be fellowshiping after worship the third Sunday of the month and are looking for volunteers to bring in treats to share. Sign-ups are available in the Narthex.

Coffee Shop conversations: Pastor will be at Whelan's. Join him Friday mornings from 10-12. All are welcome! Note: He will not be doing a gathering on Good Friday, April 7th.

Maintenance:

The restoration project is complete on the front of the church. It looks lovely! Drive by slowly and check it out! We are still collecting offerings for the project to offset the costs.

The Decorating Committee is comprised of Elmo Wendorf, Cathy Stein, and Terri Watermolen.

Please contact Kurt or Brian if you can help with maintenance work on the parsonage or church.

Kurt: 262-490-2362 or kketcham@wi.rr.com or Brian: 920-988-4949 or trs@netwurx.net

Upcoming Events:

- **April 2nd Palm Sunday**
- **April 6th Maundy Thursday**
- **April 7th Good Friday**
- **April 9th Easter Sunday**
- **April 15th Spring Clean-up**

**Usher Schedule: April 2nd and 9th Brian and Sherrie Tietz
April 16th, 23rd, 30th Tod and Tammy Ninmann**

Ushers please note: When lighting candles, all of the candles are lit on holidays and special Sundays. On “normal weeks” light only the Altar Candles. Thank you!

Reader / Communion Assistant Schedule:

April 2nd: Tod Ninamnn / Gerry Genz

April 9th: Cole Butschke / Cindy Kuehn

April 16th: Tammy Ninmann / Barb Butschke

April 23rd: Jeanette Christian / Gerry Genz

April 30th: Tammy Ninamnn / Barb Butschke

If you would like to volunteer please contact the office or Cindy Kuehn.

Altar Guild for April: Tammy Ninmann

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Pastor Doug’s office hours: Tuesday mornings and all day on Thursdays

Adeline will be in the office on Thursday mornings

2023 council members:

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February 5: 22	\$1645
February 12: 34	\$1217
February 19: 39	\$1149
February 26: 16	\$816



Cross Lutheran Church Council
Secretary Minutes
February 14, 2023

1. Establish quorum Present-Elmo Wendorf, Tod Ninmann, Val Scott, Cindy Kuehn, Janice Bartel, Pastor Doug, John Butschke and Kurt Ketcham
2. Devotions – No devotions, assigned members for future.
3. Voted Elmo President, John Vice President and Kurt Secretary.
4. Approved the agenda, secretary's report, previous minutes (Feb. 14th), financial and pastor's report (all reports previously distributed and reviewed - consent agenda - motion to approve). Val Moved to accept, Cindy 2nd , motion carried
4. Team Reports
 - a. Worship Team -Lenten Services Ash Wednesday is 2/22/23 at 5:30 with a soup supper to follow. Wednesday round robin services will be held this year and Cross Church will be hosting 3/22/23. Maundy Thursday service will be at Cross Church and Good Friday will be at Zion (7pm start for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday)and both churches will have Easter Sunday Services.\$20 was given towards Pastor Jim's party. Cindy to pick up cake.
 - b. Sunday School –Michelle Nord is leading with Lily and Gina assisting.
 - c. Maintenance team- agreed to make sure we maintain the Hvac systems in the church and parsonage. John and Arnie to get together and get bids on filling cracks and sealing parking lot along with painting lines. Val made motion to increase our renters rent to \$1600, Cindy 2ND. May 1st should start the new rent. Will discuss new dishwasher in Spring if needed.
 - d. Mission Team- No Report
 - e. Cemetery Team- After Easter, Phil and Tod will meet and do a walk through. Tod has map.
5. New Business
 - a. Bread and Roses- Arnie has stepped up to take over.
 - b. Wilbur Moore Will in office. From National Bank of Fort Atkinson.
 - c. 150th Anniversary- Barb Nyland to get history, ask Cathy Stein about decorating, need guest list and meal plan. Pastor and Val to make a team(committee) list.
 - d. Easter Breakfast will be on April 9th at 9am. Kurt has volunteered to run it this year. We want to invite Zion to our breakfast, need a signup list to get head counts for both churches. Joe is making sign for hwy CW.
7. Next meeting will be March 14th at 630pm. Kurt did suggest we meet at Cornerstone. He's really hoping to make that happen.
8. Closed with the Lord's Prayer
9. Adjourn- Janice moved and Tod 2nd motion carried meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kurt Ketcham
Secretary