

## WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!

We are glad you could be with us today, especially if you are visiting with us for the first time. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. It is our hope that as you worship with us today our triune God will come to you through His Word and inspire you upwards in your life. Please stop by our Guest Welcome Center for more information. We pray that you will consider becoming a part of our Holy Cross family. **Both members & visitors please complete the connection card in the pew pockets or scan the QR code below.** You may place the card in the offering plate as it is passed later in the service.



**A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION** The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Holy Cross on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, and all festival Sundays. Lutherans believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present "in, with and under" the bread and wine in the Supper and is given to us for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. All communicants should have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and have faith in these words of Christ: "This is my Body given for you. This is my Blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Instruction in this and the Lutheran Church takes place through First Communion, Confirmation, and membership classes or examination with the pastor. If you have not received instruction, contact the church office at your convenience. If you will not be receiving the Sacrament, you may remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest as a sign that you will not be receiving. The common cup and individual cups are both offered. Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cups tray. **Gluten-free wafers are available, please request.**

### **SURVEY QUESTION**

Which is your favorite logo?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

**ENTER FOR WORSHIP** Upon entering the sanctuary please close the door behind you, and find a seat. After you are seated, please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.

**FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED** We are equipped with a personal hearing assistance system. If you would like a receiver for the service, please see an usher.

**WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU** If you are in need of someone to pray for you the Elders will be at the Chancel rail following the worship service.



P From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.  
C **Your Word is truth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **Old Testament Canticle**

“Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”

Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near.  
So rejoice as you draw water from salvation’s living spring;  
in the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make his deeds known to the peoples; tell out his exalted Name.  
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might proclaim.  
Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell,  
in your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.

Words: Carl P Daw (b. 1944); paraphrase of The First Song of Isaiah Tune: THOMAS  
MERTON, by Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Please be seated

## Readings From Holy Scripture

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1–7

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Please stand if you are able.

### Alleluia



### Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? <sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Ten Commandments**

- C** You shall have no other gods.  
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or  
maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your  
neighbor.

**Apostles' Creed**

- C** 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 thence 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.

**Lord's Prayer**

(from Matthew 6:9-13)

- C** 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.

Please be seated.

**Hymn of the Day**

“Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

**Sermon**

Please stand if you are able.

**Offertory**

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

LSB 955

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,

That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us  
A foretaste of the feast to come.

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## Prayer

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for  
the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the  
Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us  
all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the  
Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all  
who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and  
orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]. . . let us pray to the  
Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**



### Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.  
 Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Collect for the Word

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**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Morning Prayer

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**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### New Testament Canticle

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(from 1 Corinthians 15:20a; 5:7b; Romans 6:9-11)

*Refrain*

**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*  
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*  
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**      “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LSB 525

- 1      Crown Him with many crowns,  
        The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
        All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
        Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
        Through all eternity.
- 2      Crown Him the virgin's Son,  
        The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
        Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
        Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
        The babe of Bethlehem.
- 3      Crown Him the Lord of love.  
        Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
        In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
        Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
        At mysteries so bright.
- 4      Crown Him the Lord of life,  
        Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
        For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
        Who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of all.

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