

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

God brought you here for a reason today! Trust the Lord, he cares for you. You can greet pastor after the service outside the main doors. **VISITORS & MEMBERS please at least put your name on the connection card and turn it in** with any other info and place in the offering plate in back. You can also do this online on your phone with this QR Code:



SURVEY QUESTION:

No survey question this weekend.

TAKING COMMUNION: We celebrate the Lord's Supper at most of our worship services. We believe that when Jesus said this "is" my body...and blood, "is" means "is". We receive the Body and Blood of Christ. He is truly present and gives himself for the forgiveness of our sins. If you have faith in these words of Jesus and have been baptized, you are welcome to receive. Questions, instruction, or examination in these beliefs occurs with first communion, confirmation, new member classes or meeting with pastor. You may come to the altar and receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. *Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of tray and gluten-free wafers are available.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: You may light a candle and enter the sanctuary in reverence, find a seat and take a moment to pray and be still. Please keep all social dialogue in the Narthex.

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 would like someone to pray for you or with you, the pastor, deacons or one of the Elders will join you at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

GIVING Your: tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering plates in back of church with your connection card. You can also give online with your phone using this QR Code:



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Prelude

Welcome, Connection Card and Announcements

Please stand if you are able.

Opening Hymn

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

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- 1 Today Your mercy calls us
 To wash away our sin.
 However great our trespass,
 Whatever we have been,
 However long from mercy
 Our hearts have turned away,
 Your precious blood can wash us
 And make us clean today.

- 2 Today Your gate is open,
 And all who enter in
 Shall find a Father’s welcome
 And pardon for their sin.
 The past shall be forgotten,
 A present joy be giv’n,
 A future grace be promised,
 A glorious crown in heav’n.

- 3 Today our Father calls us;
 His Holy Spirit waits;
 His blessed angels gather
 Around the heav’nly gates.
 No question will be asked us
 How often we have come;
 Although we oft have wandered,
 It is our Father’s home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19b; [18-20])

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
(Psalm 130:3-4)

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner. [Luke 18:13]

Kneel if you are able.

Take a moment to confess in your heart what is on your mind.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

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C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 7:18-20

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. ¹⁹He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

²⁰You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Jesus Loves Me"

Sunday School Children & Handbells

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

Alleluia and Verse

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles Creed

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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.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

LSB 609:1-4

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee
With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Sermon

1 God’s own child, I gladly say it:
 I am baptized into Christ!
 He, because I could not pay it,
 Gave my full redemption price.
 Do I need earth’s treasures many?
 I have one worth more than any
 That brought me salvation free
 Lasting to eternity!

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Holy Baptism

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This morning, we welcome into the kingdom of God through the blessed waters of Baptism, Vivian Lynn Schwartz, daughter of Timothy and Devon nee Rhoton Schwartz and granddaughter of Glen and Amy Schwartz.
The sponsors are Matthew Dailey and Emily Schwartz

Please stand if you are able.

Prayer of the Church

A Let us pray for the whole Church and all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, in your great love provide for the needs of the poor, those without work and those without homes. Be present with first responders, those in law enforcement and our military overseas. Grant wisdom and conviction to our governing leaders according to your laws. Give us strength to reject bitterness and build each other up in faith. Lord, in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

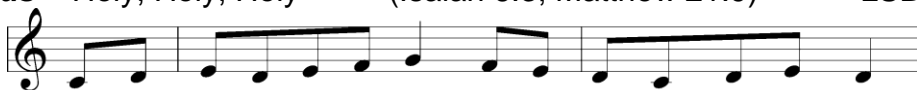
- A Father of all mercies and God of all comfort, look with favor upon your servants that we now mention who are in need of prayer: _____
Assure them of your mercy, deliver them from temptation, give them patience in affliction. And if it pleases you, restore them to health or give them grace to accept tribulation with courage and hope. Lord, in your mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.**
- A Gracious Lord, bring peace to our world, to our country, to our homes and to our hearts. Give us boldness to shine the light of the Cross in the World. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- Preface** LSB page 208
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.** (2 Timothy 4:22)
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.** [Colossians 3:1]
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** (Psalm 136)
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer (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.

The Words of Our Lord

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God John 1:29

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1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymn

“Taste and See”

Congregation to sing refrain

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

- 1 What is this bread?
 Christ’s body risen from the dead:
 This bread we break,
 This life we take,
 Was crushed to pay for our release.
 O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
- 2 What is this wine?
 The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
 The cup of grace
 Brings His embrace
 Of life and love until I sing!
 O taste and see—the Lord is King.
- 3 So who am I,
 That I should live and He should die
 Under the rod?
 My God, my God,
 Why have You not forsaken me?
 O taste and see—the Lord is free.
- 4 Yet is God here?
 Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
 In mouth and soul
 He makes us whole—
 Christ, truly present in this meal.
 O taste and see—the Lord is real.
- 5 Is this for me?
 I am forgiven and set free!
 I do believe
 That I receive
 His very body and His blood.
 O taste and see—the Lord is good.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please stand if you are able.

Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C Amen.

The Doxology

Holy Cross Choir and Handbells

Closing Hymn

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

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Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow’r
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,
I am blind without Thy light to see.
Lord, always let me Thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

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