

## 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:



**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:



# Ninth Saturday after Trinity

## July 27, 2024

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

Please stand and share the peace with someone.

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

### CONFESSION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

All: **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### ABSOLUTION

Pastor: ...In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

- 1      Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
        Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
        Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
        Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
        May I still Thy goodness prove.
  
- 2      Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
        Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
        Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
        Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
        Interposed His precious blood.
  
- 3      Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
        Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
        Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
        Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
        Seal it for Thy courts above.
  
- 4      Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
        I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
        How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
        Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
        Me to realms of endless day.

**PASTOR'S PRAYER**

## OPENING SONG #2

“Jesus, Name above All Names”

Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessèd Redeemer, living Word. (Repeat song)

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Please be seated.

## VIDEO

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 22:26-34

<sup>26</sup>“With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; <sup>27</sup>with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. <sup>28</sup>You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. <sup>29</sup>For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. <sup>30</sup>For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. <sup>31</sup>This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. <sup>32</sup>“For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? <sup>33</sup>This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless. <sup>34</sup>He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:6-13

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No

temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

All: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**All:** 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.

## **SERMON**

Please stand if you are able.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## **PASTOR'S PRAYER**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Let us now pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

**All:** **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.**

## **JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

Pastor: 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."

Pastor: 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."

## **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

Please be seated until the usher releases your pew for communion.

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

### **THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **CLOSING SONG #1**

"There is A Redeemer"

1 There is a Redeemer—  
Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One. **Refrain**

**Refrain:** Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain. **Refrain**

3 When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face;  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place. **Refrain**

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## **FINAL BLESSING**

**All: Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING SONG #2** "Thy Word Is a Lamp" LSB 973

**Refrain** Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end. **Refrain**

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;  
And I will love You to the end. **Refrain**

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## **POSTLUDE**