

## 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 and a free gift. We pray

that you will consider becoming a part of our Holy Cross family. **Both members & visitors please complete the attendance cards in the pew pockets.** You may place the card in the offering plate as it is passed later in the service.

### 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.

### ELDER ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of someone to pray for you or want someone to pray with you, the Elders will be at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY PACKETS

Please ask an usher before the service to give your child an activity packet of crayons and activity sheets for use during the worship service. Please return the baggie and crayons following the service. The activity sheets may be kept by your child.

### CELL PHONES

Prior to the beginning of the service, we would appreciate your checking your cell phone to make sure it is turned off or in the silent/vibrate mode.

### A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Holy Cross on the first and third Sundays, and at all festival Sundays. Lutherans believe that our Lord's body and blood are truly present "in, with and under" the elements of bread and wine in the Supper and is given to us for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. We invite to the Lord's Table those who have been **baptized** in the name of the Triune God and who have been **instructed and believe** in this confession. If you will not be receiving the sacrament, it is acceptable for you to remain in your pew when your row is invited forward. If you wish to come forward for a blessing, we ask that you keep your hands folded and your head bowed as a sign that you will not be receiving the elements. Both common cup and individual cup are offered. For those who prefer, we offer non-alcoholic communion wine. The non-alcoholic white wine is individual cup only and located in the center of the individual cup tray. We also offer **gluten free wafers** which will be placed on the Baptismal Font for those who need them to pick up as you come forward.



**The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)**  
**May 21, 2023**  
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**Prelude**                    “Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels”                    Trumpet & Organ

**Opening Hymn**                    “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”                    LSB 493

1        A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
      Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
      Alleluia, alleluia!  
      Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2        The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.  
      Alleluia, alleluia!  
And with His faithful foll’wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
      Alleluia, alleluia!  
      Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3        To them the shining angels cry,  
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”  
      Alleluia, alleluia!  
“This is the Savior,” thus they say;  
“This is His glorious triumph day!”  
      Alleluia, alleluia!  
      Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4        “You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky.”  
      Alleluia, alleluia!  
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see

Returning in great majesty.”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

▲6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

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.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our  
sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the 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.**

Stand

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### **Introit**

P God has gone up with a shout,

C **the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

P The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,

C **until I make your enemies your footstool."**

P The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

C **"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."**

P The Lord is at your right hand;

C **he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

**☐** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Kyrie**

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**☐** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

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P Glory be to God on high:

**☐** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

■ And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.  
Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and  
continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

### First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

D This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



**Anthem**

“God Has Gone Up

Holy Cross Choir

**Epistle**

Ephesians 1:15–23

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**D** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

**Alleluia**

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

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three phrases of 'Al - le - lu - ia.' The first phrase is a half note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, and half note C5. The second phrase is a half note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, and half note C5. The third phrase is a half note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, and half note C5. The notes are connected by a slur across the entire phrase.

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 24:44–53

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of the words 'Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.' The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, G4, A4, B4, C5, G4, A4, B4, C5, G4, A4, B4, C5. The notes are connected by a slur across the entire phrase.

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



■ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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**C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

**Hymn of the Day**

“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”

LSB 492

- 1 On Christ’s ascension I now build  
The hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled  
All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there as well  
I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.
- 2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne,  
Great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart will rest in Him alone,  
No other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before,  
There all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.
- 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,  
Recalling Your ascension,  
That I may serve You faithfully  
In thanks for my redemption;  
And then, when all my days will cease,  
Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading.

**Sermon**

**“Called to Hope”**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

**Children’s Message**

Stand

**Offertory**

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Stand

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For eyes of faith fixed on Jesus, who is seated at the Lord’s right hand, ruling in the midst of His enemies, that we may have no fear of them but

abide in Christ's peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church, over which Christ is head, that God would give pastors wisdom to hold fast to the message of repentance and the forgiveness of sins; and that He would open the ears of all who hear to rejoice in the fullness of Him who fills all in all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For an increase of faith, knowledge and wisdom, that God would open our minds to understand the Scriptures and see Christ proclaimed throughout His Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For our homes, that God who established Jesus at His right hand would give Him as companion and consolation for those who live alone, strengthen the love of husbands and wives, and bless parents and children as they gather around His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the rulers, authorities, powers and dominions of this world, that mindful of Christ who reigns far above them, they might govern with wisdom and integrity, and for all first responders, medical personal and those in the military that they may reflect you as they serve with gentleness & respect, you let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who despair of possessing forgiveness, that God would comfort them with the news that Christ is their High Priest forever, full of grace and life, giving them and us confident hope in Your unbounded love for all people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all communicants, that with penitent hearts they may receive the body and blood of Christ, who sits at God's right hand, ruling over all things, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**



P For those in need of your healing presence due to physical, emotional, or mental issues, especially \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who mourn, that our risen and ascended Lord would console them with the certainty of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this Your congregation of Holy Cross that you have allowed me to serve these last six months, for the staff, volunteers, and members who lovingly serve You in so many ways, who have opened their hearts to me and my wife during our time among them. Give them Your love and hope for the future, guiding them and their new Pastor in service to You and the surrounding communities as they provide the Good News of salvation through faith in You at all times.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **Preface**

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P The Lord be with you.



P And with thy spir - it.  
Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB page 195



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,





bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

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**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

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**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."

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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

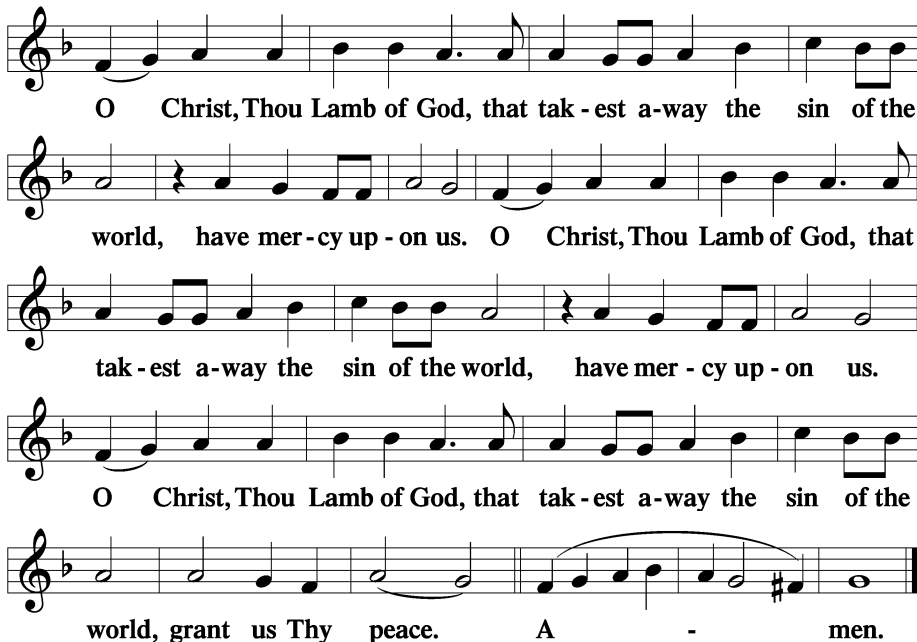


**G** A - men.



## Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

## Distribution Hymn

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB 575

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

Refrain On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

- 3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
 Support me in the raging flood;  
 When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
 He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain
- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
 Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
 Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
 Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

**Distribution Hymn**      "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

LSB 680

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise  
 Alleluias angels raise  
 Thine the everlasting head  
 Thine the breaking of the bread  
 Thine the glory Thine the story  
 Thine the harvest then the cup  
 Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally  
 Thine the promise let there be  
 Thine the vision Thine the tree  
 All the earth on bended knee  
 Gone the nailing gone the railing  
 Gone the pleading gone the cry  
 Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes  
 Thine the table we the guest  
 Thine the mercy all from Thee  
 Thine the glory yet to be  
 Then the ringing and the singing  
 Then the end of all the war  
 Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize  
 Thine the wonder full surprise  
 Thine the banquet then the praise  
 Then the justice of Thy ways  
 Thine the glory Thine the story  
 Then the welcome to the least  
 Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night  
 No more dying only light  
 Thine the river Thine the tree  
 Then the Lamb eternally  
 Then the holy holy holy  
 Celebration jubilee  
 Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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Stand

**Nunc Dimittis**

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

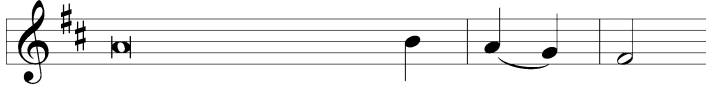


peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB page 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

P The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB page 202

P Bless we the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

LSB 917

- 1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
- 2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.  
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;  
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.
- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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# THE SUNDAY HERALD

May 22 - 28, 2023

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<b>MONDAY</b>			<b>FRIDAY</b>	
AA		7:00pm		
<b>TUESDAY</b>			<b>SATURDAY</b>	
Building & Property Meeting		7:00pm	<b>Pentecost Weekend</b>	
TOPS		8:30am & 6:00pm	Communion Worship	5:30pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b>			Adult Bible Class and	
Bulletin Assembly		10:00am	Sunday School	9:00am
Prayer Group		3:00pm	Communion Worship	10:00am
Bells		6:30pm		
Choir		7:30pm		

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## **BIBLE READINGS FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

Holy Gospel: John 7:37-39

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### **ABOUT THE COVER**

The Christian faith is historical. God has acted in history through Christ's death and resurrection to bring us real comfort. In the choosing of Matthias, it was of great importance that one who heard and saw Jesus crucified and raised be the twelfth apostle. The Lord has preserved this eyewitness testimony of the apostles in order that without seeing we may believe that Jesus is the Christ and have life in His name.

### **ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

Pastor Eric will be teaching a 6-week series during Adult Bible Class, on Sundays at 9:00 am starting June 4th, called "What is a Lutheran?". He will be covering topics such as the Creation, the Fall, the Law, the Gospel, the Bible, the Sacraments, history, Lutheran distinctives and Holy Cross. There will no Bible Class the 4th of July weekend.

### **NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

The Food Pantry needs the following items: Toothbrushes, toothpaste,

shampoo, soap, and cereal. If you happen to be at a dollar store perhaps you can pick up an item or two off the needs list. Thank you!

### **TELLERS NEEDED**

We need additional tellers to count offerings on Sundays. The commitment is about 32 – 40 hours for the year. No teller experience needed. If you would like to be part of the Sunday fun, please reach out to Denise Vandenberghe at 248-320-6704. Thank you.

### **FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)**

We have a Lunch Bag Project that has been going on for 5 years and I would like to THANK EVERYONE for reaching out to help keep this going. Your participation can be handled in a variety of ways - perhaps you would like to purchase the 50 small bags of chips, or individually wrapped cookies/cupcakes, or the 50 bottles of water. If you prefer, you can offer to help with making the sandwiches or you can make the delivery to Family of God. Wherever your interest lies in helping, I can help you through the process - call Roberta (586)457-8135 with any questions on this project.

### **VBS 2023: GOD'S LIVING WATER**

June 19th-23rd 6:00PM-8:00PM  
Preschool-6th Grade (grade completed)  
Join us for a week of fun and fellowship as we dive into God's word! Each night students will learn about a specific Bible

account through Bible stories, music, games, and crafts! Invite your family and friends! Registration forms can be found on the Welcome Center and given to Laurel Clemons. If you have any questions, contact Laurel Clemons at 248-331-5945! We hope to see you there!

### **ASH WEDNESDAY NAILS**

Still have your Ash Wednesday nail and wondering where to turn it in, the basket on the Welcome Center. We do recycle the nails each year. Ralph Klumpp gets them ready each year for us and he stated that it is getting hard to find the holders. Thank you for returning your nails.

### **ONE CALL NOW**

Some people have had problems receiving the One Call Now message. If you have had or have problems receiving the One Call Now message, here is what you can do to get the message. **Call 1-877-698-3261 option #1 and follow the prompts to listen to the message.** If you need further assistance, please contact Becky.

### **PASTOR ERIC SHANBURN INSTALLATION**

On Sunday, May 21st at 3:00 pm, Holy Cross Lutheran Church will be installing Pastor Eric Shanburn as our new Pastor. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Shanburn and his family.