

## 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:

What attracts/would attract you most, to a church? Pick up to two.

- A. Kids Sunday School and/or a nursery during services
- B. Hymn singing
- C. Fellowship or service opportunities with others
- D. Frequent Communion

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.

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**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements and Survey Question**

Please stand if you are able.

**Opening Hymn**      “All Creatures of Our God and King”

- 1      All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
O praise Him alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam.  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 2      Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 3      Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit three in One  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Opening Versicles

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(from Psalm 84:10,25; John 17:17)

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 Canticule

“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

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

<sup>6</sup>“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

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

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

### Epistle

Romans 8:28-39

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring

any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

### Alleluia



### Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe

who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CATECHISM**

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### **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**

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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.**

**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** "Be Thou My Vision"

- 1 Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart.  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night.  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
- 2 Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word.  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father. I Thy true son.  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.
- 3 Be Thou my battle Shield. Sword for the fight.  
Be Thou my Dignity. Thou my Delight.  
Thou my soul's Shelter. Thou my high Tower.  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart.  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
- 5 High King of Heaven. My victory won.  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall.  
Still my Vision, O Ruler of all.

## Sermon

Please stand if you are able.

**Offertory**      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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1      Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.    Amen.

## 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 reasonable 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.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

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

### **Collect of the Day**

P Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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*



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



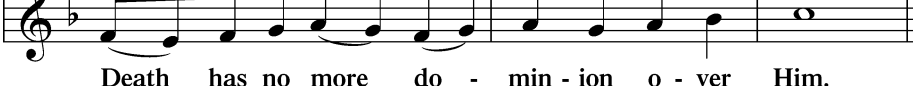
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Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

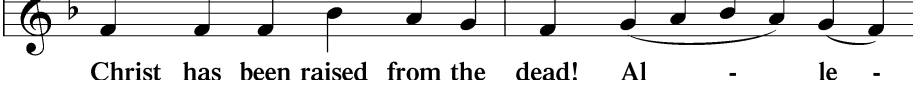


Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



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.

**Blessing** (from Psalm 103:1)

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**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** "Love Is Come Again"

1 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
 Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
 Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
 Love is come again, Like wheat that springeth green.

2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
 Thinking that never he would wake again,  
 Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
 Love is come again, Like wheat that springeth green.

- 3     Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain.  
      He that for thine days in the grave had lain.  
      Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen.  
      Love is come again, Like wheat that springeth green.
- 4     When our hearts re wintry, grieving or in pain,  
      Thy touch can call us back to life again.  
      Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
      Love is come again, Like wheat that springeth green.

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

**SUNDAY ATTENDEES** - check your calendars and see if you can help us on **August 13th** to assemble lunch bags after church. The signup board will be up on **August 6th**. The church will supply cutlery/napkins, moist towelette, baggies, lunch bags, mustard and mayo packets, and the mustard seed devotion. The following needs to be purchased by donors: sliced bread, cheese, and lunchmeat for 50 sandwiches. Along with chips, (somebody has already offered to handle the chips) cookies, and large bottled water for the 50 lunches. If you have any questions call Roberta Hanka or the church office.

### **EYEGASSES COLLECTION FOR MOST**

We continue to collect used eyeglasses for MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term). Our summer collection of eyeglasses will be delivered to Council of Lutheran Women at their Fall meeting. The box for these eyeglasses is located by our mailboxes in the hallway. Thank you!

### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S TEA**

POBLO (People of the Book Luth. Outreach) is sponsoring the Tea on Saturday, August 26 at Cross of Christ Luth Church, 1100 Lone Pine Rd, Bloomfield Hills. Doors open at 1:30pm with program from 2-5pm. The cost is \$10.00. There will be a sign-up sheet on the UWM board near the back parking lot. Questions, please contact Carol Dehnke at 586-246-2388.

### **OUT OF THE OFFICE**

I will be out of the office from Thursday, July 13th and return on Monday, August 7th. Shirley McClenahan will be filling in for me while I am out of the office. The office hours will be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Thank you, Becky

### **NEW ADDRESS**

Shirley Handy has moved. Her new address is 15721 19 Mile Rd. Apt #110, Clinton Township, MI 48038. Her phone number is 586-872-0737

John and Dolly Ferries new address is Anthology Senior Living 30637 West 14 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Cell phone number is 248-483-1789

*Now to the King eternal,  
immortal, invisible, the only God,  
be honor and glory for ever and  
ever. Amen (1 Timothy 1:17*