

## 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 instructions, 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 are the most important factors in a successful Seniors Ministry (pick 2)?

- A. Online / CD ministry
- B. Transporting vehicle
- C. Visitation ministry
- D. Home repair assistance

**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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**September 3, 2023**  
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**Prelude**

**Welcome, Connection Card/Survey Announcements and  
Sharing of the Peace**

Please stand if you are able.

**Opening Hymn**            “Morning Has Broken”

- 1      Morning has broken, like the first morning.  
      Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.  
      Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,  
      Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.
  
- 2      Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven  
      Like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
      Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
      Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.
  
- 3      Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning.  
      Born of the One Light Eden saw play.  
      Praise with elation, praise every morning.  
      God's re-creation of the new day.
  
- 4      Morning has broken, like the first morning.  
      Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.  
      Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,  
      Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

## 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.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**

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.**

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.

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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

Psalm 37:5–7

P Delight yourself in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**C Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him, and he will act.**

P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
and your justice as the noonday.

**C Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over  
the man who carries out evil devices!**

**ALL 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.**

### Kyrie

(from Mark 10:47)

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



**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.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

Please be seated.

## Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

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

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

## Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the

contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**D** 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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**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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



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



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

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

**D** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.”

<sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of

man.” <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

D This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, 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.**

Please be seated.



- 1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;  
Sing the ending of the fray.  
Now above the cross, the trophy,  
Sound the loud triumphant lay;  
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,  
As a victim won the day.
- 2 Tell how, when at length the fullness  
Of the appointed time was come,  
He, the Word, was born of woman,  
Left for us His Father's home,  
Blazed the path of true obedience,  
Shone as light amidst the gloom.
- 3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished,  
He went forth from Nazareth,  
Destined, dedicated, willing,  
Did His work, and met His death;  
Like a lamb He humbly yielded  
On the cross His dying breath.
- 4 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,  
Be for all the noblest tree;  
None in foliage, none in blossom,  
None in fruit thine equal be;  
Symbol of the world's redemption,  
For the weight that hung on thee!
- ▲5 Unto God be praise and glory;  
To the Father and the Son,  
To the eternal Spirit honor  
Now and evermore be done;  
Praise and glory in the highest  
While the timeless ages run.

## Sermon

## Offertory

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**C** 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.

Please stand if you are able.

## Prayer of the Church

- D** Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- D** Save and defend Your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood

of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the holy Sacraments, making them perfect in love and in all good works, and establishing in them the faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

D Send the light of Your truth into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home and in distant lands. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

D Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead a peaceable life with integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially Help them to serve this people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

D Sanctify our homes with Your presence, and bless them with joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

D By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in need, sickness or adversity (especially [name]). Be with those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

D We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors especially St. John the Baptist, Joshua and Hannah who we commemorated this past week and Moses who we commemorate tomorrow. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- D All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us,  
Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

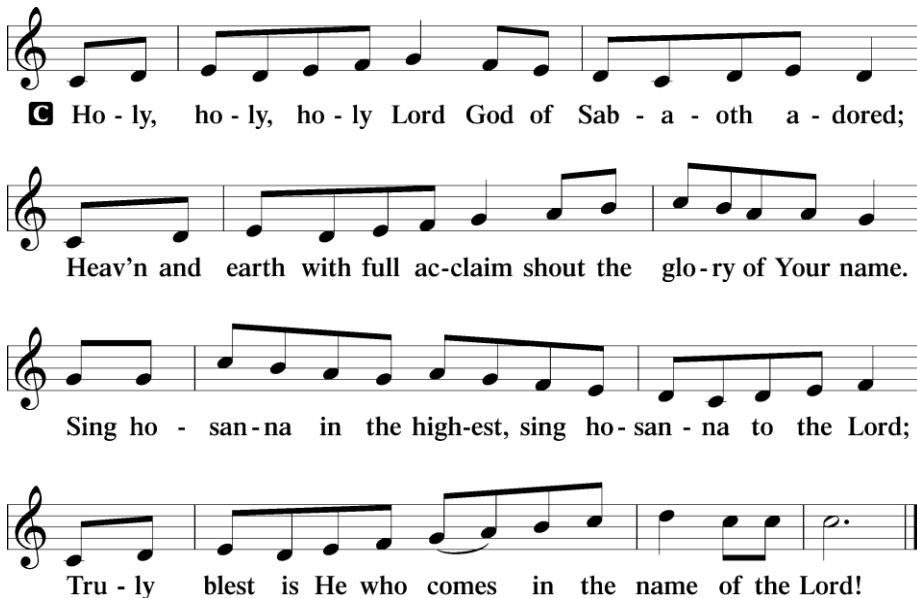
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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

(from Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

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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!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## **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.

## **The Words of Our Lord**

(From 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."

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**

(from John 20:19)

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

**C** Amen.

# Agnus Dei

(from 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

“Stay with Us”

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- 1 Stay with us, till night has come:  
Our praise to You this day be sung.  
Bless our bread,  
Open our eyes:  
Jesus, be our great surprise.
- 2 Walk with us, our spirits sigh:  
Hear when our weary spirits cry,  
Feel again  
Our loss, our pain:  
Jesus, take us to Your side.

3 Walk with us, the road will bend:  
Make all our weeping, wailing end.  
Wipe our tears,  
Forgive our fears:  
Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

4 Talk with us, till we behold  
A joyful life You will unfold:  
Heal our eyes  
To see the prize:  
Jesus, take us to the light.

5 Stay with us, till day is done:  
No tears nor dark shall dim the sun.  
Cheer the heart,  
Your grace impart:  
Jesus, bring eternal life.

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## **Distribution Hymn**

### **“In Christ Alone”**

#### **verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

#### **verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,



The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

**verse 3**

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

**verse 4**

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Please stand if you are able.

# Nunc Dimittis

(from Luke 2:29-32)

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**C** 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 -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

# Post-Communion Collect

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**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.

# Benedicamus

(from Psalm 103:1)

P Let us bless the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction** (from 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.**

**Closing Hymn** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” LSB 686

- 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.

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# ***THE SUNDAY HERALD***

***September 2 & 3, 2023***

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## **BIBLE READINGS FOR 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Epistle: Romans 13:1-10

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

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## **HOLY CROSS “WHEELS OF WORSHIP”**

Do you need a ride to worship service on Sunday? If you do, please call the church office by Thursday of that week and request a pickup. We will have one of our “Wheels of Worship” drivers pick you up. We are also in need of a few more people willing to join the group of “Wheels of Worship” drivers. If you are interested in becoming a Sunday driver, please reach out to Denise Vandenberghe at 248-320-6704.

## **NURSERY**

We are working on opening our nursery during services for families that could benefit from having it in operation. We are looking for 8-10 volunteers who are willing to work during the Sunday service on a rotating schedule. If you are interested in working in the nursery, please talk to Laurel Clemons.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Rally Day Sunday is September 10th from 9:00-9:45 am.** We will be starting the year with a service project, packing lunches for FOG. We invite the congregation to join us after the service for light refreshments to help celebrate the new year! Please plan on joining us! Also remember to invite your friends and family to join us for Sunday School. Registration forms can be found at the welcome center or register online at [holycrosswarren.com](http://holycrosswarren.com).

**Donations:** Please consider donating snacks for Sunday School. There will be a basket outside the Sunday School Office for donations. Ideas include Individually packaged items such as goldfish, animal crackers, granola bars and juice boxes.

## **HOLY CROSS DAY HYMN SING AND DINNER**

Join us as we celebrate Holy Cross Day on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. A dinner of Basil Tomato Soup and Grilled Cheese sandwiches will be served after the hymn sing which begins at 6:00 pm. Come see what Holy Cross Day is all about and have dinner too.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Trunk or Treat Saturday October 28th @ 7:00 pm. Sunday School is hosting a trunk or treat. This is a great way to reach out to our community. Please plan on coming and decorating your trunk and handing out candy! It will be a great time. Look for a sign upcoming in September.

## **UPCOMING WORKDAYS**

Pastor Eric is planning some days to do small jobs around the church building and grounds. The following Saturdays are the dates he would like us to set aside to beautify our church and grounds: **NEW DATES September 23, October 28**. The hours are from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. If you can give any amount of time on any of the days, that would be wonderful. Hope to see you there.

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

**SATURDAY ATTENDEES** - Signup sheet will be up on September 30th for assembling the lunch bags on October 7th after church. The following needs to be purchased by donors: sliced bread, cheese, and lunchmeat for 50 sandwiches. Along with chips, cookies (individually wrapped) and large (12 or 16 oz) bottled water for the 50 lunches. The church will supply cutlery/napkins, moist towelette, mustard and mayo packets, mustard seed devotions, lunch, and sandwich bags.

## **GOOGLE CALENDAR**

Check out our Google Calendar on our website **[holycrosswarren.com](http://holycrosswarren.com)**. All our Worship Services, Bible Studies and events are listed on that calendar. When you go to the website calendar you will be able to click on the event and see more information about the event. I will be including a copy of the google calendar in the bulletins each week and doing away with the weekly schedule in the bulletin. I will continue to send out this week at Holy Cross. If you are not receiving this email, please make sure that I have your email address. Thank you, Becky.