

Holy Cross Lutheran
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 5, 2020 – 9:00 am



AS WE GATHER Rest is elusive; as each day ends, we must confess with Paul in today's Epistle that we had "the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out." In our tiredness, the mirror shows that we are wretched indeed. But Zechariah wrote of a day when the battle would be over, thanks to a coming king, who would set the prisoners free. His description points us to Jesus on Palm Sunday; His death and resurrection have set us free from our bondage to sin. His compassion for us shows in His prayer of thanksgiving to our heavenly Father. In our Savior, we find the rest we need each day. Compared to the failing struggle we engage in daily; His yoke is easy; His burden is light. As David wrote in the psalm, "The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down." He gives rest for the soul! The Lord bless your worship and your continued 4th of July weekend rest in our Lord.

† IN DOMINE JESU †

(In the Name of Jesus)

PRELUDE

WELCOME "This is the Day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Ps. 118:24*

GATHERING HYMN "God Loved the World So That He Gave" *LSB 571 vs. 1-6*

1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all
Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by
Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

**5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!**

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INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Matthew 11:28; Romans 7:21, 24

P: By ourselves, we are not righteous and cannot free ourselves; our only hope is to be given Christ's righteousness and thereby be saved. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C: Merciful God, I confess to You and in the presence of my brothers and sisters that I daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment. Not only am I by nature sinful and unclean, but also with St. Paul, "I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"

P: Jesus said, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He offers full and free pardon for all your sins and even your sinful condition. By His death and resurrection, He provides rest, not only from physical turmoil and emotional stress; in Him, we find rest for the soul! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C: "I will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'"

P: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

C: the Most High, who is my refuge—

P: no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

C: no plague come near your tent. 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. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together: **Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9–12

(Through the prophet, the Lord promises an end to spiritual warfare.)

L: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 7:14–25a

(Unable to stop sinning, Paul finds deliverance only in Jesus Christ.)

L: ¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Matthew 11:28

All: Alleluia, Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Alleluia

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew eleventh chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Jesus invites His hearers to come to Him for true rest.)

P: ²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

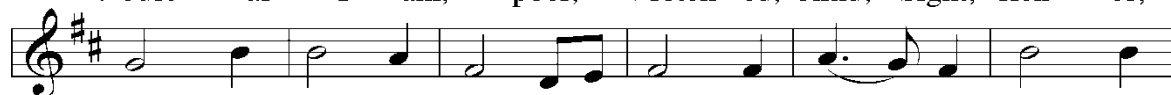
HYMN OF THE DAY

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

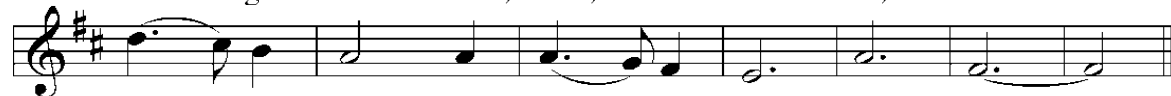
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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

THE NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *[after the petition(s) and "Lord, in Your mercy," pray, "hear our prayer."]*

(after all petitions the pastor prayer)

P: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: In preparation for the Lord's supper we pray the prayer Jesus taught us: **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 PREPARATION *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord's Words of Institution)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His 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 after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

ONE BODY IN CHRIST *(We take Communion together with the invitation of the following words)*

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the one true faith, to life everlasting. Go in peace, joy, love and forgiveness. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together. **Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that, as sisters and brothers gathered as one body, we live renewed lives and show forth Your love in our nation and in our neighborhoods. Support us in this life, and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Drive up Communion following this service from 10:15 am to 10:45 am. We will hold off on the Sunday Bible Study on Romans until July 19. Moved from Friday at lunch time, to Sunday mornings, beginning July 19.
2. Pastor Robert will lead the worship and preach today. July 5. Also, on July 12, Pastor Fuchs will preach that Sunday. Viv and I will be down to Iowa over the 4th weekend. And then trying to move the next two weeks to the new house in New Prague.
3. Men's Bible Study is taking a two-week break.
4. Women's Bible study Wed. at 7 PM in the preschool classroom.
5. Visitation and Celebration of Eternal Life Memorial Service for Lyla Brown is tomorrow at 3 pm for visitation and 4 pm for the Memorial Service here at Holy Cross.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you His with favor and † give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

"4th of July Freedom Medley of Hymns"

(freedom isn't free; we remember our veterans, all who have served and serve presently in our armed forces)

"God Bless Our Native Land"

LSB 965



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;

Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with

wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

"America"

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

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"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on.**

(chorus) **Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on. *(chorus)***

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission! **C: Amen! We will! Amen!**

POSTLUDE

† SOLI DEO GLORIA †

(To God be the Glory)

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SERVING TODAY THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Helper:	Brit Weimer
Lector:	Rev. James Fuchs
Ushers:	Bonnie Nowak
Acolyte:	Jonas Petrie
AV:	Judy Weimer
Offering Counters:	Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze
Guest Pastor	Rev. Robert Nowak

Holy Cross Happenings

June 28 – July 5, 2020

Welcome Guests and Members! Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

We Welcome Pastor Robert Nowak today as he is officiating our worship. Pastor Jim and Vivian are taking vacation to move to their new home in New Prague. They are also spending this weekend in Iowa with his Mother and siblings after the death of his brother, Rev. Terry Jobst whom the Lord Jesus called home to heaven a week ago Friday. Pastor Fuchs will be officiating and preaching for Pastor Jim next Sunday, July 12. The Lord's blessings upon our ministers always, in all ways.

Monday, July 6, Visitation and Celebration of Eternal Life Memorial Service: The Visitation for the family and friends of Lyla Brown will be at 3 pm. The Celebration of Life Memorial service will be at 4 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran. Please remember social distancing and mask coverings for attending the visitation and service. Thank you.

Volunteers Saturday, July 11, to clean church - We are in need of 4 to 6 volunteers on Saturday morning, July 11, to disinfect/clean the church before Sunday, July 12. We will meet at 9:00 am at church. See Pastor for details. Thank you for considering helping out.

Summer Women's Bible Study - Join us for a Summer Women's Bible Study on the Book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah is a wonderful example for us in today's world. Nehemiah prayed constantly and relied on scripture. Read over this great book in preparation of our study. Great background reading is the book of Ezra, which is right before Nehemiah. We will be meeting in the Preschool Room July 8, 15, 22, and 29th at 7 to 8:30 pm. Questions - contact Michele Lein. Join us and be changed by Scripture, the power of the Holy Spirit and the book of Nehemiah.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith He has given us His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 12, 2020 9:00 am

Communion Support:	Jon Dobberstein
Lector:	Mary Deluhery
Ushers:	Jason Kruse
Acolyte:	Colin Kruse
AV:	Jason Eickhoff
Offering Counters:	Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein
Guest Pastor:	Rev. James Fuchs

Responding to God's Grace – Offerings

Contributions needed each month (General Fund): \$21,982.50

Contributions received June: \$20,159.27

Attendance 06-28-2020

Worship: 33 at Holy Cross +18 Households streaming on-line

Communion: 30 + 2 Drive up Total: 32

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Sun. July 5

9 am
10:15 am - 10:45 am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Live also via Zoom
Drive Up Communion at Holy Cross

Mon. July 6

3 pm
4 pm

**Visitation for Family and Friends of Lyla Brown
Memorial Service – Lyla Brown**

Tues. July 7

(Resumes July 21)

2 Week break - Men's Bible Study via Zoom

Wed. July 8

12 pm
7 pm

Happenings Articles Due
Women's Bible Study Nehemiah – Pre-school room

Sat. July 11

9 am

CHURCH CLEANING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sun. July 12

9 am
10:15 am - 10:45 am
11:00 am – 11:45 am

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Live also via Zoom
Drive Up Communion at Holy Cross
July 19 Congregational Romans Bible Study via Zoom



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