

Holy Cross Lutheran
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2020 – 9:00 am



AS WE GATHER We live in a world where suffering many times goes unnoticed. Each individual that has ever lived, suffers at least a few if not many heart wrenching times throughout life. It is only by the grace of God that we endure. We long for the time when there will be no more suffering when Christ comes. With the whole creation we groan together in birthing pains, waiting for the redemption of all things. In the Gospel lesson Jesus teaches that the devil, the real enemy of our lives, sows weeds throughout the field of this world making suffering all the more exasperating. At this point we give thanks to the Lord that we can call upon Him. Even then in our exasperating we are so discombobulated, we do not know what to pray, however, our hope is sustained by the intercessions of God the Holy Spirit, whose groanings on our behalf are deeper than words can tell. Praise the Lord that we have Jesus with us always who knows suffering more than any of us and is always here to comfort us and help us to comfort others. God bless your worship today.

† 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 “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling ” *LSB 650*

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Give ear, O Lord, to the prayers of Your people, and listen to their cry for mercy.

C: You, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

P: Lord of mercy,

C: we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and an abundance of mercy. We are poor sinners whose thoughts, words, and deeds betray our weakness and death. You, O Lord, are gracious and merciful and, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, You have saved us by His blood. Give to us true repentance that we know Your forgiveness and the comfort of a clear conscience. Give us also hearts made new by Your grace, that we love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves and, by Your Holy Spirit, do what is pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made the children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. 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.

P: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together: **O steadfast Lord, You are the great I AM whose promises never fail us and in whom alone salvation is to be found. Grant to us hearts to trust in Your mercy and courage in the face of doubt and fear that we not surrender hope to darkness and faith to unbelief; 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

Isaiah 44:6–8

(Is there a God besides the Lord?)

L: ⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

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

EPISTLE

Romans 8:18–27

(The sufferings of this present age are not worth comparing to the glory waiting to be revealed.)

L: ¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

P: Please stand in honor of the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus and the reading together our verse.

VERSE

Matthew 13:35b

All: Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Then the righteous shall shine like the sun.)

P: ²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ... ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In Thee Is Gladness "

LSB 818

SERMON

"Suffering? You are Not Alone!"

Romans 8:18–27

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

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You have been the refuge and strength of Your people from generation to generation. Give to us the comfort of Your presence in time of trouble, Your grace to forgive our sins, and Your peace to govern our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, Your Word speaks hope and life. Open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him as Savior and Lord by the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, Your power holds all things together, in heaven and on earth. Give wisdom to those who lead our nation and guidance to those who make, administer, and judge our laws, so that life be protected and justice administered. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, You give us new lives in baptismal water, and Your Spirit opens our hearts bringing faith. Guide us to live out fully our vocation as Your children in the places where we live and work and do the good works of the Spirit that You desire. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for our nation as we rejoice in the freedoms we enjoy. We give You special thanks for all those who serve in the military, in medical professions, as educators, and as emergency personnel. Grant that we live out our citizenship with dedication and gratitude. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, Your mercy extends to all our needs and Your grace gives healing according to Your will. Hear us on behalf of our members and family at McKenna, Lohart, Wilma, Edwin, and Lily as well as Pat at All Saints. Continue to bring healing from surgery to Steve, Marlys, Dean, Justin, and those we lift up in our hearts..... {pause} be with all who are healing from Covid-19 and other maladies. Grant to all a measure of Your love, blessing them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

We also, pray for Mic and Marissa as well as Hannah and Tom. Be with both families as Hannah and Marissa have the gift of precious life within them and we pray for good health during the pregnancy and a safe delivery for mother and child. Be with Mic and Tom as they care for their families. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, You have granted us a place at the Table of Your Son. Help us to receive His body and blood with repentance and faith and to keep in holy lives the precious gift we will receive upon our lips. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, You have given us the encouragement of the mighty saints of old and those who taught us the faith. Help us to leave a legacy of faithfulness to those who follow us, and sustain us in hope until we join the saints in Christ's eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through 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. **O almighty and everlasting God, You have delivered us from the darkness of sin and granted us life in Your Son. Grant to us Your Holy Spirit that we walk in the light of Your Son all our days, and bring us at last to that day when we shall shine like the sun in Your presence forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Drive up Communion following this service from 10:15 am to 10:45 am. Sunday Bible Study on Romans continues today July 19. Moved from Friday at lunch time, to Sunday mornings.
2. Men's Bible Study this Tuesday Zoom online. Romans Chapter 7.
3. Women's Bible study Wed. at 7 PM in the preschool classroom.

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.

C: Amen.

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

Communion Support: Brit Weimer
Lector: Robert Nowak
Ushers: Lance Lerum
Acolyte: Morgan Schulze
AV: Vivian Jobst
Offering Counters: Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

Responding to God's Grace – Offerings

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

Contributions received June: \$21,627.27

Attendance 07-12-2020

Worship: 24 at Holy Cross + Households streaming on-line

Communion: 24 + 4 Drive up Total: 28

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 26, 2020 9:00 am

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THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

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9:00 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Also via Zoom
10:15–10:45 am Drive Up Communion
11:00-11:45 am Congregational Romans Bible Study via zoom

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 am Men's Bible Study via Zoom
7:00 pm Prior Lake La Leche League

Wednesday, July 22

12:00 pm Happenings Articles Due
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Thursday, July 23

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

9:00 am Church Cleaning

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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.

QUOTE: July 19 "Lifting each other up, as we share our faith in Christ Who came to make all things new, is the only hope we have. Let us not waste this life God has given us, but let us move forward in faith, together, knowing that ultimately the gates of hell will not prevail against those who love God." Abbott Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Volunteers Saturday, July 18, to clean church - We are in need of 4 to 6 volunteers on Saturday morning, July 18, to disinfect/clean the church before Sunday, July 19. 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 22 at 7 to 8:30 pm. This week we will be discussing Nehemiah Chapters 10-11. 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.

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS

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