

Holy Cross Lutheran  
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

August 16, 2020 – 9 AM

**AS WE GATHER** - Before Jesus was arrested in the garden of Gethsemane, He prays for the disciples that they may be One as He and the Father are One and prays for the Spirit to fill them to be One with them. In our sermon series on Romans, Paul also speaks about the importance of the church being One and that Jew and Gentile, either one, need to be careful of setting themselves apart with their own view of who they are in their life with God. Paul begins to move from his discourse of justification in his letter to the Romans transitioning to sanctification and practice in how we live with one another with Christ in peace and not pride from our old way of doing things or differences in culture. At the end of this part of Paul's letter he shares an analogy of branches being grafted into the root or core of the tree; Christ is that root, that core, the way for all the world to be saved and grafted in or re-grafted into His grace, to be one people of God, to be His children. The Lord bless you as we rejoice together in being part of one faith, one hope, one baptism in one Lord Jesus Christ who saves us from all unrighteousness.

**† 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** "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" *LSB 655*

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and  
by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal  
Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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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**

P: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

**C: We confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. Many times, we**

**have not been thoughtful caretakers of His creation nor have we shared His bounty with others. We have been heedless in word and deed. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have coveted that which is not rightfully ours. We have failed to put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray Lord God, to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. For Jesus' sake, Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray together. **Lord Jesus Christ, You have promised to embrace all who repent and cry out to You for mercy. Grant that we, no matter our background or station in life, with all assurance come before You, confident that because of Your sacrifice on our behalf, our heavenly Father welcomes our prayers and petitions; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**† THE LIVING WORD †**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

*(God's house of prayer is for all people.)*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD: Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed... <sup>6</sup>"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." <sup>8</sup>The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

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

**EPISTLE**

*Romans 11:1-2, 13-15, 28-32*

*(God will have mercy on both Jew and Gentile.)*

<sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?... <sup>13</sup>Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup>in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?... <sup>28</sup>As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election,

they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**

*Psalm 147:2-3*

**C: Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 15:21-28*

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

*(Jesus heals the daughter of a beseeching woman.)*

<sup>21</sup> Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

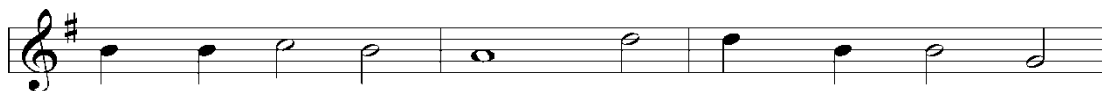
**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

*LSB 528 vs. 1-5*



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That  
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He  
 5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the  
 God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.  
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.  
faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.

**SERMON “Reconciling and Healing People and Relationships. Being One in Christ.”**

*(for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.) Isaiah 56: 7c*

*Romans 11, Matthew 15:-28*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** *(after petitions, Pastor prays “Lord in your mercy” please pray, “Hear our prayer”)*

*(after all the petitions have been prayed, we commend all the prayers with these words)*

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 as one body together as brothers and sisters in Christ with our 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.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER THANKSGIVING**

P: Let us pray together: **Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your Church from every evil. Teach us to love You and one another as You have loved us and make us truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the one body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

*LSB 528 vs. 6-7*

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off’ring made For ev’ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv’n  
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav’n.

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**THE SENDING**

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

**† SOLI DEO GLORIA †**

(To God be the Glory)

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**SERVING TODAY THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE 9:00 am**

<b>Communion Support:</b>	Brit Weimer
<b>Lector:</b>	Judy Weimer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Evelyn & Norma Jabs
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Daniel Vannett
<b>AV:</b>	Rostina Vannett
<b>Offering Counters:</b>	Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

# Holy Cross Happenings

## August 16 – August 23, 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.

**QUOTE: August 16** "Christianity proclaims a God who valued humanity so much that in Jesus God took on flesh, becoming human. He took on His own jar of clay and in so doing gifted all of humanity with immeasurable treasure." *Margaret Manning Shull, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**Thank You** – Vivian and I would like to thank you for your prayers, love, and caring sympathy cards the last several weeks. It was a special blessing to attend A Celebration of Life in Christ, Memorial Service for my brother, Rev. Terry Jobst with family and friends out in Eastern Pennsylvania. Thank you again, Love in Christ, Pastor Jim and Viv.

**Informal prayer time** - We will be having an informal time of prayer at Holy Cross on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm. All are welcome. We will be praying for Holy Cross, our nation, Covid concerns and any other prayer requests. We will provide a list of what to pray for and bring along your personal prayers also. Please pray about joining us for all or some of these Wednesday nights.

**Haiti Help** - Any support you are able to give, pray and possibly give a financial contribution, it would help Haiti greatly and very much appreciated. If you wish to donate towards food you should make that notation in the memo line. If you wish the address to mail in a contribution is as follows:  
HLMS, PO Box 22544, Lincoln NE 68542-2544.

**McKenna visiting** – If anyone is interested in visiting Lohart on Wednesday at 10 am outdoors where they set up a special outdoor distancing, people can meet Pastor, Janean or Nancy and attend with them when they visit. If rain and lightning the visit cannot be done. Please contact the church office if interested.

**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**

#### **Attendance – 08-09-2020**

Worship: 36 + 20 streamers

Communion: 33 + 7 Drive-up Communion

#### **Responding to God's Grace**

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

Contributions received in July \$18,540.82

# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

## **Sunday, August 16 11th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 am                      Worship w/Holy Communion also via Zoom  
10:15-10:45 am          Drive-up Communion  
11:00 am                      Romans' Bible Study via Zoom

## **Monday, August 17**

## **Tuesday, August 18**

8:00 am                      Men's Bible Study (preschool room)

## **Wednesday, August 19**

12:00 pm                    Happenings Articles Due  
7:00 pm                      Informal Prayer (*sanctuary*)

## **Thursday, August 20**

## **Friday, August 21**

9:30 am                      Cleaning Crew TBA

## **Saturday, August 22**

9:00 am                      Church Cleaning TBA

## **Sunday, August 23 12th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 am                      Worship W/ Holy Communion also via Zoom  
10:15 am                    Drive-Up Communion  
11:00 am                      Romans' Bible Study via Zoom

## **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 23, 2020**

**Elder/Communion Helper:**          Jon Dobberstein  
**Lector:**                                      Mary Deluhery  
**Ushers:**                                      Denny Case  
**Acolyte:**                                      Blake Dobberstein  
**AV:**    Jason Eickhoff  
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