

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2020 – 9 AM

AS WE GATHER “Come to the table.” In our daily experiences, there is no invitation that is more readily received and fully appreciated. Being invited to eat with a new acquaintance or friend in their home is quite an honor. It is actually humbling that someone wants to get to know you better and to take time to cook a meal and see their home. To be at the table is even a greater honor because we are receiving in the bread and wine the very person of our Lord and Savior in our life. In Psalm 23, we are told of a table that is prepared under challenging circumstances. Yet, even there, the cup of God’s blessing overflows. Our gathering for worship and our coming to the Table of the Lord is a weekly experience of overflowing blessing filled with signs of God’s gracious presence. We rejoice that we are invited to His amazing table! Last but not least our worship and communion here is not a solo experience but rather is experienced in community. Joyfully we celebrate God’s service to us— together!

† 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

“To Your Temple, Lord, I Come”

LSB 981 vs. 1-3

1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my

is my wor - ship home. This earth has no
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful

bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.

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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 now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C: O God our Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to others. We have not always shown forth our faith in every aspect of our lives.

We sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us and hear this, our confession, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our Sinful lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The Lord hears our pleas and accepts our prayers. To each of us our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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. **Almighty and eternal God, You have called us in Christ to live as those who are joyfully assured of Your forgiveness and care. Grant us a full sense of being a community gathered together in Your love as we await the company of saints and angels in Your eternal kingdom. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and our King. Amen.**

† THE LIVING WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

(The Lord will bring salvation to His people.)

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-13

(Encouragement for joyful Christian living)

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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

VERSE

Revelation 22:17

Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." Let the one who hears say, "Come." Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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

(Jesus shares the unique and troubling parable about the wedding feast)

¹ Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

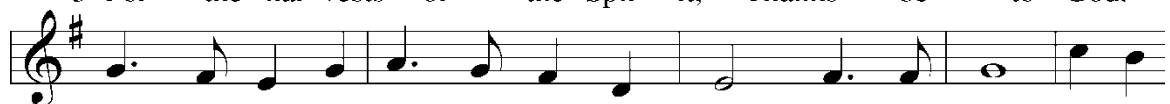
HYMN OF THE DAY

"For the Fruits of His Creation"

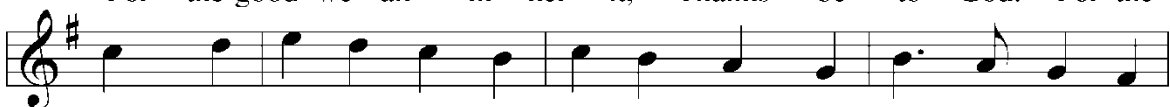
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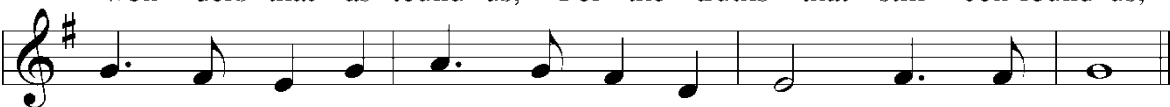
1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Behold, This is Our God; Let Us Be Glad and Rejoice in His Salvation”

⁹It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” Isaiah 25:9

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

P: With full confidence that our prayers will be heard by our loving God, we offer our petitions for the Church, the world, and all people in need. O Lord,

C: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: With hope-filled hearts we pray for the community of world nations, especially remembering the people of Canada as they observe their country’s National Day of Thanksgiving. O Lord,

C: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the well-being of creation in our land and every land, for all coastlands and waters and for all fields and forests. Grant that we be proper stewards of all of the gifts we have received. O Lord,

C: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the Church, that it grow as the Spirit leads and directs, even in those places where persecution of Christian people still is a daily reality. O Lord,

C: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: *(additional prayers included here for the church and community)* O Lord,

C: in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: As we remember with gratitude those whose earthly lives are now completed, we ask that we be blessed by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus, especially those of this community of faith who have left behind examples of joyful trust and blessed hope. O Lord,

C: in Your mercy, hear our prayer. 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 THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together, **Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we live with hope and confidence, showing forth Your love through acts of mercy. 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. Amen.**

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 with His favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SENDING

"Your Love Defends Me

Matt Maher

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)

THE POSTLUDE

Holy Cross Happenings

October 11 – October 18, 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: October 11 "Laws of the State clearly matter, and the message they send affects the mindset of society. But, if our battle cry for life begins on the abortion table, then we've waited too long to speak. If our efforts to model life end in the courtroom, then we've already lost our children. God help us; it's time to ask ourselves if we speak life or whisper death." *Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Thank you — for the countless times you have stretched out your hands in service to others in times of need.

Thank you — for the early Sunday mornings and many hours in preparations for your sermons.

Thank you — for the thousands of prayers you have prayed for your congregation and others.

Thank you — for the time spent out of church to help those who needed help, or need a friend.

Thank you — for not judging people, and always embracing everyone with open arms.

Informal prayer time - We will continue the 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.

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class This group will meet in the sanctuary for space. The OT book of Nahum will be led by Rev. Robert Nowak. The teaser for you to participate... Robert "finds it fascinating and so much like the world we live in today"! Come for ancient history, Assyrian empire origin information, and more!

The Board of Christian Education is needing some assistants, as well as some assistance! :-) One or more people who like to plan/organize just one or two small events. One event is **service oriented** - and is underway already. That is **Operation Christmas Child promotion** and collection organization. Vivian needs help to brainstorm and organize this. The website/page is ready for receiving donations and the goal is 20 boxes, end date, Sunday, Nov. 15. <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/d7129dd3-9a67-48ff-bed2-40e21b907356>

Fall Pray & Play fellowship activity (various ages involved) on Sunday, October 25. Pumpkin Carving is planned for now, but Vivian needs help to, yes again, brainstorm ideas for doing something more or as an alternative to go along with the pumpkin stuff. It is also the celebration of Reformation that Sunday, so . . . I just need some support to formulate the plan.

Say a prayer and ask if God is calling you to "venture out" by joining the Christian Education team at Holy Cross, by helping with one event, OR by joining to work together to build up one another in our faith! Contact Vivian by phone (call or text) at 913-486-2626 or email: vrjobst@gmail.com

Calling All Thrivent Members - If you would like to add your name to a list of Thrivent members at Holy Cross, please contact Bonnie Nowak at bonnienowak007@gmail.com or call her at 952-406-0667. If you have ideas for future projects that could be funded by Thrivent Action Team grants, please share that information with her as well. For more details regarding this, please read the article in the October newsletter.

The new Sanctuary Course (8 weeks long) with a focus on the broad subject of mental health will be led by Pastor Jim. **See the September HolyCrossings Article for details.** Anyone can participate and we need to know of your interest in participating to plan for materials and if the class will meet in person and/or online by Zoom. Please contact the church office, Pastor Jim by email (pjjobst@gmail.com) or on his cell (612) 615-2939 or Vivian Jobst by email (vrjobst@gmail.com) or on her cell with a call/text (913)486-2626. If you have any questions you may contact Vivian about those as well.

New Opportunity - Haiti Lutheran Mission Society has announced, "We have the opportunity to have up to \$10,000 in matching funds (from a generous donor) for the outreach of the HLMS between now and October 31, 2020." Those donating should write "matching funds" on the memo line. As with all donations to HLMS, 100% of all monies donated goes to missions.

Women's Bible Study - Ladies join us at church on Oct. 13, 6:30pm for a casual evening of fellowship and faith. Bring your Bible and wear your mask and plan to be strengthened by the Word and renewed by the fellowship of those in the faith. This is a one-time study so there's nothing to prepare, just come and enjoy.

LWML Mite Box Offerings - Over the years, many Lutheran Women's Missionary League groups used a box to gather funds in support of local and synod ministries. Instead of "mite boxes" some groups called their ingathering devices "blessing boxes" or "mission boxes" or "thank offering boxes."

Mite boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite, the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — *offerings* above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants. In fact, the LWML has collected over **\$100 million dollars** since 1942. Yes ... these coins have and will continue to make a difference. Thank you for contributing to the Mite Box and providing the opportunity for us to spread the Gospel to the world.

During the month of October, you'll find a large purple Mite Box in the back of church; drop your coins/mites in the box and join us in making a difference and spreading the Gospel around the world. Mites are collected at our monthly Women's Ministry events and gatherings too.

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.

MOR (Ministry of Reconciliation) – MOR is a local counseling and prayer support ministry in Prior Lake. Because of social distancing their office space is limited and have asked and received permission to hold a prayer support and reconciliation training here at Holy Cross. They will meet Thursday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm M (Note: Masks and social distancing will be required as well as helping disinfect the area at the end of each evening of the chair and table spaced used).

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, 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.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Sunday	October 11	19th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:15-10:45 am	Drive-up Communion
	10:15-11:00 am	Bible Study in Sanctuary / Sunday School
Monday	October 12	
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday	October 13	
	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday	October 14	
	12:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due
	7:00 pm	Informal Prayer (<i>sanctuary</i>)
Thursday	October 15	
	6:30 pm	MOR Prayer Training
Friday	October 16	
Saturday	October 17	
	9:00 am	Church Cleaning
Sunday	October 18	20th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 am	Worship W/ Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:15 am	Drive-Up Communion
	10:15 am	Bible Study in Sanctuary on book of Nahum
	11:00 am	Course on Mental Health live and zoom

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS

Attendance – 10-04-2020

Worship: 39 + ? streamers = 39 +
 Communion: 35 +4 Drive-up = 39

Responding to God's Grace

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$21,982.50
 Contributions received in September \$20,017.57

SERVING TODAY THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE 9:00 am

Communion Support: Dave Albrecht
Lector: Pam Hunter
Ushers: Evelyn & Norma Jobs
Acolyte: Blake Dobberstein
AV: Vivian Jobs
Offering Counters: Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2020 9:00 am

Communion Support: Jon Dobberstein
Lector: Jason Eickhoff
Ushers: Denny Case
Acolyte: Jonas Petrie
AV: Dinah Gilberts
Offering Counters: Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein



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