

The Introit *Ps. 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: Ps. 111:10*

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His praise endures forever!

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,

studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;

he remembers his covenant forever.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

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.

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Old Testament Reading *Proverbs 9:1–10*

¹Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” ⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. ⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Epistle *Ephesians 5:6–21*

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no

part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Holy Gospel *John 6:51–69*

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

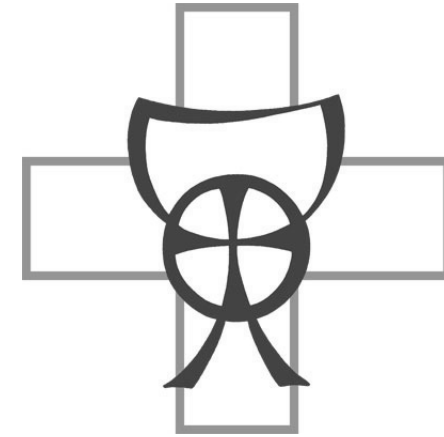
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME! Holy Cross Lutheran Church extends a warm welcome to you. We invite you to share with us the blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is our prayer that our services will be helpful to you in your spiritual life.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER during our worship service next Sunday morning. Please fill out a communion registration card today if you plan to use this Sacrament for the strengthening of your faith and place it in the basket at the back of the church.

THOSE USING THE MEANS OF GRACE LAST WEEK

Worship Service: 100; Visitors: 9 Children's Sermon: 19;
Adult Bible Class: 15; Sunday School: 16.

HOLY CROSS CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of August 16 thru August 23

TODAY: Register for Holy Communion

Sunday School Rally Day Potluck Noon meal in the church basement followed by kids' games outside until 2:00 p.m.

Devotion at Good Samaritan by Pastor Mike, 3:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Couples' Club Meeting

MON-THUR: PIE Float Work at LSA cafeteria, 6:00-7:30 p.m. each evening.

WED.: 1st Day of School at L.S.A. – Opening Chapel at 8:05 a.m. All invited!

Pastor Braun's Bible Study at Trinity

Pastor Mike's Bible Study meets at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.

THUR.: Bulletin deadline, 12:00 noon

Dual Parish Elders' Meeting at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.

SAT.: Saturday Evening Worship Service at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

NEXT SUN.: Worship Service with Holy Communion at St. John's, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at St. John's, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at Holy Cross, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service with Holy Communion at Holy Cross, 10:30 a.m.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Matthew Kurz; members and loved ones in nursing homes or restricted to their homes, including Wilbert Meyer, Marge Burdick, LaRuth Vajen, Wilma Bahrenburg, Helen Harms.

ACOLYTES: Aug 16--Morgan Mummert; Aug 23--Casey Bahrenburg; Aug 30--Brooklyn Cross; Sept. 6--Jenna Harms; Sept. 13--Josilyn Harms.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Vickie Miller – Aug. 16; Edna Simon – Aug. 23; Delores Stelling – Aug. 30; Lillie Stelling – Sept. 6.

HOLY CROSS GREETER: August – Scott Brandes.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: August 23 – Randy Harms and Charles Cordes; Sept. 6 – Charles Cordes and Randy Meyer.

RALLY DAY will be held at Holy Cross TODAY. The Sunday School children will be doing a special craft during Sunday School and will be singing a few songs during the church service. After church, we will be having a potluck lunch in the basement followed by kids games, etc outside until 2:00 p.m.

WONDERING HOW YOU CAN SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST?

Our 7:30pm Wednesday Bible Study will be reading through *Joining Jesus on His Mission* by Greg Finke. This book contains practical ideas on how to be an "everyday missionary". Free copies are still available! Even if you've never come to our Wednesday evening Bible study, please consider joining us for this wonderful topic.

HOLY CROSS FINANCIAL:

Total offerings in July \$ 8332.00
Budgeted monthly exp. \$10963.00

P.I.E. FLOAT WORK will be held this week on Monday -Thursday, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the LSA cafeteria. All of the smaller sized flowers need to be returned ASAP, as well as the red/white/blue larger ones. Flowers/wires can also be picked up or dropped off during business hours at Farmer's Mutual Insurance on Main Street in Cole Camp (across from Post Office). Thank you for your help!

THE DUAL PARISH EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet on Thursday evening, Sept. 3rd, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity. Our Dual Parish Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday evening, September 20th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Lutheran School.

THE ANNUAL PULLED PORK FUNDRAISER DINNER, sponsored by St. John's, will be held on Sunday, August 30, from 11 AM to 1 PM at the L.C. Schnell Auditorium at the Lutheran School in Cole Camp. The free-will proceeds will go toward the Lutheran School New Computer Fund and the St. John's Roof Fund. The menu will include pulled pork, green beans, baked beans, home-made potato salad and slaw, chips, a variety of salads and desserts. Please plan to attend! (There will also be a silent auction, baked goods sale, and bazaar!)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR can be heard on Sunday mornings on KSIS radio, 1050 AM, at 10:15 a.m. Our Savior Lutheran Church also broadcasts their Sunday morning worship service on KSIS, 1050 AM at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.

DIAL-A-DEVOTION: 668-3528.

Today's Service
Divine Service Setting One

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Hymn of Invocation sung by the Sunday School:
"I'll Fly Away Medley"

The Introit

(printed on the back of the bulletin)

Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast" on page 155

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen. (sung)*

The Readings

Proverbs 9:1-10
Ephesians 5:6-21
John 6:51-69

Hymn of the Day: 697

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

Closing Hymn: 526

"You Are the Way;
Through You Alone"