

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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**PENTECOST 9
August 7, 2022**

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Silent Prayer Before Worship: Almighty God, You sent Your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of Your church. Open our hearts to the riches of Your grace, that we may be ready to receive You wherever You appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. Amen.

Hymnals: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW, the red cover hymnal), The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH, blue hardcover hymnal), and With One Voice (WOV, blue paperback cover)*

Welcome

GATHERING HYMN, ELW 527

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We

are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. Amen.

P: God, Who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE, "Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

We have lots of stuff to do, LORD. As we go about from day to day, please remind us that our relationship with You is displayed in how we do whatever it is we are doing. May we do every task in a way that gives You glory, through the guidance and blessing of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

FIRST READING, GENESIS 15:1-6 (NIV)

Abraham is declared righteous because he believed the LORD.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can You give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them." Then He said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness.

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING, HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

A historical "definition" of faith

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended

for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose Architect and Builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered Him faithful Who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own . If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Tune is Unser Herrscher, "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty")



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL READING, LUKE 12:32-40 (NIV)

A few tips on preparing for God's eternal Kingdom

[Jesus said,] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the Kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. But understand this: If the

owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

“You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED (ELW p. 206)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.* On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Or, “he descended into hell,” another translation of this text in widespread use.*

*** catholic means universal*

HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 764

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

SERMON, “Where Are You Headed?”

[Jesus said,] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the Kingdom.” – Luke 12:32

OFFERING *(The plate is available in the back of the church.)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG, ELW 884 *(Sing Twice)*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Spoken Announcements

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Statistics

Attendance on Sunday (7/31) was 46. The total offering was \$6,615 including \$5 to Synod, \$50 to Trinity First, \$5,025 to the Building Fund and \$150 from Use of Building. Included in the Building Fund is a \$5,000 gift from the Gloria Noetzelman Trust.

Celebrations This Week

Happy Birthday to Becky Dennis (8/8), Jim Hoeft (8/12), Braydon Lustfield (8/13), and Gus Glaisner (8/15). Happy Anniversary to Paul and Trinda Jevne (8/15).

A Visit with the Bishop

Bishop Ann Svennungsen will come to Holy Cross on Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 pm to discuss our Ministry Site Profile with us. This meeting is for the entire congregation, not just the call committee. She wants to get to know us as part of the call process. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Now Available

- August Newsletter on the back table.
- 2022 Membership Directory on the back table.
- Lutheran Disaster Response info for Ukraine on the back table.
- June/July Newsletter from Erick and Courtney Horrmann on the bulletin board.

Bible Study

Bible Study will be in the Family Room after the worship service.

2022 DIRECTORY Changes

- Karen Dibble has one phone number. Her former landline is now her cell phone number.
- Omitted from Altar Guild members were Donna Bristol, Linda McConley and Carol Horrmann – please add them!

Monthly Game Night

Join us for more fun times and fellowship the 1st Wednesday of each month (next on September 7) from 6-8PM. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share! We had lots of fun and laughs at our first “game night” last Wednesday. Join us! Questions to Sandi at 612-275-5235

Treasurer Needed

Below is the list of treasurer duties. These are the duties that will remain after the payroll portion is transferred to an outside vendor. The job has really been simplified over the years and will take approximately 1 to 2 hours per week. They include:

- Write a few checks per month and mail them
- Review and enter weekly bank deposits (from the Sunday collection)
- Enter the direct deposit donations into Church 360
- Review and enter direct deposits and fees into checking account
- Balance the checkbook every month
- Balance the Staff debit card and transfer funds as necessary
- Prepare annual budget
- Prepare reports for Council meetings

Weed & Water

The sign-up calendar and directions are in the narthex. Thanks so much for your help again this summer.

Trinity First School Wishlist

Trinity First school has made their 2022-2023 "wishlist" available. If you would like to support Trinity First school by purchasing items for a classroom or the office, you can do so in multiple ways:

- 1) Through the Amazon Wishlist. (Copies available on the table in the back of the church.) Or go to <https://a.co/bVCzlwe>
- 2) Teachers also greatly appreciate gift cards to Lakeshore Learning or Teachers Pay Teachers.
- 3) Child-sized disposable covid masks.
- 4) To give a monetary donation you can use your offering envelope OR give directly on TF website. Go to trinityfirstschool.org and click on "Donate Now" in the banner. In the blue box you can click on "Donations," "Wishlist," or "Donate Now."



Thank you to the Altar Guild

Jean Anderson, Donna Bristol, Sally Gorski, Carol Horrmann, Arlene Kise, Mary Lange, Linda McConley, Carol Rusk, Linda Scanlon, Judy Sorenson, and Darcy Tatham. Some names were omitted from the new directory.



Serving Today, August 7

August Altar Guild: Arlene Kise & Judy Sorenson

August Elder: Becky Dennis

Counters: Keith and Mary Lange

Lector: Jean Anderson

Organist: Julie Wright

Interim Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger

Recorder: James Blomberg

Treats: Karen Dibble

Ushers: Lyle Horrmann and Adam Horrmann

Water & Weed: Linda McConley

Serving Next Sunday, August 14

August Altar Guild: Arlene Kise & Judy Sorenson

August Elder: Becky Dennis

Counters: Lynn Oolman and Sandi Likely

Lector: Steve Blomberg

Organist: Julie Wright

Interim Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger

Recorder: James Blomberg

Treats: Open

Ushers: Lynn Oolman & Andy Tatham

Water & Weed: Kim Blomberg

LARGE PRINT HYMN WORDS FOR AUGUST 7

ELW 527, Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine,
and let your truth within us shine.

- 2 Unseal our lips to sing your praise
in endless hymns through all our days;
increase our faith and light our minds;
and set us free from doubt that blinds.

- 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
"O holy, holy Lord Most High!"
And in the light of that blest place
we then shall see you face to face.

- 4 All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise throughout eternity!

ELW 764, Have No Fear Little Flock

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
 have no fear, little flock,
 for the Father has chosen
 to give you the kingdom;
 have no fear, little flock!

- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
 have good cheer, little flock,
 for the Father will keep you
 in his love forever;
 have good cheer, little flock!

- 3 Praise the Lord high above;
 praise the Lord high above,
 for he stoops down to heal you,
 uplift and restore you;
 praise the Lord high above!

- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
 thankful hearts raise to God,
 for he stays close beside you,
 in all things works with you;
 thankful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
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