

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church Minneapolis  
1720 E Minnehaha Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55407**



**PENTECOST 14  
September 11, 2022**

**Silent Prayer Before Worship:** O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, You lead back to Yourself all those who go astray. Preserve Your people in Your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to You and may follow all things that sustain our life in Your Son, 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 558**

*“Lord God, We Praise You”*

### **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: We 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, "Chief of Sinners though I Be" ELW 609**



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.  
deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.  
peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,



As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.  
Love that found me—won-drous thought—found me when I sought him not.  
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Oh how we realize the pain we cause You, O LORD our God! So often we let our sinful desires guide us, rather than Your Holy Spirit! Come to us, we pray, and like that lost sheep, take us into Your loving arms, and let us know the joy of Your blessed forgiveness, so that Jesus' holy name will be glorified. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING, EXODUS 32:7-14 (NIV)**

*God is upset with His people because of their on-going disobedience.*

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'

"I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave Me alone so that My anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "LORD," he said, "why should Your anger burn against Your people, whom You brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that He brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on Your people. Remember Your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom You swore by Your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'"

Then the LORD relented and did not bring on His people the disaster He had threatened.

L: This is the word of the LORD.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## **GOSPEL READING, LUKE 15:1-10 (NIV)**

The tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This Man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P: This is the Gospel of the LORD.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **NICENE CREED (ELW, p. 104)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one LORD, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was**

**buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**      *\* catholic means universal*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 742**

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

## **SERMON, "Lost!"**

*"Even though ..." – 1 Timothy 1:13*

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

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9-13, NRSV)*

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from evil. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours forever. Amen.***

## **COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN, ELW 471**

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

**BENEDICTION**

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD share His presence with you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN, ELW 539**

*"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"*

**Spoken Announcements**

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***Congregational meeting today  
following the service.***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Statistics**

Attendance on Sunday (9/4) was 37. The total offering was \$4,875 including \$1,550 for the Building Fund, \$125 for Synod, \$150 for Trinity First and \$275 for Use of Building.

## **Welcome Sunday, September 25**

- Plan to be at church on September 25 for an outdoor worship service
- Followed by Sunday School and Bible Class,
- and then a potluck picnic. Brats and hotdogs will be provided — please bring a side or dessert to share.

We printed Welcome Sunday postcards to distribute in the neighborhood with hopes of attracting visitors. Let's show our neighbors how awesome it is to be at Holy Cross on Sunday mornings! See page 12.

If you have questions or ideas regarding Welcome Sunday, contact the Likely or McConley families.

## **Thank You**

Jean Anderson has volunteered to be Treasurer for Holy Cross. Thank you, Jean, very much!

## **Now Available**

- September Newsletter on the back table.
- 2022 Membership Directory on the back table.

## **Bible Study**

Bible Study will be in the Family Room after the worship service. Please join in for a lively discussion.

## **Celebrations**

Happy Birthday to Angela Newfield (9/11), Deni Markova Woltman (9/14), Lyle Horrmann (9/16) and Carol Horrmann (9/25).

## **Large Print Order of Service**

Just a reminder than large print versions of the Sunday bulletin are available each week. The large print version also include the words to the hymns in large print.

## **Choir Resumes**

Choir practice will resume this Wednesday evening at 7:15.

## **Weed & Water**

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

## **Monthly Game Night**

Join us for more fun times and fellowship the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (next on this week Wednesday) from 6-8PM. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share! We had lots of fun and laughs at our first "game night" on August 3. Join us! Questions to Sandi at 612-275-5235

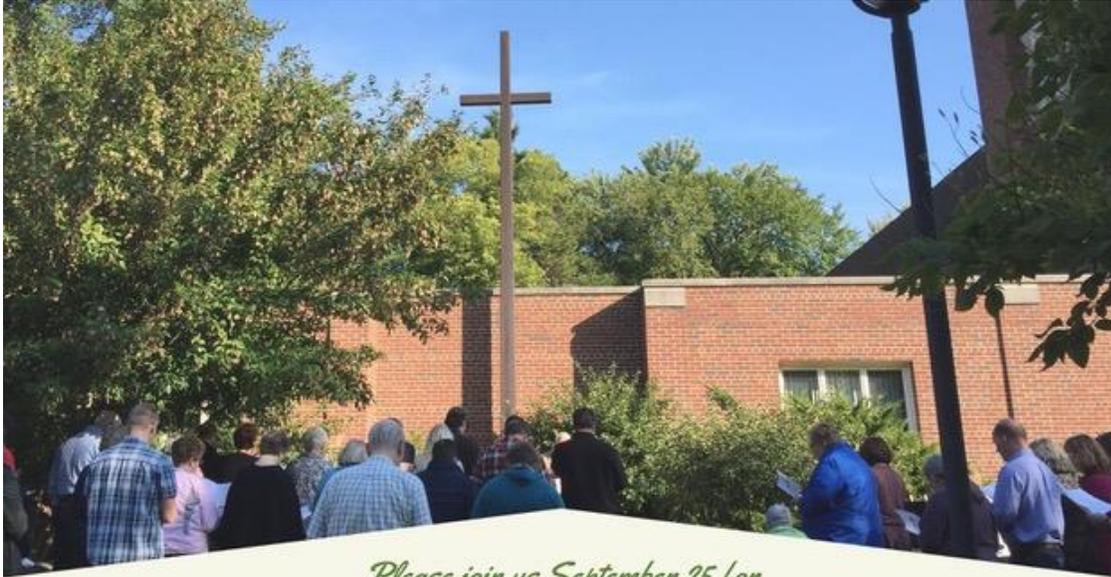
# SERVING THE LORD

## **Serving Today, September 11**

September Altar Guild: Mary Lange  
September Elder: Lyle Horrmann  
Choir Director: David Hinrichs  
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot  
Counters: Adam Horrmann & Mary Lange  
Lector: Kim Blomberg  
Organist: Julie Wright  
Interim Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger  
Recorder: James Blomberg  
Treats: Donna Bristol  
Ushers: Lynn Oolman & Andy Tatham  
Water & Weed: Kim Blomberg

## **Serving Next Sunday, September 18**

September Altar Guild: Mary Lange  
September Elder: Lyle Horrmann  
Choir Director: David Hinrichs  
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot  
Counters: Adam Horrmann & Mary Lange  
Lector: Kim Blomberg  
Organist: Julie Wright  
Interim Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger  
Recorder: James Blomberg  
Treats: Donna Bristol  
Ushers: Lynn Oolman & Andy Tatham  
Water & Weed: Open



*Please join us September 25 for*  
**WELCOME SUNDAY**

Outdoor Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45  
Family Picnic 11:30

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Our congregation recently  
joined the ELCA