

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church Minneapolis
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Minneapolis, MN 55407**



**PENTECOST 15
September 18, 2022**

Silent Prayer Before Worship: O God among us, we gather in the name of Your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to Your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed 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 556, "Morning Has Broken"

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, ELW 609, verses 1 & 4, "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Holy Spirit, we realize that we get along with certain people better than we do with others. We pray that our likes and dislikes might not get in the

way of treating everyone with the loving attitude You have always shown to us. We ask this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

FIRST READING, AMOS 8:4-7 (NIV)

Amos scolds the self-centered people for taking advantage of others.

Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying, "When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?" – skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

The LORD has sworn by Himself, the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done.

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING, FIRST TIMOTHY 2:1-7 (NIV)

God wants His followers to treat everyone the same.

I urge, then, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, Who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and mankind, the Man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR, "Lord, Make Me to Know Thy Ways"

Arranged by Austin C. Lovelace

GOSPEL READING, LUKE 16:1-13 (NIV)

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

Jesus told His disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg – I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' "'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

"'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

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 Christian 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.*

HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 714

"O God of Mercy, God of Light"

SERMON, "Who Is in God's Book Of Who's Who?"

"There is one God and one Mediator between God and mankind, the Man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all people." – 1st Timothy 2:5-6

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.

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 881

"Let All Things Now Living"

Spoken Announcements

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Statistics

Attendance on Sunday (9/11) was 42. The total offering was \$1354.11 including \$60 for the Building Fund, \$2 for Synod, and \$300 for Use of Building.

Welcome Sunday, Next Week

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!

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

Thank You

Jean Anderson is officially the new treasurer for Holy Cross. Thank you, Jean, very much!

Celebrations

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

2022 Directory Corrections

Please make the following corrections in your new 2022 Membership Directory. Gloria Fearing – the phone number should be 952-255-6964. Carol Rusk – her cell phone number should be 651-338-4974.

Bible Study

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

Large Print Order of Service

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

Choir Resumes

Choir practice has resumed on Wednesday evenings at 7:15.

Monthly Game Night

Join us for more fun times and fellowship the 1st Wednesday of each month (next October 5) 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

Today, September 18

September Altar Guild: Mary Lange
September Elder: Lyle Horrmann
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counters: Keith and Mary Lange
Lector: Linda Scanlon
Organist: Julie Wright
Interim Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger
Recorder: James Blomberg
Treats: Kim Blomberg
Ushers: Tim Phelon & Keith Lange
Water & Weed: Open

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