

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



**PENTECOST 16
September 25, 2022**

Silent Prayer Before Worship: O God, rich in mercy, You look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with Your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from You, 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 595, "Jesus Loves Me"

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 & 5

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed his blood for me,
died that I might live on high,
lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his, and he is mine.

- 5 O my Savior, help afford
by your Spirit and your word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
keep me in the narrow way;
grace in time of need supply
while I live and when I die.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LORD, You've given us everything we need...but so very often we want more than that. Give us the good sense to realize that we are not only doing okay, but as recipients of Your gifts to us...we are doing wonderfully. Thank You! Amen!

FIRST READING, AMOS 6:1, 4-7 (NIV)

Amos speaks woe-filled words to the complacent rich in Jerusalem.

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come!

You lie on beds adorned with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments. You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end.

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING, FIRST TIMOTHY 6:6-19 (NIV)

A question: Do we put our hopes in riches or in heaven?

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, Who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, Who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I

charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our LORD Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in His own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and LORD of lords, Who alone is immortal and Who lives in unapproachable light, Whom no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, Who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN, ELW 815, verse 1

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

CHOIR, "Glory Bound" by Ruth Moody

GOSPEL READING, LUKE 16:19-31 (NIV)

Riches please their owner...but only for a while.

[Jesus told them,] "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

"The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things; but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

"'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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 Christian 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 574 and WOV 752

"Here I Am Lord"

SERMON, "How To Be Content"

"There was a rich man..." – Luke 16:19

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

CHOIR, “Take My Life and Let It Be” by Thomas Keesecker

BENEDICTION

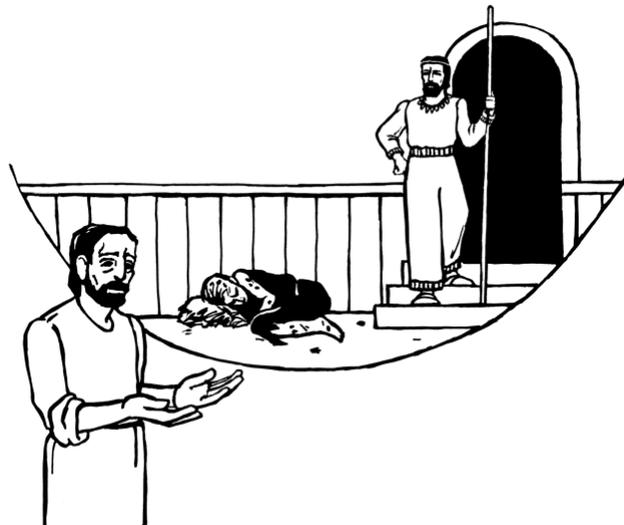
P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD share His presence with you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN, ELW 536

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Spoken Announcements



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Statistics

Attendance on Sunday (9/18) was 37. The total offering was \$2,704.00 including \$50 for the Building Fund, \$50 for Synod, \$75 for Trinity First and \$300 for Use of Building.

Welcome Sunday Events

- 9:30, outdoor worship service
- Followed by Sunday School and Bible Class
- Then a potluck picnic. Brats and hotdogs will be provided — please bring a side or dessert to share.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Carol Horrmann (9/25), David Ubl (9/26), Andy Tatham (9/27), Carrie (Yaeger) Murray (10/1), and Sue Protzner (10/1).
Happy Anniversary to Anthony and Amelia Erickson (9/29), Jon and Wendy Kofoot (9/29), and David and Barbara Schlueter (10/1), Paul and Julie Brammer (10/3) and Gus and Lisa Glaisner (10/4)

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

Adult 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.

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

Thank You

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



Hurricane Response

Hurricane Fiona made landfall in Puerto Rico on Sep. 18 – five years after Hurricane Maria devastated the island. A Category 1 storm, Fiona caused an island-wide blackout and brought catastrophic flooding, with some areas receiving more than 20 inches of rain. After hitting Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Hurricane Fiona made landfall in the Dominican Republic, bringing severe flooding and 90 mph winds. The storm continues to strengthen and move northwest.

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Caribbean Synod to support impacted communities, some of which are still recovering from Hurricane Maria. While communities are more prepared than in 2017, significant relief and recovery is expected to be needed. Local pastors are waiting for water levels to recede to find out the extent of the damage to buildings. Anticipated immediate needs include clean water, food supplies and other basic necessities.

Your gifts will support survivors of Hurricane Fiona. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" through your Holy Cross Envelope (use the "other" category) will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes until the response is complete. Or make a general donation to Lutheran Disaster Response (elca.org, search "disaster" and click on the red "give" button so we can respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike.

Please pray for the communities impacted by Hurricane Fiona. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to rescue survivors.



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SERVING THE LORD

Today, September 25

September Altar Guild: Mary Lange
September Elder: Lyle Horrmann
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counters: Lynn Oolman & open
Lector: Sally Gorski
Organist: Julie Wright
Interim Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger
Recorder: James Blomberg
Treats: Potluck
Ushers: Steve Blomberg & Ed Copeland
Water & Weed: Open

Next Sunday, October 2

October Altar Guild: Linda Scanlon
October Elder: Steve McConley
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counters: Adam Horrmann
Lector: Jean Anderson
Organist: Julie Wright
Interim Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger
Recorder: James Blomberg
Treats: Mary Lange
Ushers: Lyle Horrmann & Adam Horrmann