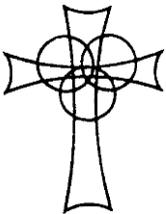


And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all people to Myself.

John 12:32



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Today the Church celebrates one of its earliest annual celebrations, known by the title “The Exaltation of the Holy Cross”, but also more commonly by the name “Holy Cross Day”. This festival marks two events which took place in the city of Jerusalem during the fourth century AD. The first event revolves around how Constantine, the first Christian Roman Emperor, sent his mother, Helena, to locate places connected with the life of Jesus and other Biblical events. It is said that while making a visit in Jerusalem on September 14, 320, Helena discovered the original cross of Christ. Fifteen years later, on September 13-14, 335, a great Basilica Church was dedicated over the sites of Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection, known to this day as the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Martin Luther was no great lover of the feasts dedicated to the Holy Cross, seeing in them the danger of superstition that came through the medieval practices connected with relics, which included fragments of the “true cross” that had been shared throughout Christendom. He once quipped that if all these alleged fragments were gathered together it would create a pretty massive object. Rather than placing emphasis on relics of the cross, he directed the attention of the faithful to the One who hung on the cross: the Crucified and Risen Christ.

Still, many Lutheran Church liturgical orders intentionally chose to retain this festival, and Holy Cross continues to be a popular title by which Lutheran congregations are named. What we as Lutherans celebrate on this day is not primarily the history of a recovered relic or the dedication of a church built over the sites of our redemption. What we celebrate is the fact that on the wood of a real cross raised on the hill of Calvary outside the city of Jerusalem, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was hung and died, and there He triumphed over the powers of sin, death, and the devil, bringing life and salvation to all who believe in Him. Through His suffering and death on the cross, in what is so contrary to what human reason can conceive or anticipate, God used this suffering of His Son for the blessing and salvation of all creation.

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| The royal banners forward go; | On whose hard arms, so widely flung, |
| The cross shows forth redemption’s flow, | The weight of this world’s Ransom hung, |
| Where He, by whom our flesh was made, | The price of humankind to pay |
| Our Ransom in His flesh has paid. | And spoil the spoiler of his prey. |

O tree of beauty, tree most fair,
Ordained those holy limbs to bear:
Gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough
Proclaims the King of Glory now.

Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, c. 530-609 (LSB # 455: 1, 4-5)

Drawn from the Treasury of Daily Prayer and Celebrating the Saints



Holy Cross Day

—September 14—

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! As the seasons change and time continues to run its appointed course, people are always confronted with how change-filled our lives can be. The Pastor and People of Trinity are happy that you have come to worship with us this morning and to receive strength for daily life and living through God's holy Word and Sacraments. We hope and pray that as you go back into the change-filled world we live in, the changeless Christ that we proclaim in this place will go with you.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

God, our Deliverer, You have planted the sign of the cross as the life-giving tree at the heart of Your Church. Lift up our eyes to the Crucified One who was lifted up for our healing, that in Christ we may recognize that love with which You have loved the world. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



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The Festival Divine Service of Word and Sacrament on the Feast of the Holy Cross

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Lutheran Service Book, Page 167ff

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Flute & Piano Prelude

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 542

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-ered pain;
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



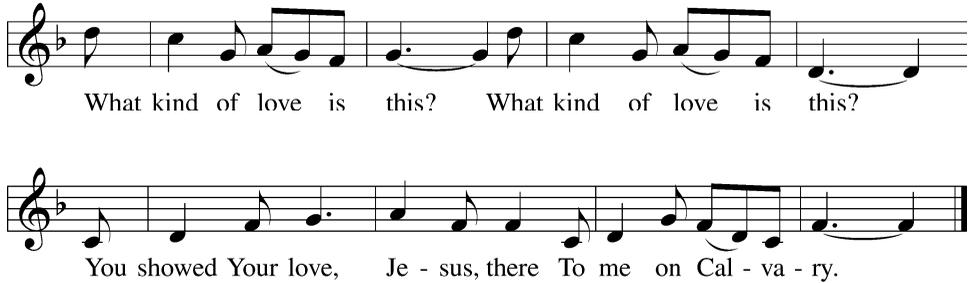
I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



Refrain
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



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The Invocation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You,

C because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Liturgical Verse

P Christ Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree,

C that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By His wounds we have been healed.

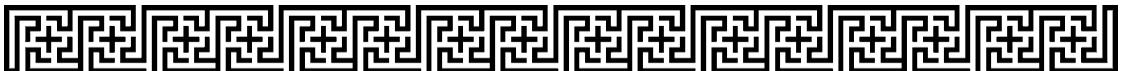
from 1 Peter 2:24

P God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

In that love, let us come confessing our sins and weaknesses to Him in penitence and faith, seeking His mercy.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.



- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: verse 2

- P** The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- C** **Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**
- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- C** **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**
- C** **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.**
- P** The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.



The *Kyrie Eleison*:

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

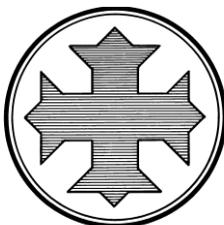


C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.



The Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, Your Son Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

The Congregation is seated.



The Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

“Brother James’ Air”

The Congregation rises.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

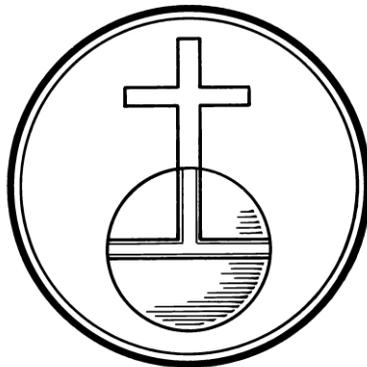
²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Congregation is seated.



The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 454

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

We rise for stanza 5 in honor of the Holy Trinity



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the
 △ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
 time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
 Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
 no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
 and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
 Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of
 Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He
 None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the
 Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
 true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
 hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.
 world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!
 in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, c. 530–609; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

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The Sermon

The Cross Stands While the World Turns

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The Congregation rises.

The Nicene Creed:

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
- And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come.
- Amen.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Heavenly Father, because of Your merciful nature, You have forgiven our insurmountable debt of sin, ransoming us with the death of Your Son. Set us free from harboring grudges and withholding forgiveness from those who have sinned against us, lest we exclude ourselves from Your forgiveness by our lack of mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Almighty Lord, Your Son founded His Church on the proclamation of His cross and crucifixion as the source of repentance and forgiveness for all His elect. Preserve the preaching of the foolishness of the cross in our midst, that from this life-giving tree we would continue to receive Your faith-preserving gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

P Lord of all, You know the hearts of all and You govern even the ungodly and wicked of this world. Protect the innocent and weak, curb enmity and hatred, and let peace flourish among the nations so that all peoples may live quiet and productive lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, bless all those who rule and govern us in this land, especially our President and our Governor; our Congress and Legislature; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, that they may be ever guided by Your wisdom and lead us in ways that are pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, whether we live or die, we belong to You as Your baptized, beloved children. Give relief to those who suffer from the effects of sin in Your good creation. Restore bodies that ache, minds that hurt, spirits that suffer. According to Your good pleasure, give wholeness and healing to all who are in need, especially _____, that they might not lose hope in the midst of their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, as Your Son rested in the grave until His glorious resurrection from the dead, and as He is now the repose of the blessed dead who died trusting in Him for forgiveness of sins, give comfort to (_____ and) all those who mourn. Keep them confident of the covenant You make with us in the waters of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Generous Lord, accept our grateful thanks for all Your goodness to us. Especially we praise You for the joy and blessings You have brought to _____. Teach us all to treasure Your gifts and open our mouths to speak about Your constant care in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving Lord, You care for every child of Your creating. Hear the prayers of Your children for all of the needs and concerns we have, especially _____, and all the requests of those who have asked for our prayers, which we present to You now from the things unspoken and hidden in our hearts.... We pray You to hear and accept our prayers, granting us all things that seem best for us according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, in the feast of His Supper, Your Son feeds us with His flesh as true food and His blood as true drink for the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our faith and the steadfastness that endures unto death. Give repentance and faith to all who commune this day, that they might not receive the Body and Blood of Jesus to their harm but to their eternal good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of the faithful, we offer You our adoration and praise for Cyprian of Carthage and all the saints who have gone before us. As You have marked the saints of every time and place with the cross of Your Son, keep us faithful to You and to Your Word, and strengthen us to faithfully follow Christ in this life, that we may continue our course on the path which all the saints have walked that leads to the final, endless day of Your bright glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

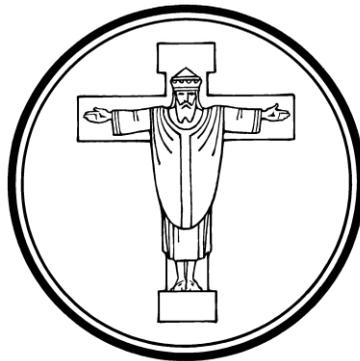
The Sharing of the Peace:

P Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for He is our peace.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.



✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 429

“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”

Sung to Old Red Hymnal Tune

- 1 **We sing the praise of Him who died,
 Of Him who died upon the cross.
The sinner’s Hope let all deride;
 For this we count the world but loss.**

- 2 **Inscribed upon the cross we see
 In shining letters, “God is Love.”
He bears our sins upon the tree;
 He brings us mercy from above.**

- 3 **The cross! It takes our guilt away;
 It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day
 And sweetens ev’ry bitter cup.**

- 4 **It makes the coward spirit brave
 And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes the terror from the grave
 And gilds the bed of death with light;**

- 5 **The balm of life, the cure of woe,
 The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner’s refuge here below,
 The angels’ theme in heav’n above.**

- 6 **To Christ, who won for sinners grace
 By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race
 Forever and forevermore.**

Text (sts. 1–5): Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855; (st. 6): Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861

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The Congregation rises.

The Preface Dialogue:

P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



The *Sanctus*:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross.

Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord:

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink t, in remembrance of Me.”

The Proclamation of Christ and the Lord’s Prayer:

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C 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.**

The *Pax Domini*:

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - - men.



The *Agnus Dei*:

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Music at the Distribution:

“Amazing Grace” – The Trinity Singers

The Congregation rises.

The Post-Communion Canticle:

Thank the Lord

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Collect:

P Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your cross and passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your Body and Blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



The *Benedicamus* and Blessing:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us bless the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

P Christ Crucified draw you to Himself, to find in Him a sure ground of faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 837

“Lift High the Cross”

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

The Hymn Stanzas continue on the next page...

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Lift High the Cross”

✠ *Christ Jesus, Victor!* ✠ *Christ Jesus, Ruler!* ✠ *Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!* ✠

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The floral arrangement on the Altar today is given to the Glory of God
by Joy Sandiford in honor of her birthday.

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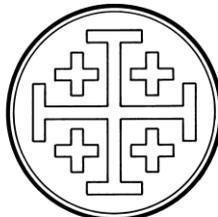
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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

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| The Celebrant & Preacher | The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel |
| The Lector | Tracy Peele |
| The Communion Assistant | Paul Ritter |
| The Worship Assistant | Paul Ritter |
| The Choir | The Trinity Singers |
| The Flutist | Susan Kennedy |
| The Parish Musician | Skip Hall |

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NOTES AND NEWS

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

MINISTRY PLANNING GROUP ... Trinity's MPG will be meeting next Sunday following worship to tend to the business of our church family. If you have any concerns or questions regarding congregational matters, please speak with Helen Joynes or any of the other members of the MPG (Waymond Joynes, Gus Kruelle, Michael McCoyer, Vincent Peele, Paul Ritter).

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS...It is that time again when you need to renew your subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* or to become a new subscriber. The current rate for 2026 is **\$22.00 per subscription**. *The Lutheran Witness* has timely, informative articles about the faith life of fellow Missouri Synod Lutherans. If you wish to renew or subscribe, please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with the notation, Lutheran Witness, and place them in the offering plate (A special offering envelope is available in your box set for this purpose). Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, October 12th**.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for **2025** is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is now **\$50.00**, the increase owing mainly to delivery charges. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUOradio** on [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: We're studying the minor prophets on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9 a.m. ET)! This week, we'll be spending time in the book of Jonah. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12 p.m. ET) as we continue our series on the return of Israel's exiles. This week's study will take us through Nehemiah 5-9. Don't forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (September 20 at 11 a.m. ET)! We'll be studying the 8th commandment as confessed in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... We lost God's name along the way, but God found us and gave us the Name by which we can know Him: Jesus—"God saves." Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, September 21, 2025, for this message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Someone Worth Having", locally on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen online to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".



REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S FEAST AND COMMEMORATION...

September 14 **The Feast of the Holy Cross**

September 16 **Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor and Martyr**

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this ongoing time of need in our community, we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

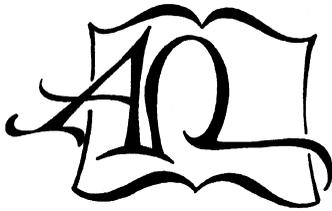
Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23



PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

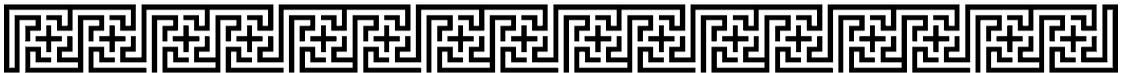
The Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

September 21, 2025

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 2:8—3:11

Ephesians 4:7-16

Matthew 9:9-13



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14 – 21

May Be Subject to Change

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| Today | <i>The Feast of the Holy Cross</i> | |
| | <i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> | |
| | 9:30 AM | Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live) |
| | 10:45 AM | Trinity Singers Rehearsal |
| | 12:00 PM | EECMYM Worship (at church in person) |
| Monday | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Compassion Center Open |
| Tuesday | 9:00 AM – Noon | Church Office Open |
| | 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM | Circuit 7 Professional Church Workers’ Meeting here at Trinity |
| | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Compassion Center Open |
| Wednesday | 9:00 AM – Noon | Church Office Open |
| | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Compassion Center Open |
| Thursday | 9:00 AM – Noon | Church Office Open |
| Next Sunday | <i>The Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist</i> | |
| | <i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> | |
| | 9:30 AM | Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live) |
| | 10:45 AM | Ministry Planning Group (MPG) Meeting |
| | 12:00 PM | EECMYM Worship (at church in person) |



CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Worship Attendance: 18; Communed: 16.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 2025:

General Offerings received (5 Sundays): \$14,071

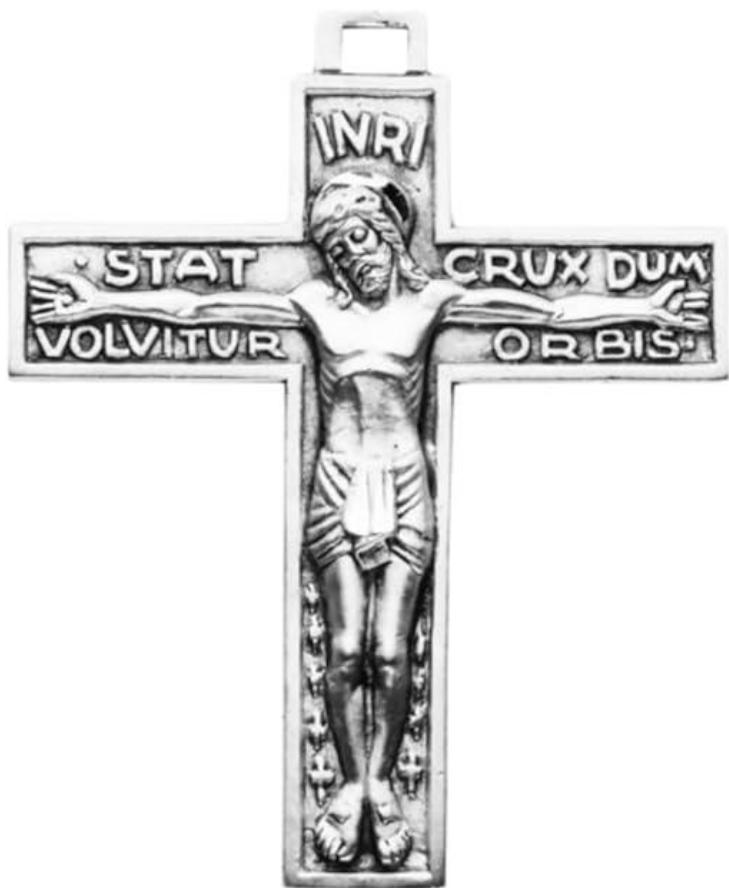
General Offerings needed to meet the 2025 budget: \$14,938

Withdrawals from Thrivent (money market): \$0

Remaining Balance in Thrivent mutual funds: ~\$43,592

This was our biggest month of offerings for the year! For the entire year, our offerings are about \$12,000 below budget, and we've withdrawn \$11,500 from our Thrivent savings. However, some of our expenses have also been below budget, particularly property expenses (beyond the sidewalk), and property insurance. Thank you for your continued generosity!





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✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of September 14, 2025

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Julie & Kenny, Diane, Travis, Waymond, August, David, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I;
Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers;
Jari, former Concordia Teacher; Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie;
Nathan, son of Art; Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
Doris, mother of Vincent; Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students;
Phillip & Amanda and Family, friends of Michelle; Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole;
Kumar, co-worker's spouse of Joyce; Craig, husband of Edith;
Steve, father-in-law of Michelle; Denise, fiancée of Mark; Lori, friend of Carole;
Raymond, brother of Joy; Nancy & Family, sister of Vincent; Daniel, friend of Cullen;
Donald, friend of Cullen; Mr. Emanuel, husband of Shelda;
Mary, former Concordia Teacher; Laura, granddaughter of Gus & Betty;
Jim, friend of Michelle; Millie, co-worker of Joyce; Dale, son of Gus;
Pat, mother of Kim; Sean, friend of Joyce & Dave; Eleanor, former Concordia Teacher;
Cora, aunt of Tracy & Vincent

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Owen Ricagno, Sierra Bowman, Logan Lowery, Lizbeth Varona, and Ras-I Dowling, Jr.,
who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane
Yesus in Maryland.
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper
realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to
tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our
lives.

- ✘ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For all those affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For peace and reconciliation that brings an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For calm, civility, and peace in our nation's political and social discourse.
- ✘ For peace in our neighborhoods and for an end to violence.
- ✘ For the students, teachers, and staff in our educational institutions.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.



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Sunday Mornings:
Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

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The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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