

WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST
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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9th, 2026, A.D.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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September 6, 13 and 27.**

Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. Please put \$25 in an envelope; mark it “Flower Fund” and place it in the offering plate. A friendly reminder, if you take a flower vase home, please return it the following week so it can be used again.

- ***Holy Cross upholds and adheres to the Biblical practice of Closed Communion.***
- ***Sunday’s Church Doors Open at 8:00 AM Service Begins at 9:00 AM, followed by a Bible Study after today’s service with coffee and treats.***
- ***Responsive Prayer II is offered at 10:00 AM on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.***
- ***Tuesdays Bible Study begins at 10:30 AM and lasts until 11:30AM***
- ***Individual Confession and Absolution by appointment***
- ***The ringing of the bells starts at 9 a.m.***
- ***Words written in Bold generally signify congregation response.***

Needs for pastoral care in our area, call our Pastor:

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(918-332-1997)**

or one of our Elders: Rick Hutson (573-780-9390), Randy Ruzicka (314-210-4279) or Wayne Schremp (573-883-6060)

Divine Service III

Confession and Absolution

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Stand

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.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:4–8

I will bless the LORD at | all times,*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
I sought the LORD, and he | answered me*
and delivered me from | all my fears.
Those who look to him are | radiant,*
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him*
and saved him out of all his | troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,*
and de- | livers them.
Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Kyrie

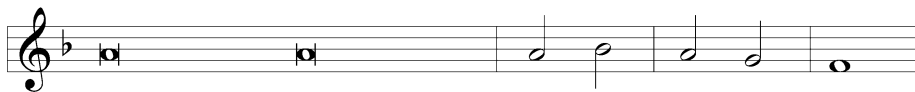
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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



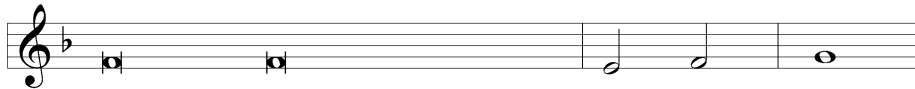
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4–18

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
 and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
 and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?
¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
 and caused the dawn to know its place,
¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
 and the wicked be shaken out of it?
¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,
 and its features stand out like a garment.
¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld,
 and their uplifted arm is broken.
¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
 or walked in the recesses of the deep?
¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
 or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
 Declare, if you know all this.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
 for those who fear him lack | nothing!
 Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
 but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

Romans 10:5–17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and

is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

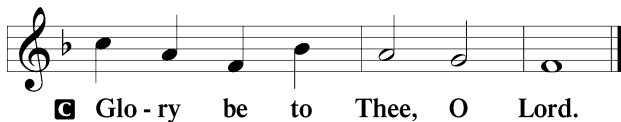
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Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.



²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out

in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

Sit

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



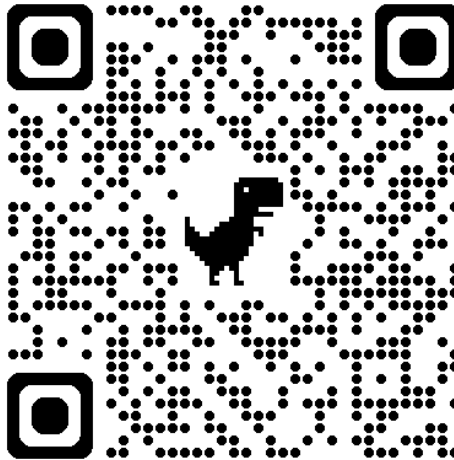
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Offering

For today's prayer requests, please write them on the attendance card provided during the service. Once completed, fold the card and either hand it to an usher or place it in the offertory plate. The Pastor will include these requests during the Prayers of the

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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Statement on Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

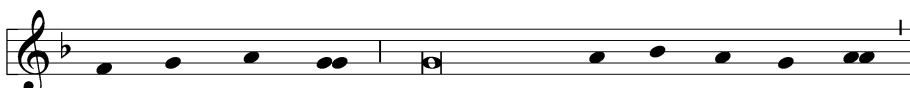
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P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who

tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

351 Creator of the Stars of Night

627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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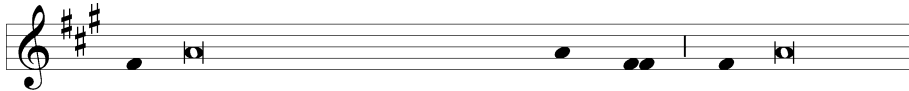
A Bless we the Lord.



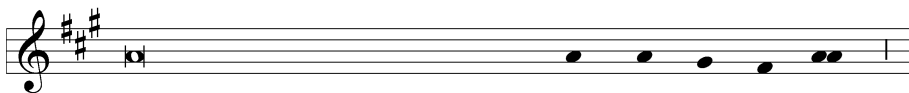
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

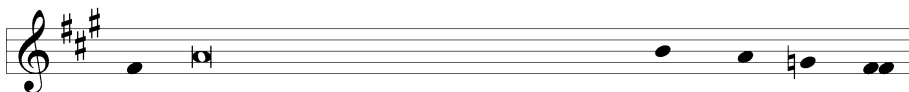
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Peyton Holland

Ushers: Wayne Schremp & Rick Hutson

Communion Servicer: Randy Ruzicka

Organist: SOS

Sunday Church Attendance	Attendance
First Week	40
Second Week	
Third Week	
Fourth Week	

Your Financial Support of Your Church	8/02/26	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$2,902.00	\$87,060.00
Actual Offerings, including online offerings (Budget)	\$2,320.00	\$76,664.64
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	-\$582.00	-\$10,395.36
% Ahead/Behind	-20.1%	-11.9%

Jour de Fete is happening today! Come join us in serving and enjoying fellowship with other members of the congregation and community!

In Our Prayers This Week and Celebrations

Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the A.C.T.S. of prayer. *Adoration*: praising God for who He is. *Confession*: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. *Thanksgiving*: thanking God for specific blessings. *Supplication*: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound **Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Doug Arnold, Nick Krege, Pansy Meyer, Val Rakey.**

For healing and continued recovery **Bill Staffen** (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), **Dustin Hutson** (recovering from a brain bleed), **Carol Steiger-Rudoff** (Connie Schwent's Sister In-law, cancer), **Laura Pruneau Fallert** (Cancer treatment), **Wayne Phillips** (General health/healing), **Maia Rottler** (granddaughter of LaJune Rottler, Leukemia treatment),

For those celebrating birthdays in August - **Rachel Schremp** (August 2nd), **Angela Huck** (August 7th), **Tina Port** (August 8th), **Valerie Rakey** (August 8th), **LaJune Rottler** (August 9th), **Rick Hutson** (August 16th), **Monica Inman** (August 18th), **Damien Phillips** (August 22nd), **Amanda Ringwald** (August 28th), **Dean Schlueter** (August 30th).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in August - **Ethan and Meaghin Schremp** (August 20th), **Darrin and Laura Fallert** (August 25th), **Chris and Linda Trimmer** (August 25th).

For local, state, and national elected officials that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community that more people are made to cease their sinful faithlessness and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For our church family We are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

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