



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026 | 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



At Holy Cross Lutheran Church, we joyfully celebrate that every person is a beloved child of God. No matter who you are, where you come from, or what your story is, you are welcome here. We are committed to breaking down barriers, embracing diversity, and building a community rooted in love, equality, and grace. Whatever your race, background, identity, or circumstance, you are safe, valued, and cherished among us. Thank you for joining us in this experience of discovering the boundless love of God while building a welcoming, inclusive, and affirming faith community. You have a place here!



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Today's Introduction

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

**AUG
09**

Vacation Bible School 2026!

Join us at Holy Cross for Vacation Bible School starting August 9, 2026! Fun, faith, and friendship await for all ages!

**AUG
22**

Pastor Eric's Installation

Join us as we officially install Pastor Eric as our new pastor at 2:00pm with a festive worship service followed by light refreshments.

Weekly Update

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Sunday, July 26, 2026

VISITORS: It is a joy to have you with us this morning. If you are looking for a church family, we hope you will consider Holy Cross. For more information, you can fill out a visitor form in the narthex, speak to an usher, or scan the QR code to the right.



FAMILIES: Children are always welcome at our worship services! There's also a small play area in the Narthex where you can hear the broadcasted service.

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

For additions or updates, email Admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org
Names are removed after one month unless advised otherwise.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Juliana Roe Beck | Bonnie Burton | Terry & Linda Butler | Joy Caveney
Joel Flegal | Roy Geiger | Otto Jacobson | Reed Morgan
Mike Muller | Craig Reichow | Tuula Toney | Cherie Weatherhead

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Riley Morgan | Thomas Newcomb | Collin Reichow
Friends of Thomas Newcomb currently serving in Iran

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

Erin Barden (sister of Andrew Barden)
Von Bergstrom (cousin of Jill Reichow)
Jane Campbell (friend of Cheryl Smith)
Joana Cherry (mother of Jo Roe)
Karen Davidson (grandmother-in-law of Jared Lem)
Don and Liz Gober (friends of Craig Reichow)
Madilyn Gross (cousin of Desirae Peral)
Uwe Gutschmidt (nephew of Ellen Atwell)
Jeff Harwood (friend of Craig Reichow)
Michael Levrini (friend of Jared Lem)
Phyllis Krapf (wife of Dick Krapf)
Don Kress (friend of Helen and Gary Wolfe)
Dale, John, and Jeff MacPherson (friends of Jared Lem)
Sue Mason (sister of Pam Darby)
Sharon Massen & Dorie Miller (friends of Craig Reichow)
Brian McCagh (cousin of Helen Wolfe)
Lisa Nolf (friend of Jared Lem)
Jim Pollock (godfather of Andrew Barden)
Anne Marie Berardi Rabinowitz (friend of Tonya Elliott)
John Smith (brother-in-law of Cheryl Smith)
Joseph Strada (father of daughter-in-law of Sam & Sharon Carter)
Nancy and Steven Swancutt (sister and brother of Lynn Russo)
Dianna Tilton (family friend of Jared Lem)
Bernadette Stevenson Williams (friend of the Roe family)

THOSE IN MOURNING

Family & friends of Kathy Hale (aunt of Marie Edwards Nelson,
sister-in-law of Chip Edwards)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor:	Rev. Eric Randolph
Director of Music and Liturgy:	Jeremy Shoop
Sound Technician:	Bob Thompson
Video Technician:	Sylvia Moran

Serving July 26th: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Assisting Minister:	Anne Geiger
Reader:	Nannette Lem
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	Jared Lem

Serving August 2nd: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Assisting Minister:	TBD
Reader:	Helen Wolfe
Acolyte:	Gary Wolfe
Greeter:	Cheryl Smith

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: JULY 26 – AUG 2

SU 26	10:00 am	Worship – 9 th Sunday after Pentecost
	11:00pm	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
TU 28	6:30 pm	Bldg. Use: Boy Scouts Troop 12 ~ FH
W 29	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
SA 1	8:00 am	Bldg. Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
	9:30 am	Stephen Ministry Mtg. ~ Conference Rm
	11:00 am	Bldg. Use: 7 th Day Called2Be ~ FH
SU 2	10:00 am	Worship – 10 th Sunday after Pentecost
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH

FLOWERS: Today's flowers are given by Remi Gist in honor of Cherie Weatherhead—Happy Birthday Mimi! xoxo Remi



Last March, 64 hymns entered the tournament, but only one could be crowned champion. Denise Robinson's bracket outlasted the competition, earning her the grand prize: complete control of today's hymn lineup! Settle into your pew, warm up your singing voice, and prepare for a worship service featuring Denise's all-star roster of hymns. No time-outs, no instant replay, and, unless the organist gets carried away, no overtime. Congratulations, Denise, and thank you to everyone who joined the madness!

MEET WITH PASTOR ERIC

Pastor Eric is still available for one-on-one meetings during his first 90 days with us. These meetings are a chance for Pastor Eric to get to know you better and for you to share input that will help leadership develop a strategic plan for our ministry life together.

To schedule a meeting, scan the QR codes below. If you are unable to find a time that works with your schedule, please contact Pastor Eric directly at Pastor@HolyCrossHerndon.org.



Daytime, In-Person



Evening, Online



Mark your calendars for **August 9–13, from 6:00–8:00 p.m.** and join us for a fun-filled week of faith, fellowship, and learning—with dinner provided each evening!

Kids will take on the **Snowball Mountain Challenge**, while adults are invited to **Grace Unfolded: Exploring the Heart of Lutheran Faith**, led by Pastor Eric. There's something for every generation to enjoy as we grow in faith together.

Kids – Sign Up Here: tinyurl.com/mvuau5t6

Adults – Sign Up Here: tinyurl.com/bdx246x6

THANK YOU!

Dear Holy Cross - Thank you so much for the gifts you gave me this past Sunday. When I got home and opened the suitcase I realized why it was so heavy - a smaller case was nestled inside along with several packing bags. Just so you know, I plan to "cash in" my plane ticket. And, the beautiful quilt is on my bed. Thank you.

Peace +

Pastor Pam



You are invited to join a special Festival Choir for Pastor Eric's installation service. Festival Choir members only need to attend three rehearsals (two of which will take place conveniently right after Sunday worship) and then sing at the installation service. Whether you are too busy for the regular choir schedule, have always wanted to give choir a try, or simply love to sing, we would be delighted to have you join us. Bring a friend to sing with you!

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/ERFestivalChoir>

LUNCH FOR THE SOUL – AUGUST 5



This month, we're packing bag lunches to provide our guests with an extra meal to take with them. We'd love your help! Sign up for **Wednesday, August 5** using the QR code or this link: perfectpotluck.com/YEEI1717

TREASURERS REPORT – JUNE 2026

June 2026	Year to Date – 2026
Operating Fund	Operating Fund
Income: \$ 31,035.08	Income: \$ 202,606.95
Expenses: \$ 27,211.66	Expenses: \$ 172,580.48
Net Balance: + \$ 3,823.42	Net Balance: + \$ 30,026.47

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Welcomes ALL!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church joyfully affirms and celebrates that every person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all who are seeking God's boundless love and sustaining grace into full community with us at Holy Cross. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down barriers and systems that divide God's children working to be a space committed to racial equality for God's people and to building a community where all are recognized as part of Christ's new creation.



We welcome you, and you are safe with us...
 Whatever your race, ethnicity, or heritage;
 Whatever your relationship status;
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression;
 Whatever your socio-economic status;
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your age and life circumstance;
 Whatever your physical and mental ability.
 You are a beloved child of God, you are valued, and you are welcome here.

What to Expect in Worship

Worship services can be intimidating for newcomers. While we try to make worship as accessible as possible for everyone, we know that some aspects can be confusing. Feel free to ask an usher or someone near you for help if you have any questions today. We are happy to help and want all voices to be included in praise to God.

Our worship style is traditional at Holy Cross. A full liturgy is used to focus our praise and prayers to God. Notes are included in the side gutter of the bulletin to explain why we use the various liturgical elements. Communion is celebrated every Sunday at Holy Cross. The table (altar) is not our table, but Christ's table. Just as Christ welcomes all, all are welcome to receive communion at Holy Cross. Pastor will give instructions on how we celebrate communion at that part of the service. Written instructions are also included at that point in the bulletin.

Throughout the year we emphasize each liturgical season differently to mark the passage of time. Liturgical texts change to reflect aspects of that season, some elements are removed or added to reflect the mood of that season, and colors used to decorate the chancel are changed to provide visual reminders of the current season.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Transforming the world & ourselves, together in community, fellowship, and faith.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026 | 10:00 AM



WE GATHER



Few hymns offer comfort as immediately as “On Eagle’s Wings.” Michael Joncas’s beloved song draws its imagery from Psalm 91 and Isaiah 40, promising that God shelters, carries, and strengthens us through every danger and uncertainty. Its soaring refrain invites the congregation not merely to sing about God’s care, but to feel themselves lifted by it. Whether sung during times of grief, healing, transition, or thanksgiving, this hymn gives voice to our trust that we are always held in God’s faithful hands.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

On Eagle’s Wings

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, source of hope in every nation, rest of the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

Assembly: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Pastor: Let us bring every burden to God.

Pastor: Compassionate God,
Assembly: **God of all mercy, we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your good creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of

With its majestic melody and confident words, “The Church’s One Foundation” allows the assembly to sing boldly about the unity of the whole church in Christ. Samuel J. Stone’s text does not pretend that the church is perfect; it acknowledges division, struggle, and hardship while affirming that Christ continues to preserve and renew the church. The broad sweep of the tune AURELIA gives the hymn a sense of strength and grandeur, making it especially satisfying to sing together. It remains a favorite because it reminds us that the church belongs not to us, but to Christ.

Assembly:

all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the
+ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

(Stanzas 1-3)

The Church’s One Foundation

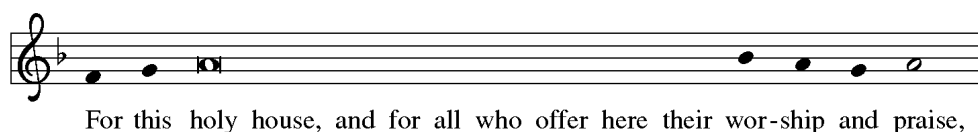
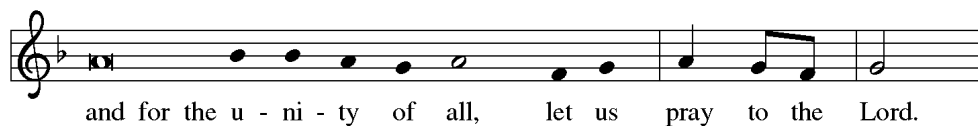
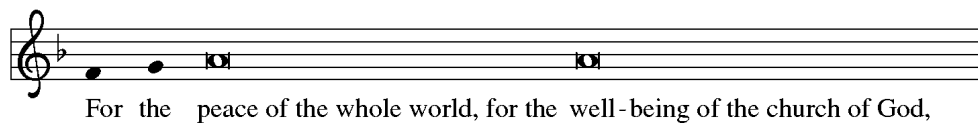
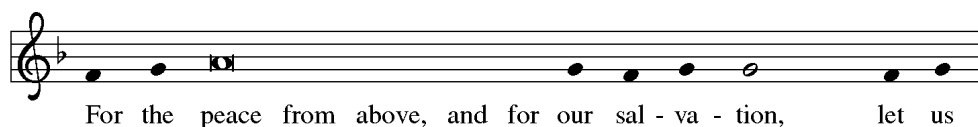
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,
she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
Assembly: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

(ELW Setting 2)



“Morning Has Broken” greets each new day with wonder and gratitude. Eleanor Farjeon’s text describes creation as though we are witnessing its very first morning: sunlight, rain, birdsong, and the fresh beauty of the earth all become signs of God’s continuing creative work. Set to the gentle Gaelic melody BUNESSAN, the hymn is both peaceful and quietly joyful. It is a favorite because its familiar tune welcomes every voice and helps us recognize each morning, and each new beginning, as a gift from God.

The prayer of the day, composed for Evangelical Lutheran Worship, asks God that by the Spirit we may come to treasure and gladly embody the promises offered us through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain’s new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ’ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God’s feet pass.
 morn - ing, God’s re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
 Text © Miss E. Farjeon Will Trust, by permission of David Higham Associates.
 Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:

Let us pray. Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly:

Amen.

Please sit.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



As we ready ourselves to hear Matthew's warning about a final judgment, we rejoice to share Paul's confidence in the overarching love of God is for us. Christ is interceding for us, transforming all things with the paradoxical wisdom of the cross. It is Christ who was slaughtered for us.

SEEDS OF FAITH

READING

Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The God of the Unexpected

From birth to death and every moment between, "Borning Cry" sings of a God who is continually present. John Ylvisaker's text follows the entire journey of human life, reminding us that God knows us, calls us, accompanies us, and finally welcomes us home. The hymn is especially beloved at baptisms and funerals, but its message belongs to every season of life. Its tender melody and deeply personal refrain allow us to hear God speaking directly to us: "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old."

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker
Text and music © 1985 John Ylvisaker.

APOSTLE'S CREED

Pastor:

With the church catholic, we are bold to confess
our faith by the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Assembly:

**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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSION OF THE CHURCH

Assisting Minister: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

We pray for the greater church.

God of wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons and pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. Help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. Lord, hear our song:

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

We pray for justice.

Assisting Minister: God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. Dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. Lord, hear our song:



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

We pray for our congregation.

Assisting Minister: God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. For our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. Lord, hear our song:



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The sharing of The Peace is an ancient ritual that puts us right with our neighbors before we offer our gifts to God.

Assisting Minister: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Assembly: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Please sit.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Assisting Minister: We have been commanded to love our neighbor. we are called to love God with all that we are and all that we have. Through our love of God and neighbor we are rich in so many ways. We invite you to share you financial riches with this community and all those whose lives are touched through its ministries. Let us give generously.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Let All Things Now Living arr. Dale Wood

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Praise God from Whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low.

Praise God, a - bove ye heav'n - ly host. Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray together. Loving God,
Assembly: **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**



WE COME TO GOD'S TABLE



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

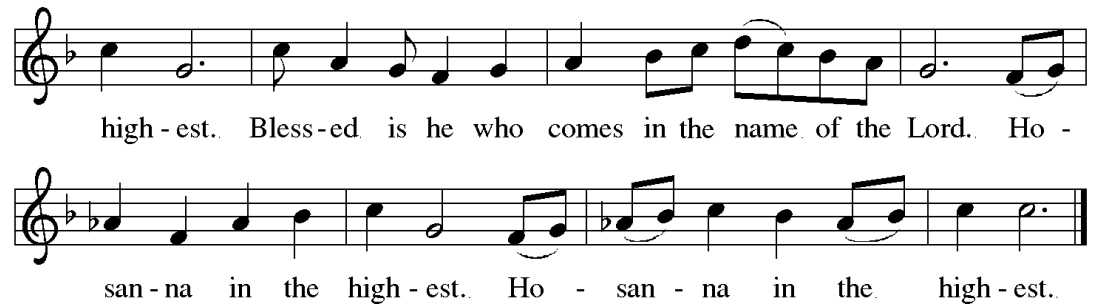
Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

(Setting 2)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of
your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only
Son, so that everyone who believes in him may
not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish
all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and
gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed
for you and for all people for the forgiveness of
sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from
this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he
comes.

**Assembly: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will
come again.**

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious
resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his
coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God

Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever.

Assembly: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught:

Assembly: **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 FRACTURE (BREAKING OF THE BREAD)

Pastor: The Lamb of God is broken and distributed; broken but never divided; forever eaten, and yet never consumed, but sanctifying those who partake.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; You who have been here often and you who have not been here long; You who have tried to follow

and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is God's will that those who want God should meet here at Christ's table.

Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven: Taste and know that God is good to all.

Assembly:

Thanks be to God.

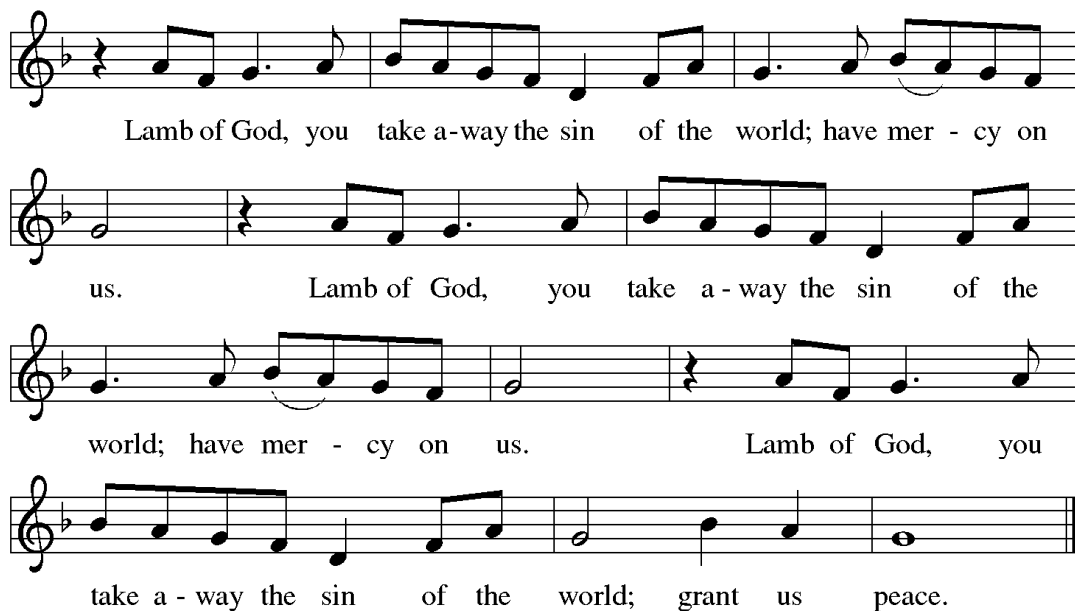
Please sit.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*This is Christ's table of welcome. Jesus invites **all** who are hungry and thirsty for unconditional love and acceptance to come to God's banquet. The ushers will direct you forward at the appropriate time. Communion will be by station. The pastor will be in the center with the bread. All the bread we use here is gluten free and vegan. On either side will be someone with a tray of red wine and white grape juice. Empty cups can be placed in the basket on either side of the aisle. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms on your chest.*

AGNUS DEI

(ELW Setting 2)



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.

"I Am the Bread of Life" places the words of Jesus directly on the lips of the singing assembly. Drawing from the Gospel of John, the hymn proclaims Christ as the bread that nourishes

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Am the Bread of Life



Leader or All

1	"I am the Bread of life.	You who
2	"The bread that . . . I will give	is my
3	"Un - less . . . you . . . eat	of the
4	"I am the res - ur - rec - tion,	
5	Yes, Lord, I be - lieve	that

us, the one who raises us to eternal life, and the source of our hope. Suzanne Toolan's expansive refrain seems to grow stronger each time it returns, inviting the assembly to sing with increasing confidence. It is especially powerful during Holy Communion, when the promise we sing is joined to the bread and wine we receive.



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
flesh of the Son of the Man and . . .
I am the life. If you be -
you are the Christ, the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
drink of his blood, and drink of his
lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
Son of . . . God, who have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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“Here I Am, Lord” brings together the call stories of the prophets and our own response to God’s invitation. In the verses, we hear the voice of God asking who will carry light, love, and hope to a hurting world. In the refrain, the assembly answers: “Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?” Dan Schutte’s memorable melody gives the hymn both intimacy and strength. It is a favorite because it allows us to offer ourselves anew to God, even when we are uncertain where that calling may lead.

Here I Am, Lord



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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Please stand as you are able.

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

Pastor:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Assembly:

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray together. Compassionate God,
 Assembly: **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts
 are filled with the abundance of your love.
 Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
 may share your love freely, as you have shared
 with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 through the Spirit nourishing us now and
 forever. Amen.**



WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE



*A note for those who
 do not read music:
 Lines 1-2 are sung
 twice and then lines
 3-6 are sung twice.*

SENDING HYMN

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth *Enviado soy de Dios*

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
 The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
 pa - ra cons-truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
 to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
 Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
 The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
 un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
 to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
 me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
 that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
 A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
 Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” reminds us that worship does not end when the final hymn is sung. Set to a lively Latin American melody, this hymn sends the congregation into the world to become God’s hands, feet, and instruments of love. Its joyful rhythm makes it almost impossible to sing passively; the music itself urges us forward. This hymn is a favorite because it connects our praise inside the church with our calling outside it, to feed, serve, comfort, welcome, and work for justice.

Martin Luther retained the word “Mass” in his liturgical reforms to preserve the historic continuity of Christian worship. For Luther, the term was familiar and deeply meaningful, but he redefined its use to emphasize the true presence of Christ in the liturgy of Holy Communion, not as a repeated sacrifice, but as the real, tangible gift of Christ’s body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Additionally, “Mass” has come to signify not only Christ’s true presence in Holy Communion but also God’s abiding presence with God’s people in worship through the Means of Grace (the Word and sacraments).

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Author of Life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, + one God, bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day.

Assembly: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: The mass is ended, now our service begins.
Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Thine the Amen

arr. Kristine Langlois

As part of our continuous efforts to make worship more inclusive and sensory friendly, we ask that you refrain from applauding during worship and after the postlude.

THIS WEEK’S COMMEMORATIONS

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

There is a hearing-assistance system (induction loop) in the Sanctuary for those with hearing impairments. Please ask an usher for instructions.

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