

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 28, 2026

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Weekly Update

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday, June 28, 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 CONGREGATION

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)
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)
Matt Kim (friend of John & Tammy Breene)
Michael Levrini (friend of Jared Lem)
Georgia Kirby and Cain Mason (friends of Cherie Weatherhead)
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)
Tracy Radican (daughter of former HCLC pastor, Pastor Harper)
Dylan Roe (nephew of Mark & Jo Roe)
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)
Bernadette Stevenson Williams (friend of the Roe family)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Supply Pastor:	Rev. Pam Mitcham
Director of Music and Liturgy:	Jeremy Shoop
Sound Technician:	Bob Thompson
Video Technician:	Sylvia Moran

Serving June 28th: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Serving July 5th: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Assisting Minister:	Rob Coffman
Reader:	Kristin Andersen
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	TBD

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: JUNE 28 – JULY 5

SU 28	10:00 am	Worship – 5 th Sunday after Pentecost
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	11:30 am	Outreach Meeting ~ FH
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
W 1	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
	7:00 pm	ELL Summer Classes ~ Education Wing
F 3		Church Offices Closed
SA 4	8:00 am	Bldg. Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
	11:00 am	Bldg. Use: Called2Be 7 th Day Adventist ~ FH
	6:00 pm	4 th of July Celebration
SU 5	10:00 am	Worship – 6 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 Marie Edwards Nelson in memory of her mother, Teresa Hale Edwards.

MEET WITH PASTOR ERIC

As part of his 90-day plan, Pastor Eric is setting aside time during his first weeks to hold listening sessions and meet with members of the congregation.

These listening sessions are an opportunity for Pastor Eric to get to know people at HCLC, hear joys and concerns, and begin building relationships as we work together to shape our mission and ministry moving forward.

A sign-up sheet is available online for both one-on-one meetings and group sessions. Evening group sessions will be held on Zoom. Links will be sent to those who sign up. Locations for one-on-one meetings will be arranged individually and may take place at the church office or a local coffee shop.

If none of the listed times work for you, please reach out to Pastor Eric directly to arrange another time.

Scan QR Code
to sign up:



VBS—SAVE THE DATE



VBS
SAVE THE DATE:
AUGUST 9-13
6:00 - 8:00 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JULY 4 BLOCK PARTY

We need **your** help to put on our annual July 4 block party! Hundreds of our neighbors come to our property to watch the town fireworks. It is a great opportunity to show them how wonderful HCLC is. They are already here! All we have to do is welcome them, hand out treats, and play some games as we wait for the firework show. Scan the QR code and sign up for a job. Our goal is to get 14 volunteers to help host that evening. Speak with Beverly (FellowshipChair@HolyCrossHerndon.org) or Jeremy (MusicDir@HolyCrossHerndon.org) for more information.



THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who brought in all the wonderful dishes for all to sample on Music Sunday and to those who kindly helped clean up after the meal. It was a great time to gather with friends and enjoy the food and friendship.

LUNCH FOR THE SOUL – WED. JULY 1ST

We need your help to serve our neighbors in need through this caring ministry! Holy Cross provides lunch on the first Wednesday of every month, and your support in cooking, serving, or cleanup is always welcome. Our next opportunity to serve is on Wednesday, July 1. Please consider joining us! Sign up at: perfectpotluck.com/YEEI1717



LINK FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Holy Cross is hosting the LINK Mobile Food Distribution again, and we need your help! We have several volunteer opportunities available on both **Friday and Saturday**, at Holy Cross with a variety of time slots to fit different schedules. Many hands are needed to make these distributions a success. Volunteers can help **bag and distribute food**, assist with **directing traffic**, or support the overall flow of the operation. This is a meaningful and rewarding way to serve our community and share in this important ministry. We hope you'll consider joining us!

Jul. LINK Signup
7/24 & 7/25



Aug. LINK Signup
8/28 & 8/29



Sep. LINK Signup
9/17 & 9/18



STEPHEN MINISTRY INSTALLATION SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

Join us on Sunday, July 12, as Pastor Eric installs three new Stephen Ministers. After completing 50 hours of training this year, Jo Roe, Beverly Siecker, and Diana Virgo will be commissioned for their ministry of Christian care and support. Please take a moment to congratulate and welcome them as they begin serving in this important role.

TREASURERS REPORT – MAY 2026

May 2026	Year to Date – 2026
Operating Fund	Operating Fund
Income: \$ 29,706.05	Income: \$ 171,571.87
Expenses: \$ 30,592.57	Expenses: \$ 145,368.82
Net Balance: - \$ 886.52	Net Balance: + \$ 26,203.05
<i>[Income reflects only those deposits actually made in May]</i>	

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.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Recalling the traditional Christian understanding that Scripture interprets Scripture, this Sunday continues the dialogue between Matthew's realistic description of life in the church and Paul's inspirational teaching about the good news of life in Christ.



WE GATHER



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God.

Pastor: Compassionate God,
 Assembly: **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Jesus begins today's gospel reading saying to his disciples, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." We are also reminded to help the most vulnerable around us by doing even the simplest act such as giving them a cup of cold water. We strive to live out Christ's calling as we sing "All Are Welcome." Marty Haugen's text reminds us to keep Christ's words in our hearts as we endeavor to create a safe space for all in our house, our church. May our sanctuary always be a place where those who need our help the most can encounter God's love and be empowered to "dream God's reign anew."

GATHERING HYMN

(Stanzas 1, 2 & 3)

All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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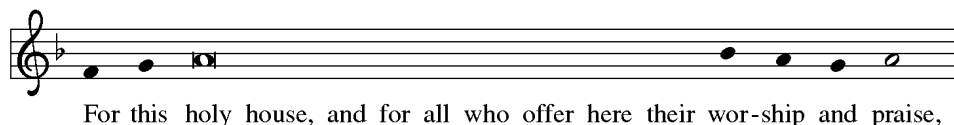
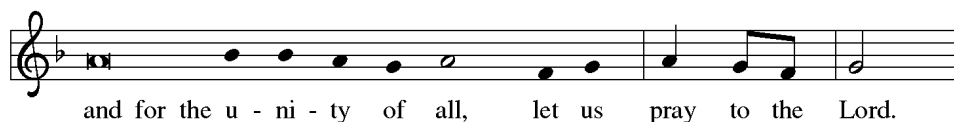
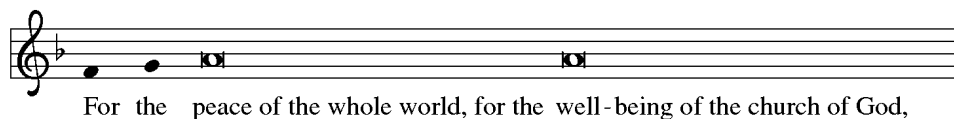
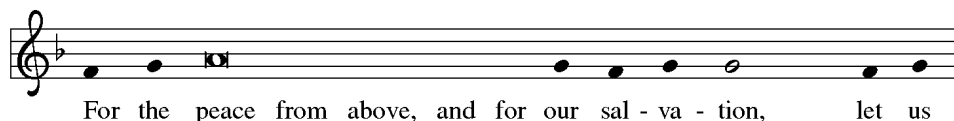
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GREETING

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)



HYMN OF PRAISE

(ELW Setting 2)



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

The prayer of the day, composed for Evangelical Lutheran Worship, praises God for the words of the prophets and asks God to reshape us and the world by their call to justice and mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

Please sit.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



Matthew wrote about true and false teachers against the backdrop of his knowledge of Jewish religious history, which he saw as continued in the ministry of Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus and the evangelist warn against false words that sound religiously pleasing. Just as Jeremiah suffered, so did Jesus, and so will contemporary believers.

LISTENING WITH CHILDREN'S EARS

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

Reader: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who

The church receives the message from Paul as a true word from God: lives of sin lead only to one's own death, but eternal life comes through incorporation into the death of Christ Jesus. Freedom is other than the popular idea that I can do anything I want to do; rather, the freedom of baptism is slavery to the righteousness of Christ.

prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

Reader: Word of God, word of life.
 Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

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

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

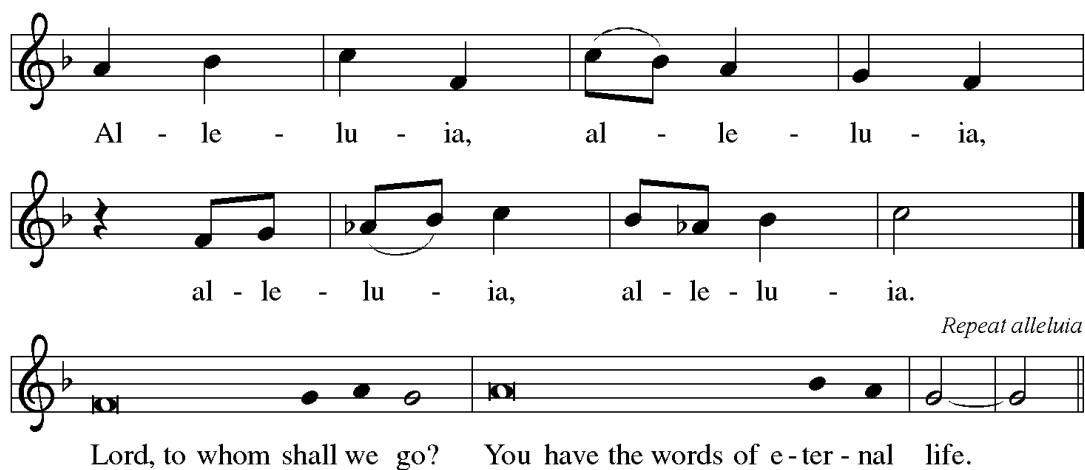
²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.
 Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW Setting 2)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The church is called to trust that, appearances to the contrary notwithstanding, God will reward those who live as faithful Christians. Matthew's belief that Christian preachers speak the words of Christ and bear the power of God has continued to figure in controversies over church leadership.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

Pastor: The Gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter.
Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Welcome Table

1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
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 I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
 I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953

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APOSTLES' CREED

Assisting Minister: With the whole church let us profess our faith,
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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray
 for the church and the needs of the world.

*We pray for the greater
 church.*

Faithful God, establish your church to offer
 welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so
 we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of
 grace,
Assembly: hear our prayer.

We pray for creation.

Assisting Minister: Creator God, bring life to places experiencing
 drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to
 cultivate and care for the natural world around us.
 God of grace,
Assembly: hear our prayer.

We pray for justice.

Assisting Minister: Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division.
 Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and
 work through world leaders to foster
 understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,
Assembly: hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need.

Assisting Minister: Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually, including to those we name before you now (*the assembly offers names*). Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,
Assembly: hear our prayer.

We pray for this congregation.

Assisting Minister: Welcoming God, we give thanks for the beauty and gifts of our LGBTQ+ siblings and for the witness of all Reconciling in Christ congregations. Strengthen Holy Cross Lutheran Church in our calling to proclaim your love without exception, to offer welcome that is more than words, and to work for a world where every person is honored as your beloved child. God of grace,
Assembly: hear our prayer.

We remember the saints.

Assisting Minister: Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace,
Assembly: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
Assembly: Amen.

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

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Assembly: And also with you.

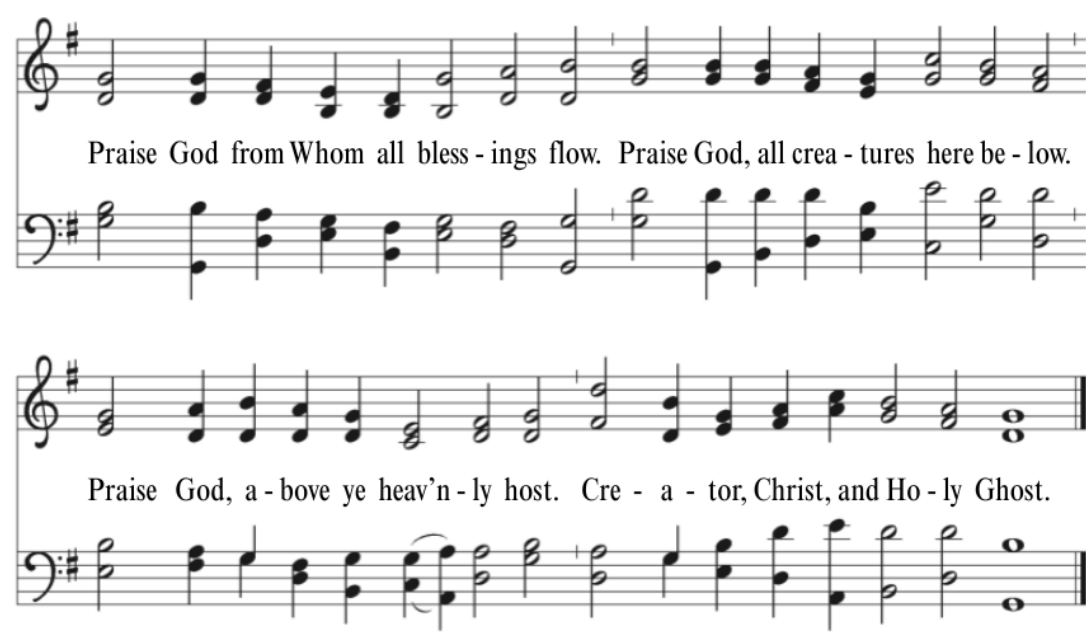
Please sit.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Loving God, 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.

Assembly: Amen.



GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

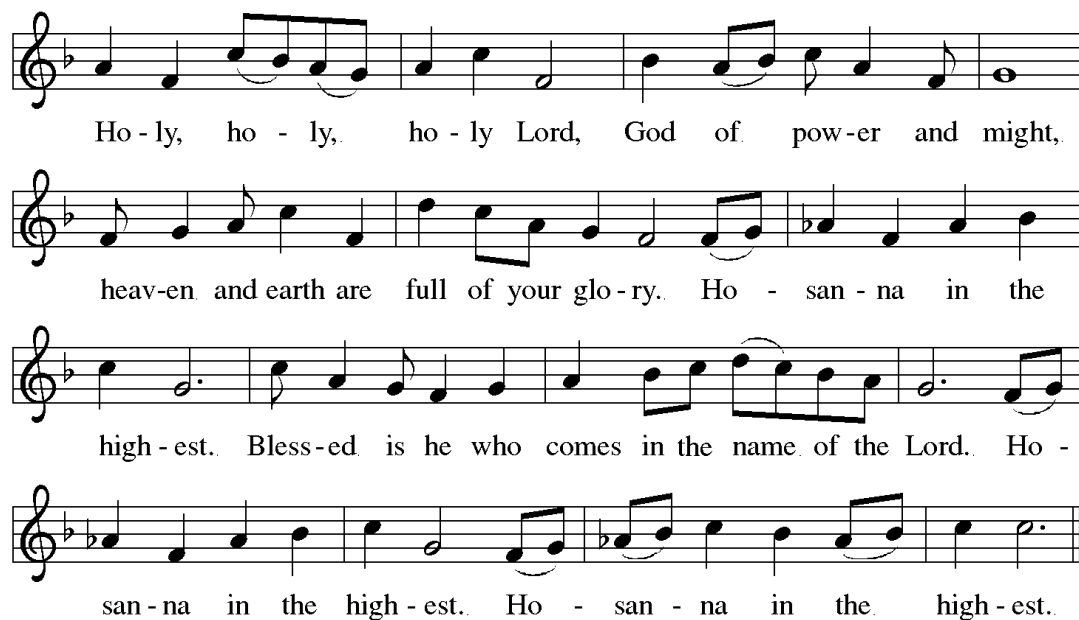
Assembly: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Pastor: It is our duty and delight.... 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
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Please sit.

DISTRIBUTION

*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.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain

Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May 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. Compassionate God, 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.

Assembly: **Amen.**



WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE



“Lift Every Voice and Sing” sends us from worship with a prayer for a nation still becoming what it is called to be. Often called the Black National Anthem, this hymn holds together thanksgiving, lament, hope, and a plea for God’s guidance. As we look ahead to next weekend’s recognition of the 250th anniversary of our country, we sing not with easy triumph, but with trust in the God

SENDING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

who leads us toward justice, freedom, and peace. Its vision reminds us that any faithful prayer for this nation must include a welcome wide enough for ALL people: every race, every history, every neighbor, every child of God.



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless,
heal, and hold you today and always.

Assembly: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202

Sunday, June 28, 2026

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Peter and Paul, Apostles

Monday, June 29, 2026

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

**Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866;
hymn translators**

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

Thomas, Apostle

Friday, July 3, 2026

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

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FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

[Jarena Lee, "The Religious Experience and Journal of Mrs. Jarena Lee, 1849" in Spiritual Narratives, ed. Sue E. Houchins (NY: Oxford University Press, 1988), section 2, 17-18.]

I told them I was like Jonah; for it had been then nearly eight years since the Lord had called me to preach his gospel to the fallen sons and daughters of Adam's race, but that I had lingered like him, and delayed to go at the bidding of the Lord, and warn those who are as deeply guilty as were the people of Nineveh. My sermon applied wholly to myself, and added an exhortation. God made manifest his power among the people. Some wept, while others shouted for joy. Here by the instrumentality of a poor colored woman, the Lord poured forth his spirit among the people. Though there were lawyers, doctors, and magistrates present, to hear me speak, yet there was mourning and crying among sinners, for the Lord scattered fire among them of his own kindling. The Lord gave his handmaiden power to speak for his great name, for he arrested the hearts of the people, and caused a shaking amongst the multitude, for God was in the midst.

—Jarena Lee

This photo by Peter Griffin is titled "Cheers" and shows a man glad to receive a drink.



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