

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 29, 2025

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

Weekly Update

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday, June 29, 2025

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/changes, email the office: admin@holycrossherndon.org
Names will be removed after one month unless advised otherwise.

OUR CONGREGATION

Gene Bain | Juliana Roe Beck | John Breene
Terry & Linda Butler | Joy Caveney | Joel Flegal
Roy Geiger | Otto & Gloria Jacobson | Mike Kudick
Reed Morgan | Mike Muller | Desirae Peral | Craig Reichow
Jeremy Shoop | Tuula Toney | Cherie Weatherhead

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Riley Morgan | Thomas Newcomb | Collin Reichow

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

Robert Appel (friend of Dick Krapf)
Randy and Shirley Beamer (friends of Pam Darby)
Symphony Calvillo & her two boys (friend of Kate Flegal)
Jane Campbell (friend of Cheryl Smith)
Ellen Nash Foster (friend of Helen Wolfe)
Don and Liz Gober (friends of Craig Reichow)
Chip Haas (long-time former member of HCLC)
Georgia and Cain Kirby (friends of Cherie Weatherhead)
Emily Krapf (daughter of Dick Krapf)
Phil Kratochvil (brother of Sarah Schultze)
Chase and Hillary Lancaster (friends of the Weatherhead family)
Debbie Lawrimore (friend of Holy Cross Fiber Arts group)
Sharon Massen (friend of Craig Reichow)
The Melkonian Family (friends of Cara Papenheim)
Lisa Nolf (friend of Jared Lem)
John Smith (brother-in-law of Cheryl Smith)
Kevin Stenger (friend of Pam Darby)
William Stevenson III (friend of the Roe family)
Steven Swancutt (brother of Lynn Russo)
Michelle White (friend and coworker of Kate Flegal)
Bernadette Stevenson Williams (friend of the Roe family)

THOSE IN MOURNING

Family & friends of Joseph Baggett (member of HCLC)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Supply Pastor:	Rev. Annabelle P. Markey
Director of Music and Liturgy:	Jeremy Shoop
Sound Technician:	Bob Thompson
Video Technician:	Sylvia Moran

Serving June 29th: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Assisting Minister:	Diana Virgo
Readers:	Jo Roe
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	Cheryl Smith

Serving July 6th: 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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

TODAY'S FLOWERS: Today's flowers are given by Marie Edwards Nelson in memory of her mother, Teresa Hale Edwards, on her birthday.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: JUNE 29 – JULY 6

SU 29	10:00 am	Worship – 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	1:00 pm	Bldg Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
TU 1	6:30 pm	Bldg Use: Boy Scouts Troop 12
	6:30 pm	Fiber Arts
W 2	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
	7:00 pm	ELL ~ Education Wing
F 4		Office Closed ~ Independence Day
	6:00 pm	July 4 th Celebration ~ Parking Lot
SA 5	8:00 am	Bldg Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
	10:30 am	Bldg Use: 7 th Day Called2Be ~ FH
	12:00 pm	Herndon Pride ~ Arts Herndon
SU 6	10:00 am	Worship – 4 th Sunday after Pentecost
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	1:00 pm	Bldg Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH

The Church Offices will be closed on Friday, July 4th, in observation of Independence Day.

EMBRY RUCKER

The **first Sunday of the month, July 6**, our food collection is for Embry Rucker Shelter, who feeds the homeless. They request items in bulk. You can bring your donations to worship service with you or you can drop them off in the outside bins which are checked regularly.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Would you like to be a part of this caring ministry? The Stephen Ministry training provides training in providing one-to-one care for anyone going through a difficult time. We are putting together the 2025 training schedule to start soon. For more information check out their website at www.https://stephenministries.org. Please contact Sarah Schulmeyer at admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or meeting with one.

NEW MEMBERS

Are you interested in joining Holy Cross or simply learning more about our congregation and its ministries? There will be an information meeting in the Fellowship Hall following worship on July 13th. New Members will be received in worship on July 20th. If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Cross, please contact our office at 703-437-1883 or email us at admin@holycrossherndon.org



4TH OF JULY

**** CELEBRATION ****



July 4: 6:00 - 9:30 PM

Free Admission!!!

Live Music

Town Fireworks
(Best view in town!)

Lawn Games

Food Truck
American Fried Chicken
Chicken/Lamb/Falafel Sandwiches/Wraps Rice Bowls

Ice Cream Truck
Capitol Chill Ice Cream
Ice Cream/Milkshakes Sundaes/Slushies Bubble Tea

THIS WEDNESDAY – JULY 2 LUNCH FOR THE SOUL

We'd love some new hands to help with this significant ministry—whether you buy, cook, serve or cleanup—ALL help is welcome! We will next serve lunch on Wednesday, July 2nd. Sign up at: <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/YEEI171>



WELCOME PASTOR ANNABELLE MARKEY

Thank you for supplying again for us today! Pastor Annabelle Markey graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (now United Lutheran Seminary) with concentrations in Biblical Studies and Theology and Public Life focused on Christian-Jewish dialogue. She also completed a Certificate in Ecumenical Studies through the Washington Theological Consortium and spent time living in the Collegium Oecumenicum, an ecumenical community in Munich, Germany. She served as a pastor at Community Lutheran Church in Sterling, VA and is a certified spiritual director. She is currently practicing spiritual direction, supply preaching, leading iconography classes, pilgrimages, and retreats, and volunteering as a Virginia Master Naturalist and on the Rwanda School Project Board. She is married to Jeff, and they have a son turning 5 months old on July 1!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Thank you to all who have dedicated beautiful Sanctuary flowers each week. They are an incredible reminder of God's faithfulness.

There are still plenty of slots available to dedicate flowers in the coming weeks. Up to two vases can be dedicated each Sunday. Scan the QR code and sign up to celebrate a life event or remember a loved one.



TREASURERS REPORT – MAY 2025

May 2025	Year to Date – 2025
Operating Fund	Operating Fund
Income: \$ 24,779.64	Income: \$ 153,703.08
Expenses: \$ 35,227.86	Expenses: \$ 154,742.48
Net Balance: - \$ 10,448.22	Net Balance: - \$ 1,039.40
Dedicated Funds	Dedicated Funds
Income: \$ 983.46	Income: \$ 12,679.32
Expenses*: \$ 59,437.80	Expenses*: \$ 109,803.34
Net Balance: - \$ 58,454.34	Net Balance: - \$ 97,124.02
*(52,280 expended for bathroom project in May)	*(101,284.05 expended for bathroom project this year to date)

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 in a COVID safe manner 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.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM

We continue through Luke's gospel and Paul's letter to the Galatians. This week's dates include June 29, the annual commemoration of the apostle Paul.



WE GATHER



GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Pastor: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Pastor: Merciful God,

Assembly: **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

Pastor: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ,

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” is a very personal hymn. It is “us” asking God to come to us, as God did to prophets of old, and reveal God’s plan. The challenge of Today’s gospel reading is to apply the radicalness of Christ’s words to our daily lives. Each stanza provides a sense of hope and assurance that God is with us as we attempt to meet this challenge.

and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Assembly:

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

(ELW #631)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

GREETING

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

Assembly: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

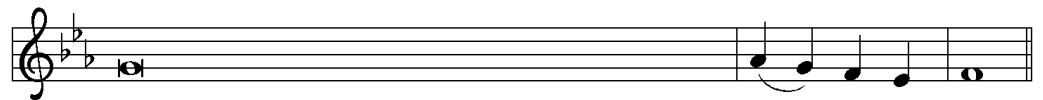
(Setting 1)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



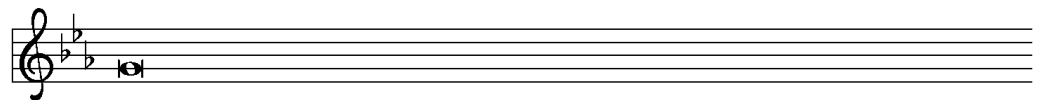
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



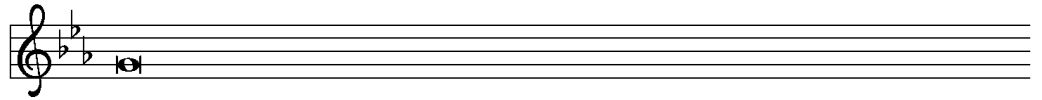
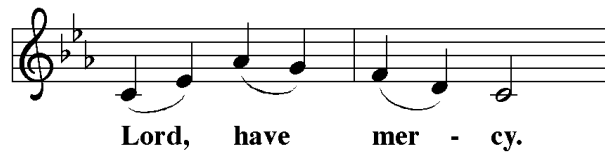
Lord, have mer - cy.



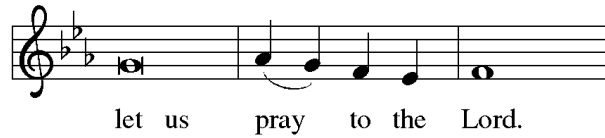
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

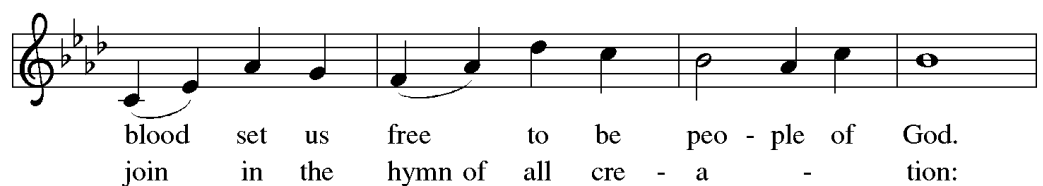
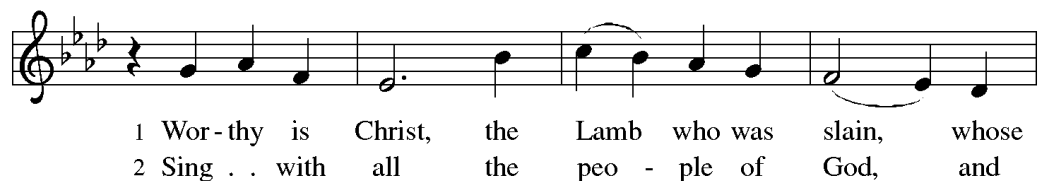
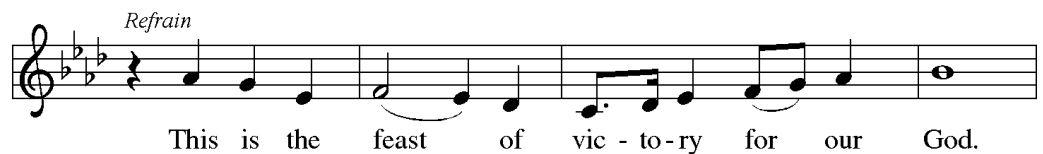


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

(Setting 1)



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

The prayer of the day, based on one in the 1992 Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons (p. 205), thanks God for “true freedom.” For Christians, this means faithfulness in following the paths of service of Christ. “All that hinders us” is an interpretation of “burying one’s father.”

This passage is set parallel to Luke 9 since also Elijah demands of Elisha a total rejection of his previous life as he dons the mantle of the prophet to proclaim the word of

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

Please sit.



WE HEAR GOD’S WORD



LISTENING WITH CHILDREN’S EARS

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

In the story preceding today’s reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God’s mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

Reader: A reading from the first book of Kings

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to [Elijah], “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as

God. The parallel makes clear that the evangelists understood Jesus' ministry in light of Israel's prophetic tradition.

When we don the mantle of our baptism and follow Jesus, our lives are radically changed, from actions that protect and aggrandize the self to attitudes that value and nurture the community. For such a life we are empowered, not by any inherent human inclinations, but rather by the Spirit of the risen Christ. Would that "the works of the flesh" are as obvious as Paul suggests.

king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹ So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

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

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

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

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Setting 1)

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.

Now it is we who are called both to tolerate nonbelievers and to leave all to follow Christ as we proclaim the kingdom. The challenge is to apply Jesus' words to our lives in the world.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

Pastor: The Gospel according to Luke the 9th chapter.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus offers his followers a sobering challenge: "Let the dead bury their own dead," and "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." His words remind us that the call to discipleship demands courage, commitment, and a willingness to follow—even when the journey is long and the way is hard.

Our Hymn of the Day gives voice to our response to that call. Written from the first-person perspective, it expresses both our desire and our struggle to walk faithfully with Christ.

Anglican priest John Bode composed the

to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(ELW #810)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

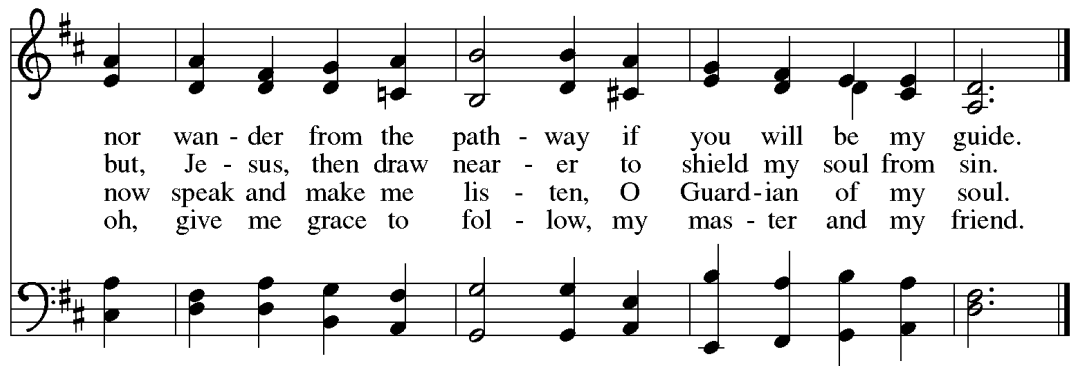
re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

text for the confirmation of his three children, offering it as a prayer and a promise. When the hymn was first published in 1869, it was paired with a verse from today's Gospel, Luke 9:57: "I will follow you wherever you go."

The hymn also echoes the themes of our reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians. In particular, the third stanza serves as a reminder of Paul's urging to turn away from the works of the flesh and to bear the fruits of the Spirit as we follow Christ.

We pray for the greater church.



Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we
 lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church,
 the world, and all creation.

Assisting Minister: Guide your church, O God. Anoint us for service
 and make us messengers of your peace.

		Emboldened by the witness of Christians throughout history, send us to proclaim your reign come near. God of grace, hear our prayer.
<i>We pray for creation.</i>	Assisting Minister:	Protect this world, O God. Watch over fields and fruit trees, foxes and birds, the pleasant land beneath us and the sun and moon above. Keep us mindful of the rich inheritance you have given us in the natural world. God of grace, hear our prayer.
<i>We pray for justice.</i>	Assisting Minister:	Counsel our leaders, O God. Make them steadfast in seeking justice and unable to be shaken as they pursue peace. Lead them by your Spirit to listen and respond to the people they govern. God of grace, hear our prayer.
<i>We pray for those in need.</i>	Assisting Minister:	Uphold all who suffer, O God. Give refuge to those of us who know rejection, and shelter to those of us who have nowhere to lay our heads. Bring any who are sick into your healing presence, including those we name before you now (<i>the assembly offers names</i>). Give all your fullness of joy. God of grace, hear our prayer.
<i>We pray for this congregation.</i>	Assisting Minister:	Set free this assembly, O God. Grow your Spirit's fruits within us and within the ministries of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Set our Call Team's faces always on you, that we might call a pastor who embrace our strengths and lead us to do your will. God of grace, hear our prayer.
<i>We remember the saints.</i>	Assisting Minister:	Embrace all your saints, O God. We thank you for the faithful departed, and especially today we remember Joseph Baggett. We give thanks for his life, his service, and the many ways he blessed this community. Comfort all who grieve his passing, and let us rejoice that you do not abandon us to the grave but lead us on the path of life. hear our prayer.

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

Scan the QR code below if you would like to give your offering electronically.



Pastor:

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Assembly:

Amen.

THE PEACE

Pastor:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Assembly:

And also with you.

Please sit.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Holy Manna

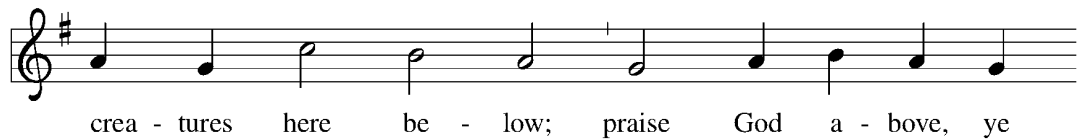
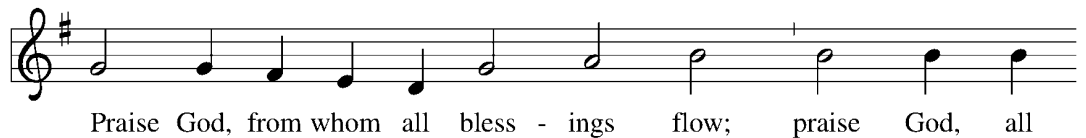
arr. Joel Raney

Summer Gathering Choir

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister:

Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Assembly:

Amen.



WE COME TO GOD'S TABLE



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

Assembly: We lift them up 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy.... and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS

(Setting 1)

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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

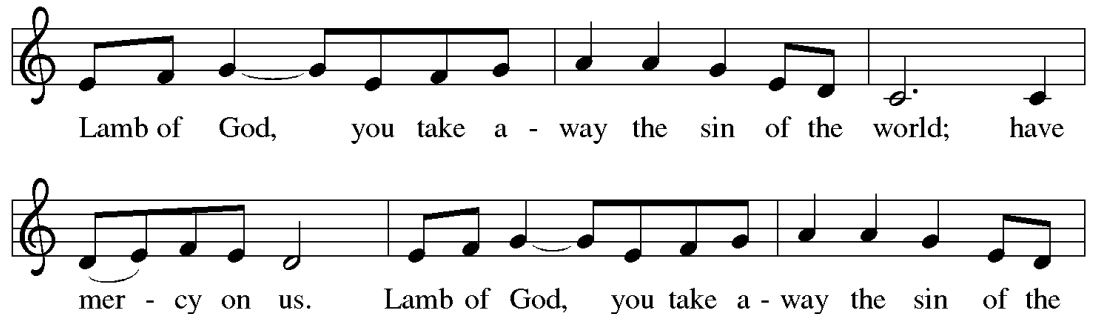
Please sit.

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. 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

(Setting 1)

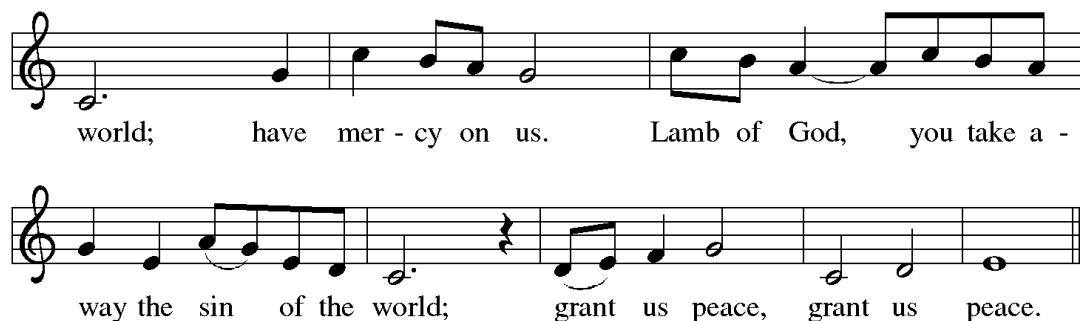


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

The Gospel reading from Luke reminds us that following Christ requires deep commitment and often demands great sacrifice. The path of discipleship is neither easy nor without cost. Yet, even as we acknowledge the challenges of this journey, we are assured of God's unwavering love and abiding presence.

As we come to the table for Holy Communion, we recognize both our human weakness and our continual need for God's guidance. In the singing of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," we lift our prayer for God's steady hand upon us, that we might walk faithfully with Christ each day.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship #697)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Ref.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Ref.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. Ref.

Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

Today's call is clear: those who would walk with Christ must not look back, but rather offer their whole selves in service to His kingdom.

Written by Frances Ridley Havergal in 1874, this beloved hymn began as a simple, personal prayer of dedication. Havergal, a devout Anglican and prolific hymn writer, penned the text after visiting friends and sensing that God was calling her—and those around her—to a deeper commitment of heart and life. The hymn expresses a desire to consecrate every part of ourselves—our time, our talents, our possessions—to Christ's service. In the spirit of today's Gospel, "Take My Life, That I May Be" invites us to respond to Christ's call with humility and courage, offering all that we are to the work of God's kingdom.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship #583)

Take My Life, That I May Be

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Assembly: Amen.



WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE



Though the precise origins of this hymn are not fully known, it is widely attributed to the testimony of a man from Assam, India, who, after converting to Christianity in the 19th century, declared these words as an expression of his unwavering faith—even in the face of persecution.

The hymn's repeated refrain, "No turning back, no turning back," echoes Jesus' call in today's Gospel: "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." As we sing, we declare our intention to follow Christ boldly and joyfully, trusting in God's grace to lead us forward.

SENDING HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1 I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
 2 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
 3 Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
 4 Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

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ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus no turn - ing
 hind me, the cross be - fore me no tur - ning
 with me, I still will fol - low, no tur - ning
 cide now to fol - low Je - sus? no tur - ning

back, no tur - ning back.
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 back, no tur - ning back.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

Assembly: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C

by Michael Ryan

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

Peter and Paul, Apostles

Sunday, June 29, 2025

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

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

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

Thursday, July 3, 2025

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

[Roger Schutz, Parable of Community (NY: Seabury, 1981), 58-59.]

You, O Christ, are the one who loves me into endless life. You open up the way of risk. You go ahead of me along the way of holiness. Day by day you transfigure the “No” in me into “Yes.” You ask me, not for a few scraps, but for the whole of my existence. You kept on saying: live the little bit of the gospel you have grasped. Proclaim my life. You, follow me. . . . Until one day I understood: you were asking me to commit myself to the point of no return.

—Roger Schutz

To plow a field, two zebu bulls are yoked together. In baptism, we have been yoked to one another, accompanying each other as we cultivate a field full of the fruits of the Spirit.



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