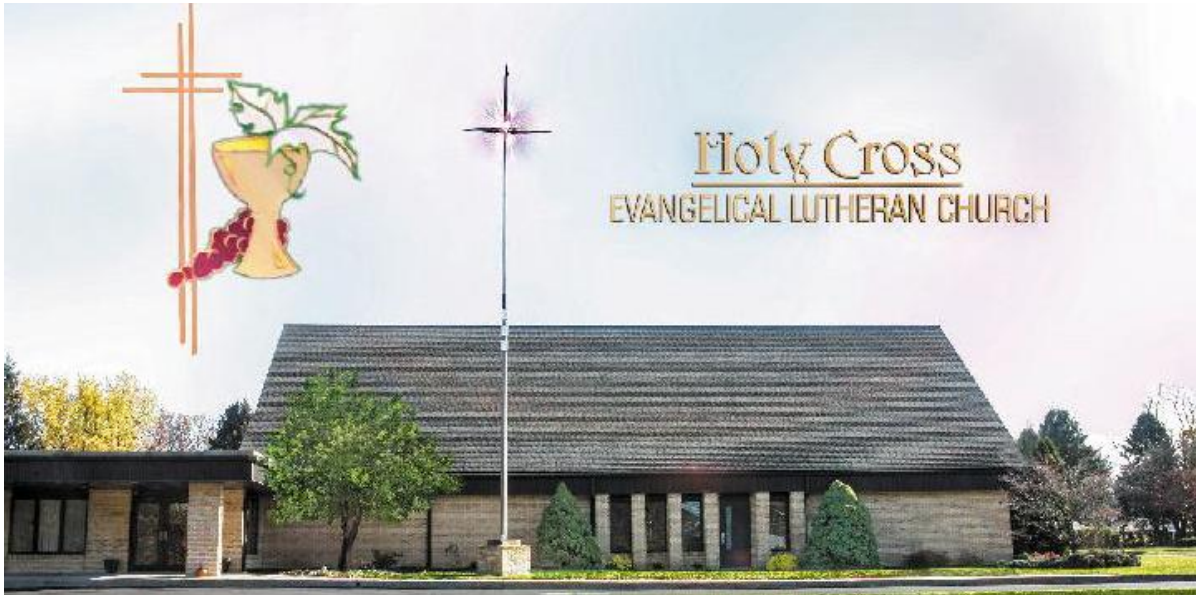


Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION JULY 7, 2024 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NEW BEGINNINGS CELEBRATION

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION *During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Direct and control us, O Lord, always and everywhere with heavenly light; that we may both discern with clear vision and share with worthy effect the Mystery which You have willed us to partake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

CHILDREN *We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

INTRODUCTION *The prophets of God speak with both conviction and compassion. Because prophetic words can threaten the security of even the most devout people, prophets are seldom popular in the church or in society as a whole. Yet in baptism, each Christian has been made a prophet, one who speaks on behalf of God in this time and place. Finding strength in God's grace, we are able to offer our merciful words and actions on behalf of all those who suffer in our world.*

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Battle Hymn of the Republic” (ELW # 890 - favorite - Julia Ward Howe)



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

(= All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Who shapes the whole creation, Who comes with might and mercy, Who fills the hungry with good things.

C: AMEN.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(Please kneel for silent confession.)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *(Water is poured into font.)*

P: We give thanks, O God, for in the beginning Your Spirit moved over the waters and by Your Word You created the world, calling forth life in which You took delight. Through the waters of

the flood You delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea You led Your people Israel from slavery into freedom. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection You set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit, the power of Your living Word, that those washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To You be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

P: We have unshakable certainty that we are forgiven, and nothing separates us from the love of the Father which we have in His Son because of this reality: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: God of hosts most gracious, God the Son Who saves us, God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the minister at the font. The minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as parents and sponsors of the young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

P: Through Baptism we are called out of darkness into God's marvelous Light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with Him. Therefore I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church:
Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Response: I reject them.

P: Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and each other?

Response: I repent of them.

P: Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Response: In faith I turn to Christ.

L: With the whole worldwide church, let us profess our faith.
Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

(10:45 service continues with the Hymn of Praise, page 6.)

PRESENTATION OF ANNALISE AND SAMUEL (8:30)

The assembly is seated.

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

P: Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P: As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the Word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed,
and Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy Scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that they may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to help nurture Annalise and Samuel in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: **I do.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support Annalise and Samuel and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **C: We do.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

P: Annalise Gabriela Lucero / Samuel Alexander Lucero, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Water is poured during each naming of a Person of the Trinity.

P: You now belong to Christ, in Whom you have been Baptized.

Clothed with Christ in Baptism, the newly baptized may receive an appropriate symbol of this new reality.

The minister lays hands on the head of the newly baptized.

P: Let us pray. We give You thanks, Father God, that through water and the Holy Spirit You give Your sons and daughters new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Annalise and Samuel with the gift of Your Holy Spirit: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the Spirit of joy in Your Presence, both now and forever. Amen.

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the head of the baptized.

P: Annalise / Samuel, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized, handed to the sponsor.

P: Jesus said, I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will have the Light of Life. Receive this symbol of the Light of Christ now within Annalise and Samuel entrusted to you as sponsors.

The newly baptized is presented to the assembly.

L: Let us welcome the newly baptized into the Community of Faith.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

Those gathered at the font return to their places.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Let all the peoples praise him.” (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast” (ELW p140)

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



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

☐ *Refrain*




☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

☐ *Refrain*



☐ I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ *Refrain*



☐ For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: God of the covenant, in our baptism You call us to proclaim the coming of Your kingdom. Give us the courage You gave the Apostles, that we may faithfully witness to Your love and peace in every circumstance, through Jesus, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 123 (*congregation: indented*)

I lift up my eyes to You,

to You whose throne is in heaven.

As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,

as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to the LORD our God,

till He shows us His mercy.

Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us,

for we have endured much contempt.

We have endured much ridicule from the proud,

much contempt from the arrogant.

PRAISE SONG (*Please sit.*) "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

(ELW # 860 - African American Spiritual)

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Satan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Satan had me bound,
3 When I was in trouble, When I was in trouble,

Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
Satan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trouble,

sing-ing glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus lift-ed me.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST READINGEzekiel 2:1-8.....Pew Bible p. 1287

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING.....2 Corinthians 12:1-10.....p. 1806

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please rise.*)

“Just A Closer Walk with Thee” verse 1 (*Maj # 553 - favorite*)

Traditional Folk Song

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?
Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with Thee, Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,

D.C. for Refrain

1 I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
2 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
Ref.: Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMark 6:1-13.....p. 1560

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 2*

(Young children go to Children's Church)

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON - The Reverend Dr. Bruce Foster

“What to Do with the Gospel”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)*

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“The Son of God, Our Christ” (ELW # 584)

1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,
3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare
4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,
5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,
shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;
these ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;
to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,
may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,
what - e'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,
from com - mon folk he called the twelve to be
and with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought
to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,
and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,
that we may glad - ly give for thee our best
co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.
the church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.
de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name.
o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blest.

Text: Edward M. Blumenfeld, b. 1927, alt. Music: SURSUM CORDA, Alfred M. Smith, 1879–1971

RECEPTION INTO THE NALC

(The Pastor briefly recounts the history of the congregation up to this point.)

P: Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, at a duly called Congregational Meeting, has voted to join the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). On May 17, 2024, the Executive Council of the NALC voted to receive Holy Cross as a member congregation.

C: Thanks be to God.

NALC Rep: Are you, the people of God of Holy Cross Church, willing to join with us in work and witness, living under the gospel of Jesus Christ and in accordance with the constitution of the NALC?

C: Yes, by the help of God.

NALC Rep: On behalf of the North American Lutheran Church, I welcome Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church as a member congregation of the Northeast Mission District.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank You for journeying with the people of this congregation for these past 67 years. Continue to walk with us and keep us faithful to You and Your Word. We thank You for our fellow brothers and sisters in the NALC. Unite us in mission and praise, that with one voice we may glorify You both in our witness and in our worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

OFFERING *We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: *(WOV p 22)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 in 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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. AMEN.

COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Abide in Me as I abide in you." *All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. Gluten-free rice wafers (blue-green) are available. Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD (WOV p39)

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

COMMUNION HYMNS (sung while others are receiving.)

1. *Amazing Grace* (Maj # 429 verses 1-4 - favorite)

1 A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I have al - read - y come;

1 I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

2. *“Jesus Loves Me!”* (Maj # 423 - favorite)

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gate to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus, take this heart of mine, Make it pure and whol-ly Thine;

1 Lit - tle ones to Him be - long, They are weak but He is strong.
2 He will wash a - way my sin, Let His lit - tle child come in.
3 On the cross You died for me, I will try to live for Thee.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

(10:45 - Communion visitors comes forward during last verse.)

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

SENDING OF COMMUNION (10:45) *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us pray together: **C:** Holy God, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so your Son was lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. Bless those who carry Your word and sacrament and our love to our sisters and brothers who are absent, that all the world might be saved through Him, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

BLESSING

P: Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

(Ephesians 3:19)

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

(ELW # 579 - Text: Jeffery Rowthorn; Tune: Cyril V. Taylor)



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: “Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love’s true mea - sure: “Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: “I am with you



preach the Word.” Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood.” Let us all, for earth’s true glo - ry,
do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end.” Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty.
world a - round us share your chil - dren’s lib - er - ty.
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty.
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

Refrain



With the Spir - it’s gifts em - pow’r us for the work of min - is - try.

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit,
let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we
have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.
Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.
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SERVANTS OF THE LORD TODAY:

GREETERS: 8:30-Adam Barlow / 10:45-Irene Graham
SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker
SONG LEADER: 8:30-Bella Zyskowski
LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Marianne Sands
LECTOR: 8:30-Lauri Barlow / 10:45-Marianne Sands
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler
USHERS: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Irene Graham
COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker
COMMUNION VISITORS: Sharon Branigan, Pastor David
ALTAR GUILD: Jan Stryker and *Volunteer needed*
COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker
GRASS CUTTERS (7/1-6): Gary Mosser, Jim Steiner - *Thanks!*
HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry
SEXTON: *Volunteer needed*
PHONETREE: Jim Femister
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski
PRAYER CARE: call Sharon Branigan (610) 691-8809

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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