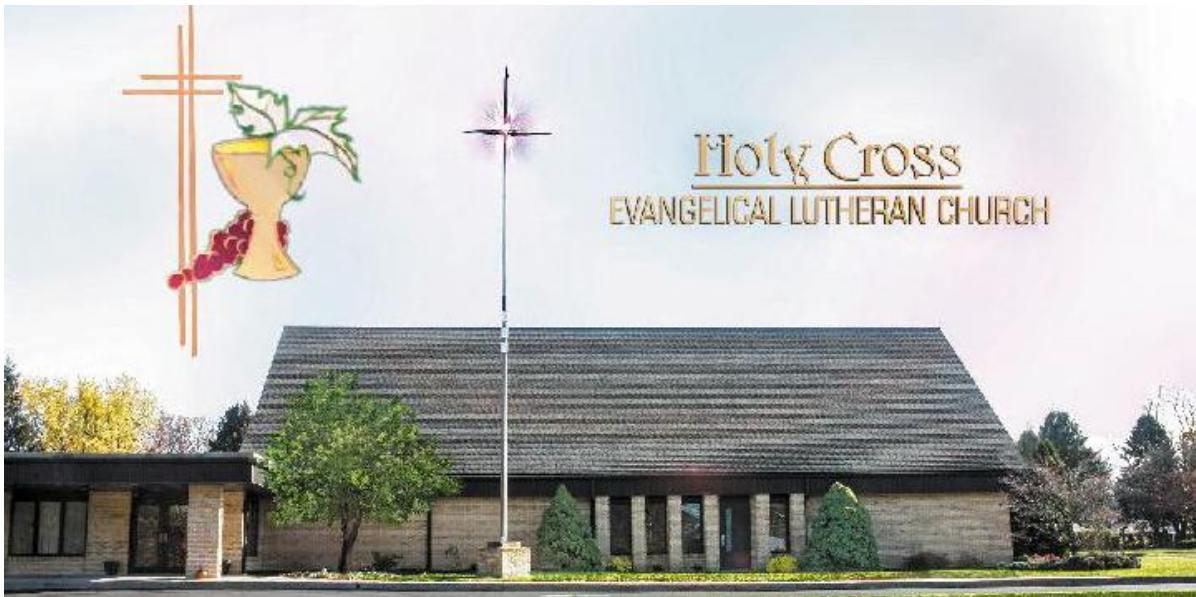


Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BLESSING OF VOCATIONS

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 *Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Two weeks ago Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the Word of Truth. We, having been washed in the Word when we were born in the fount, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun” (LBW # 269)



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

INVOCATION (*= All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: God, our maker and redeemer, **C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We come for refuge to Your infinite mercy. You have given Your only Son to die for us; have mercy on us, and for His sake, forgive us all our sin. By Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will, and true obedience to Your word, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

P: Almighty God has had mercy on us, and God’s only Son has been given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sin. Believing in Jesus’ name, you have received power to become the children of God; you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. **C: AMEN.**

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.**

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 “Yield Not To Temptation”
(TFF # 195 - Horatio R. Palmer)



1 Yield not to temp - ta - tion, for yield - ing is sin;
2 Shun e - vil com - pan - ions, bad lan - guage dis - dain;
3 God saves us in tri - al, God gives us the crown;



each vic - t'ry will help you some oth - er to win;
God's name hold in rev - 'rence, nor take it in vain;
through faith we shall con - quer, though of - ten cast down;



fight val - iant - ly on - ward, dark pas - sions sub - due.
be thought - ful and ear - nest, kind - heart - ed and true.
Christ Je - sus our Sav - ior our strength will re - new.



Look ev - er to Je - sus, he'll car - ry you through.
Look ev - er to Je - sus, he'll car - ry you through.
Look ev - er to Je - sus, he'll car - ry you through.



Refrain
Ask the Sav - ior to help you, com - fort, strength - en, and keep you;



he is will - ing to aid you, he will car - ry you through.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together:

C: O God our strength, without

You we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 119:129-136

(congregation reads indented)

Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them.

The unfolding of Your words gives light;

it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant, longing for Your commands.

Turn to me and have mercy on me,

as You always do to those who love Your name.

Direct my footsteps according to Your word;

let no sin rule over me.

Redeem me from the oppression of men,

that I may obey Your precepts.

Make Your face shine upon Your servant

and teach me Your decrees.

Streams of tears flow from my eyes,

for Your law is not obeyed.

GLORIA PATRI *(Music: Henry W. Greatorex)*

The musical score for 'Gloria Patri' is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.'

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)

(Please sit.)

FIRST READINGDeuteronomy 4:1-9.....Pew Bible p. 279

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

SECOND READING....James 1:1-18.....p. 1880

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” verses 1-2

(ELW # 772 - Text: Isaac Watts; Tune: William H. Havergal)



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - ues still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMark 7:14-23.....p. 1564

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verses 3-4*

(Young children go to Children's Church)

SERMON *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

“Wisdom from James - Part I: Trials”

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.)*

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You” (ELW # 818 - favorite)

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the
 paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly
 help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt. Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther’s Small Catechism, *Part III. The Lord’s Prayer*:

L: How does the prayer conclude?

C: “For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.* AMEN.”

L: What does this mean?

C: That I should be certain that such petitions are acceptable to our Father in Heaven and will be granted, for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. “Amen. Amen.” means: “Yes, yes, it shall be so.”

**These words were added in later editions of the catechism, but were not in Luther’s Small Catechism.*

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 *(Please rise.)*

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)*

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system, all in treble clef and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The second staff contains 'Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are'. The third staff contains 'full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The fourth staff contains 'Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the'. The fifth staff contains 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features various note values, rests, and a triplet in the second staff.

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)*

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

1. "Abide with Me" (LBW # 272 - favorite)



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

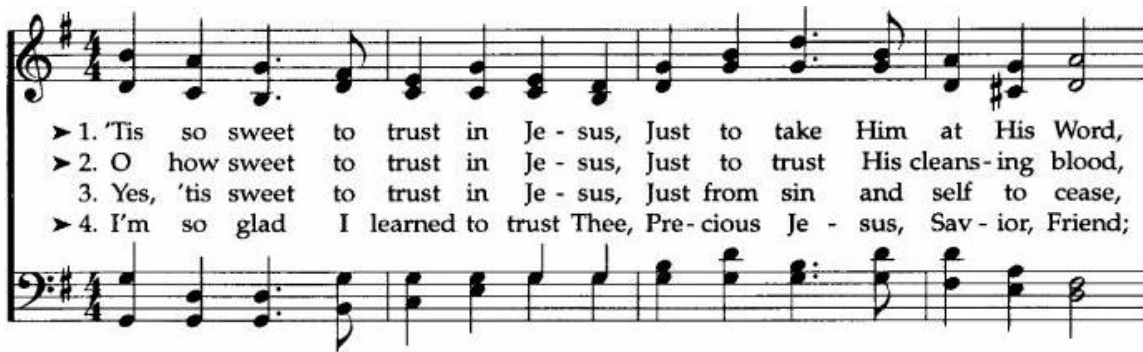
When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

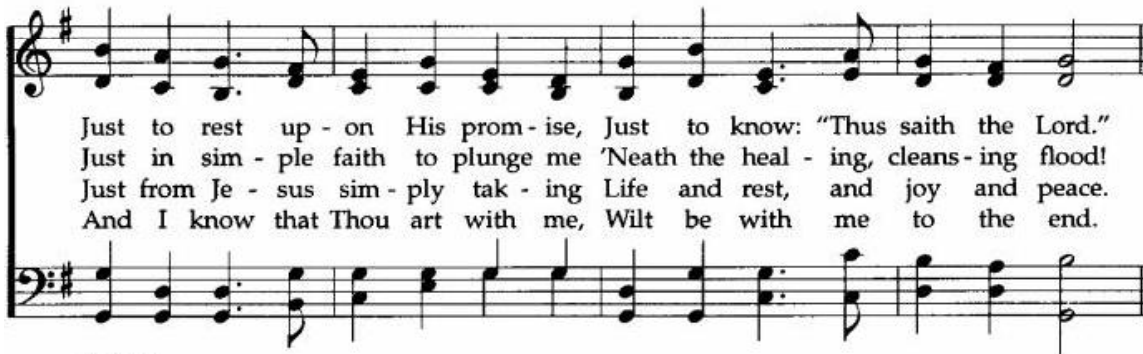
Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847 Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

2. "'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus"

(Maj # 440 - favorite - Text: Louisa M. R. Snead; Tune: William J. Kirkpatrick)

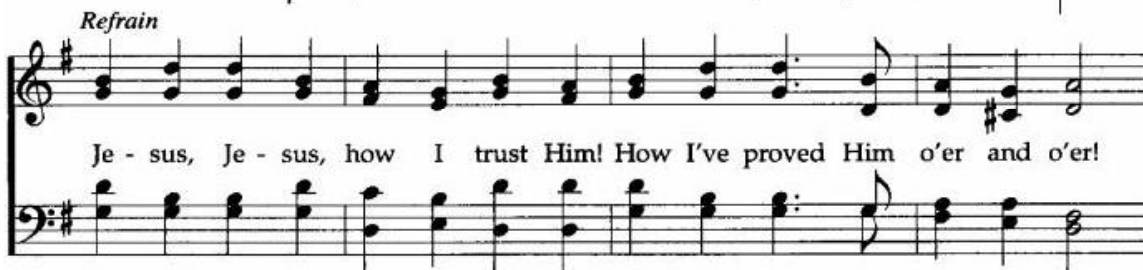


> 1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His Word,
 > 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood,
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease,
 > 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;

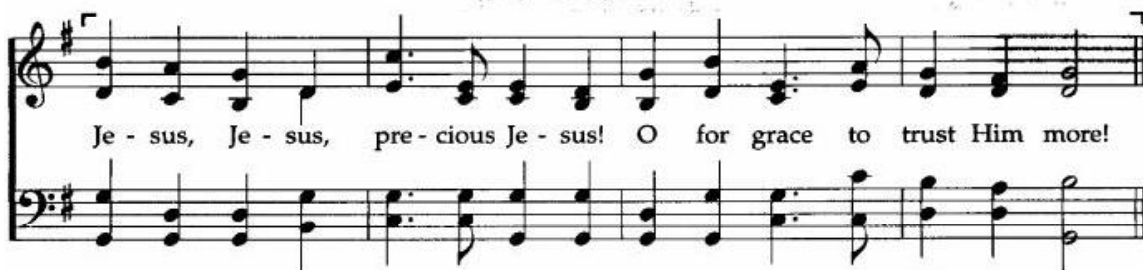


Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."
 Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
 Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest, and joy and peace.
 And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

Refrain



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

(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)

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.**

AFFIRMATION OF VOCATIONS *(Please sit.)*

P: Dear Christian friends: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we are called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the God of all creation in thanksgiving for what He has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to affirm those who are endeavoring to carry out their vocation as Christians in the world.

Those who are employed or looking for employment are invited to stand in place to receive the Lord's blessing as Christians in the workplace.

P: Having determined to live out your faith through your work, in the place of your employment, will you endeavor to pattern your life and service after our Lord Jesus?

R: Yes, with the help of God.

P: Will you, to the best of your ability, daily pray and seek the assistance of God's Spirit to help you to be faithful to serve in the market place according to God's will for you in Christ's name?

R: I will, and I ask the Holy Spirit to help me be faithful.

P: May you serve the Lamb well and bring glory to His name!

R: 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 *(Please rise.)*

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

(ELW # 580 - text: Fred Pratt Green; tune: C. Hubert H. Parry)

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.

You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

Unison

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to -

once we heed your call: to live ac - cord - ing
 yoke is hard to bear; if world - ly pres - sures
 hin - dranc - es more sure; whose joy - ful vir - tues
 geth - er or a - lone, in old rou - tines and

to your word, and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored, that
 fray the mind, and love it - self can - not un - wind its
 put to shame the cas - ual way we wear your name, and
 ven - tures new may we not cease to look to you, the

you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.
 tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 cross you hung up - on— all you en - deav - ored done.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-*Volunteer needed* / 10:45-Irene Graham
SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker
SONG LEADER: 8:30-Emma Fliszar
LITURGIST / COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker
LECTOR: 8:30-Lauri Barlow / 10:45-Lyn Stryker
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler
USHERS: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Irene Graham
ALTAR GUILD: Alyce Stein / Patty Stein
COMMUNION VISITORS: Sharon Branigan, Pastor David
COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker
GRASS CUTTERS (8/26-31): Gary Mosser, Melissa Yalch—*Thanks!*
HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry
SEXTON: *Volunteers needed*
PHONETREE: Jim Femister
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski
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Lisa Wechsler, *Bookkeeper* † Glade Schroeter, *Webmaster*

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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