

**✠ HOLY CROSS DAY ✠**  
**September 13–14, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m., 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.**

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**Silent Prayer Before Worship**

O God, Your Son received sinners and ate with them, rejoicing in their repentance. We ask for Your Holy Spirit to direct and govern our hearts, to lead us to repent of our sins and to receive forgiveness in the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**✠ Divine Service – Setting One ✠**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

*(8:00, 11:00)* **Choral Introit**

**“We Adore You, O Christ”**  
*Richard Proulx*

We adorn You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your Cross, You have redeemed the world. We glory in Your Cross, O Lord God; We praise and glorify Your holy resurrection; By virtue of Your Cross, joy has come. O Savior, by Your Cross, by Your holy Cross, Save us and help us, O Lord. By Your holy Cross, You have redeemed us all. Amen.

*from the Orthodox Good Friday Service*

**Processional Hymn**

**“Lift High the Cross”** *LSB 837*

*(11:00)* **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

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**✠ Gideon David Cumming ✠**  
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Sponsors Joshua and Jenna Horst

**Invocation**

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**Exhortation**

*1 John 1:8–9*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Confession of Sins and Absolution**

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- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal

**punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*John 20:19-23*

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) Hymn of Praise

“Gloria in Excelsis” *LSB*, p. 154



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** 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.



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.



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,



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 21:4–9*

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

(8:00, 11:00) **Psalmody** (*sung by choir*)

*Psalm 40:1-8, 11*  
*Chant by Percy Buck*

I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but You have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required. Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.”

As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 1:18–25*

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## (8:00, 11:00) Alleluia and Verse



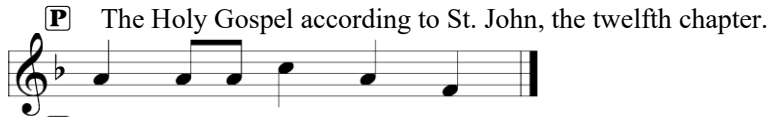
Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Far be it from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. *Gal. 6:14*

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## (5:00, 9:30) Alleluia and Verse

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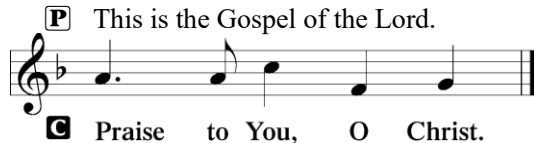




**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not Mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) Nicene Creed

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**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day

**“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”** *LSB 454*

(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) **Sermon**

**“Defining the Cross”** *I Corinthians 1:18-25*

## Prayer of the Church

- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Tim and Katie Eyster (Sept. 12).
- ✠ Celebration of the marriage of Kyle Adam Unger and Alexis Jenna Bouras, son of Tim and Kim Unger (Sept. 13).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the baptism of Piper Amelia Sontheimer, daughter of Eric and Julia Sontheimer, granddaughter of Pastor David Smith and Joanne Smith (Sept. 13).
- ✠ Harold Hagmann who is hospitalized.
- ✠ Brian Meyr recovering from surgery.
- ✠ Connor Millar healing and recovery from surgery.
- ✠ Comfort for Mike Keathley and family upon the death of his mother, Jane.

## Offering

(8:00, 11:00) **Offering Anthem** *(sung by choir)*

**“A Passiontide Carol”**

*Philip Ledger*

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing, Which before the cross I spend,  
Life and health and peace possessing, From the sinners’ dying Friend.

For Thy sorrows we adore Thee, For the pains that wrought our peace,  
Gracious Savior, we implore Thee, In our souls Thy love increase.

Here I find my hope of heaven, While upon the Lamb I gaze:  
Loving much, and much forgiven, Let my heart o’erflow in praise.

Lord, in ceaseless contemplation, Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee,  
Till we taste Thy full salvation, And Thine unveiled glory see.

*Walter Shirley*

(11:00) **Sermon**

**“Defining the Cross”** *I Corinthians 1:18-25*

## Service of the Sacrament

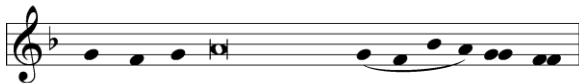
### Preface

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**C** We lift them to the Lord.



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



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*LSB, p. 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6: 9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

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### Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

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**C** 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.

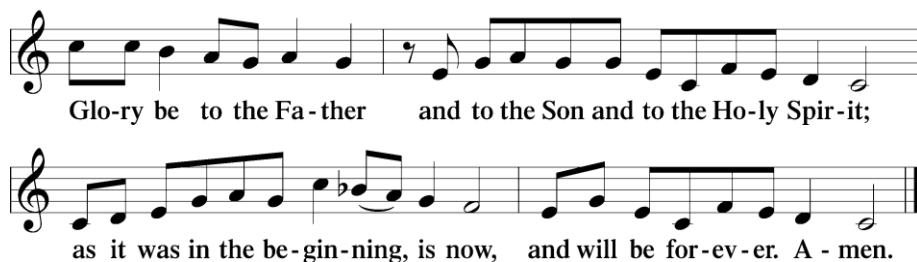
**Distribution Hymns** (*Hymn of the Month*) “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” LSB 556  
(8:00, 11:00) Stanzas 3, 7, & 9 – sung by choir

“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed” LSB 560

“Nunc Dimittis” LSB, p. 165

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.





## The Dismissal

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- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

## Post-Communion Collect

*LSB, p. 166*

- A** Let us pray.  
 Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Benediction

*LSB, p. 166*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

## Recessional Hymn

**“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”** *LSB 428*

## Silent Prayer

## Postlude

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**Preacher**  
**Presiding Minister**

**Assisting Seminarians**

**Choir**  
**Organist**

**Pastor Schudde**  
*(8:00)* **Pastor Wade**  
*(11:00)* **Pastor Thompson**  
*(8:00)* **Josh Horst**  
*(9:30)* **Jacob Diercks**  
*(11:00)* **Paul Blessing**  
**St. Paul's Choir**  
**Kantor Gerhardt**

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# The Service of Holy Baptism


## The Invocation

## The Scripture and Holy Gospel

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Address to Parents and Sponsors

## The Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

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- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- C** **I do renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## The Baptism

## The Gift of the Candle

*The candle given to the child is a visible reminder that Christians are to be the “light of the world.” Even newborn Christians are reminded that they are to grow up to let their “light shine before men that they may glorify our Father in heaven.”*

## The Prayer

## The Welcome

- C** **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father and an heir with us of the Kingdom of God.**

## The Blessing

- C** **Amen.**

*LSB, p. 313*

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