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September 14, 2025

CRADLE ROLL & BIBLE SUNDAY

Holy Cross Day



PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **♦ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**
- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

 → one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
- C: Amen.
- P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

 Silence is kept for reflection.
- P: Merciful and loving God,
- C: Against you, and you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.
- P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for us. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin from us, renewing our life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
- C: Blessed be God forever.

GATHERING SONG Lift High the Cross No.660

REFRAIN Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Refrain
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

 Refrain >>>

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

Please be seated

CRADLE ROLL DIALOGUE Led by Carmen Nesseth

- L: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them;
- C: for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." MATT. 19:14
- L: O LORD, your praise reaches up to the heavens;
- C: it is sung by children and babies. Ps. 8:2
- L: Children's children are a crown to the aged,
- C: and parents are the pride of their children. PROV. 17:6
- L: Train up a child in the way they should go,
- C: and when they are old they will not turn from it. PROV. 22:6
- L: Tell it to your children and let your children tell it to their children,
- C: and their children to the next generation.

 JOEL 1:3
- L: We praise you Father, LORD of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned,
- C: and revealed them to the little children.

 MATT. 11:25
- L: Jesus took the children in his arms,
- C: laid his hands on them and blessed them.

 MARK 10:16

CRADLE ROLL HONOREES

NEWLY BAPTIZED: Emma Lothert

Marshall Kaufmann Avery Eggert Bowdy Haasnoot

GRADUATING TO SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Aubrey Lair Auretta Bauer Hazel Ness Dax Eggert Rhett Larkin

CRADLE ROLL PRAYER

- L: Almighty God, heavenly Father,
- C: You have blessed us with joy and care of children. As we bring them up, give us calm strength and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BIBLE RECIPIENTS – 3RD GRADE

Rory Hanson Marissa Samlaska Haddie Schwering

BIBLE RECIPIENTS - 7TH & 8TH GRADE

Boe Aronson Harvey Bauer
Page Buchal Abel Eggert
Scarlett Eggert Hayden Hanson
Henry Kruger

PRAYER OF THE DAY We pray together

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself.

C: To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 21:4B-9

Moses lifts up a bronze serpent in the wilderness

[From Mount Hor the Israelites set out,] 4b but the people became discouraged on the way. 5 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 miserable food." ⁶ Then detest this the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." 9 So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM 98:1-4 We read responsively

- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- ²O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁴ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-24

The cross is the power of God to those who are saved

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

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

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

♦ GOSPEL: JOHN 3:13-17

C: Glory to you, O Lord

The Son of Man will be lifted up

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

SERMON Pastor D.J. Chatelaine

HYMN OF THE DAY

No. 857

WITH GUITAR

Lord, I lift your name on high Lord, I love to sing your praises I'm so glad you're in my life

I'm so glad you're in my life I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay From the cross to the grave From the grave to the sky Lord, I lift your name on high

♦ APOSTLES CREED

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

God of grace, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

♦ OFFERING PRAYER

P: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

C: Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Spoken

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

The Lord's table is set. Come to this meal of mercy.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN God Loved the World

No. 323

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death; all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus rescues us from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.

- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins that you have done, and justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessed trinity, be praise now and eternally!

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.
- C: Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoner's free, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

♦ SENDING SONG:

No. 822

Oh, Sing to the Lord

- 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to our God, oh sing to our God.
- 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
- 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. Oh, sing to our God, oh sing to our God.
- 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. Oh, sing to our God, oh sing to our God.
- 5 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! Oh, sing to our God, oh sing to our God.

<u>DISMISSAL</u> L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR—D.J. Chatelaine
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CALENDAR

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| Su 9-14 | 9 am HOLY CROSS DAY WORSHIPMORE BELOW 10 AM Sunday School 10 am Legacy Giving Presentation |
| We 9-17 | 5:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation 6 pm Council Mtg |
| Th 9-18 | 4-7 pm Farmers Market 7 pm AA |
| Su 9-21 | 9 am WORSHIP 10 AM Sunday School 10 AM Coffee 10:15 Men's Ministry |

SUN SEPT 14 – HOLY CROSS DAY
CRADLE ROLL & BIBLE HONORS:
Newly baptized entering cradle roll,
4 yr olds graduating to Sunday School, 3rd graders
receiving Bibles, 7th & 8th graders receiving Bibles.

SUN SEPT 14 - 10 am Forum
Tharan Leopold, Regional Gift Planner with ELCA Foundation, will be here to visit & share information on legacy gifts.



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