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Faith Lutheran Church

Green Bay, Wisconsin

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 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneels.
 - congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold print**.

If you are uncomfortable standing or kneeling, you may choose to sit.

Reminders in Preparation for Service:

- Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.
- Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.
- While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.
- Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wobble room," you may move to the Wobble Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.

Visitors and Guests: Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.

- While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.
- Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.

College Students: Please let us know how we can assist you during your time away from home. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor or Deaconess before leaving and indicate your university and contact information in the red record of fellowship book.

Holy Cross Day is one of the earliest annual celebrations of the church and traditionally commemorated the discovery of the original cross of Jesus on September 14, 320 in Jerusalem. The cross was found by Helena, mother of Roman Emperor Constantine the Great. In conjunction with the dedication of a basilica at the site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, the festival day was made official by order of Constantine in AD 335. A devout Christian, Helena had helped locate and authenticate many sites related to the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus throughout biblical lands. Holy Cross Day has remained popular in both Eastern and Western Christianity. Many Lutheran parishes have chosen to use "Holy Cross" as the name of their congregation.

Prelude

Order of Service

(Divine Service -3, beginning on p. 184 of *Lutheran Service Book*)



HYMN: **"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" - LSB #427**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.



O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



INTROIT

Ps. 98:1, 2, 4, 6



The Lord has made know his sal- | vation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
make a joyful noise before the | King, the Lord!

GLORIA PATRI (LSB p. 186)

♫ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

KYRIE (LSB p. 186)

♫ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (LSB p. 187)

Glory be to God on high;

♫ And on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

♫ **And with thy spirit.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

♫ **Amen.**



+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +

Old Testament

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.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For 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.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.



Gospel Verse



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*

(Alleluias are repeated.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter:
Glory 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.

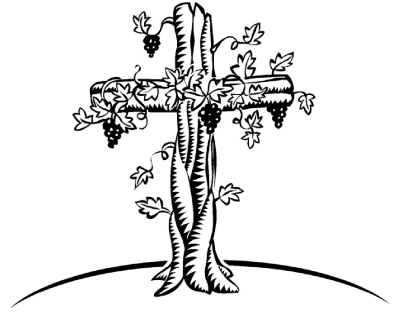
This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

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. Amen.



Sunday: Children's Lesson:
Alex Wright - Director of Christian Education

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lift High the Cross - LSB #837

Refrain: **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**ALL 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

Refrain

**2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.**

Refrain

**Women 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.**

Refrain

**ALL 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.**

Refrain

**Men 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.**

Refrain

**ALL 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!**

Refrain



SERMON: Vicar David Scarborough

Gathering of Offerings

Did you know that your offering provides catechism training and preparation for students, grades 6-8?

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +

(The service continues with the communion liturgy on p. 194 in *Lutheran Service Book*.)

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) recognizes and respects the differences in beliefs regarding the nature and confession of Holy Communion and therefore holds to the Biblical practice of closed communion. We believe Christ's body and blood is being distributed with the bread and wine during the Lord's Supper. This is Christ's gift given for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and for the public confession of what we believe and teach. Since it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper sinfully and to your detriment, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

 **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

 **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

 **It is meet and right so to do.**

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (LSB p. 195)

♫ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♫ Amen.

AGNUS DEI (LSB p. 198)

♫ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.



COMMUNION HYMNS

"We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died" - LSB #429

"Drawn to the Cross" - LSB #560

"What Wondrous Love is This" - LSB #543



NUNC DIMITTIS



**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation;
which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



And His mercy endureth forever.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



Amen.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spirit

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



Amen, Amen, Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" - LSB #454



1. Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
2. Tell how, when at last the full - ness Of the 'ap - point - ed
4. Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wo - man,
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed a path of
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!

Postlude

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