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The mission of Holy Cross is to communicate the love of God in Jesus Christ to our members, community, and world, as we bring people to their Savior through baptism, make disciples through education, and care for our members and community in acts of love. (Matthew 28:19-20 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

May 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter



Those Who Serve Us

Preacher:	Rev. Kyle Wright, II
Liturgist:	Vicar Ben Leeper
8:00	Sem. Brandon Johnson
10:30	Sem. Morgan Garrett
Organist:	Mr. Ben Vanderhyde

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
“I am with you evermore”?

- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.

- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
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Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

Exhortation

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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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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.

Absolution

LSB 151

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Stand

Introit

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;*
whom | shall I fear?

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,*

but the LORD will | take me in.

Wait | for the LORD;*

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

- C** **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

*Sit***First Reading**

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’”

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 5:9–15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 17:11b–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

772 In Holy Conversation

- 1 In holy conversation
We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation
Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, His will obeying,
As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying,
His Spirit intercedes.
- 2 These holy conversations
Begin in childlike ways;
We bring our supplications
And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Father listens
To ev'ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions
In ways He knows are best.
- 3 As holy conversation,
In silence or by word,
In ev'ry situation
Through Jesus, we are heard.
So let us pray securely,
Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely
Our Father ever hears.

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Sermon

Stand

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 will 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering:

As the Church Community, we who are Holy Cross use our resources together to care for the needs of our neighbors and proclaim the gospel to all who need to hear it. As members of this community, of Holy Cross, if you would like to work toward these goals, one way you can do this is by giving an offering through the plate in the back, through the mail, or through the "Donate Now" button on our website. Thank you for the time, prayers, and offerings you joyfully give in service of our neighbor and the gospel!

Stand

Offertory

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C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

LSB 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.

- 1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

- 4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

- 5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

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.

Absolution

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 1

¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Distribution

*After receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we ask that you exit the sanctuary as directed, leaving through the door which you entered. Please bring all of your belongings with you, as you will not return to your seat. If you are **not a member** here at Holy Cross or one of our sister LCMS congregations, **please come up anyways and cross your arms**. While we are unable to share communion with you without first having a conversation, we would love to give you a blessing to welcome you to Holy Cross. This practice also helps us maintain peak COVID-19 safety, as it ensures that no one passes by another person unnecessarily. Thank you!*



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Voter's Meeting May 18th -- The Voter's Meeting is moved up a week from the traditional 4th Tuesday of the month. The meeting in May will take place on Tuesday May 18th at 7pm in the gymnasium. Please mark this on your calendar as the budget will be presented for approval and **we need a quorum to approve the budget**. Agendas are on the windowsill.

VBS Update -- Monday, July 12 - Friday, July 16 from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm. Closing Service Celebration on Saturday, July 17 at 6:00 pm. There is a link to register on the Event page on Facebook.

Adult Information Class -- Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and Holy Cross Lutheran Church in particular? Our Adult Information Class is a great place to learn of the great love of Jesus Christ. Class will meet weekly beginning on Sunday, June 6 at 4:30 p.m. Call the office to register and/or for more information.

Betty Evers is turning 90 on May 23rd! Her family is organizing a card shower and a drive-through parade to celebrate the event. For more information call the office.



New Attendance Cards are digital:

How to use the Digital Connect Card QR Code:

1. Open the Camera app on your smart phone
2. Hold the Camera over the QR code box.
3. A link will appear. Tap the link to be taken to Digital Connect Card
4. If you do not have a smart phone, type in the link below the QR code into your computer

In-person Worship Guidelines

- Social distancing is important so please keep your distance from others as you enter and exit the church.
- To maintain a safe environment for all who worship here, **masks are to be worn at all times.**
- **ALL members will be seated by an usher.** Family groups will be allowed to be seated together.
- Worship **without** Communion - Ushers will seat families from the front to the back and exit, with the help of an usher, from the back to the front. Please exit the building so that sanitizing can take place to prepare for the next worship service.
- Worship **with** Communion – Ushers will seat families from the front to the back and exit will be as directed by Pastor & Vicar after you have received communion.
- Sanitizers will be available at the top of the stairs as you enter and exit the sanctuary. Please use it.
- Paper bulletins will be handed to you by an usher. Please take your bulletins with you and dispose of them at home.
- Offerings will be placed into a plate situated at the back of the church where you enter and exit the sanctuary.
- Restrooms will be for limited use only. Which are found at the top of the stairs, or just below the landing. Please do not use the restrooms in the Fellowship Center.
- No Bible Classes, Sunday School or Coffee Hour will be available until move out of Phase 4 of the reopening plan.
- The Fellowship Center is closed for general use because it is now being used as a classroom. To keep it sanitized, we ask you do not enter it during the weekend.
- We ask for your patience. We know we will want to celebrate our return and greet friends we haven't seen in a while. Please follow all the guidelines as we Praise God for the return of some normalcy in our lives.

Get Wright For Sunday

Have you been missing Bible study? Do you have questions about the Lesson from service?

"Get Wright For Sunday" is a podcast designed to prepare you for Sunday Worship...and beyond! In each episode, Pastor Wright and Vicar Leeper discuss the lessons you heard read in worship and explore their context, meaning, and implications for you! For more information, scan the QR code or type in the link on the left.

