

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service One

July 26, 2020

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a field.

Matthew 13:44





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### **Prayer for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Dear Lord Jesus, You are the Physician of the spiritually ill, the Savior of sinners. You approach us sinners with patience and great pity and call us to repentance. Your whole life on this earth, all of Your thoughts, actions, suffering, and death had just one aim: to convince sinners that God was reconciled to them and would mercifully forgive and receive them, if they would but repent and come to Him. And when we poor sinners, even those with a weak faith, call upon You for help, You welcome us with open arms. In Your saving name. Amen.



## Confession and Absolution

### 554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!  
2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,  
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,  
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,  
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,

O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -  
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -  
The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the  
For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -  
May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our

ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:  
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.  
joys we know, All that we can de - sire:  
self in - flame To seek You more and more!  
lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

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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

*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.

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

## Confession of Sins

**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

*[John 20:19–23]*

**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.**

*Stand*



## Service of the Word

### Introit



Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;\*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

**Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;\***  
**tell of all his | wondrous works!**

Glory in his | holy name;\*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

**Seek the LORD | and his strength;\***

**seek his presence con- | tinually!**

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*

his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,\***

**children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

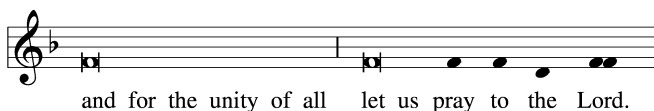
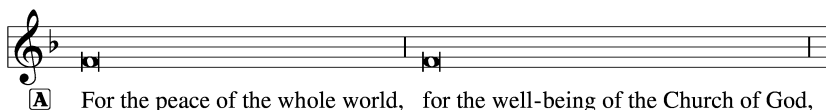
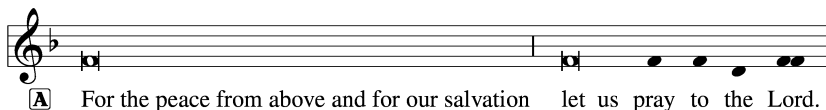
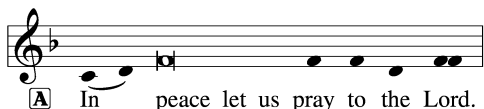
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

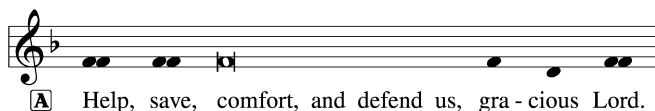
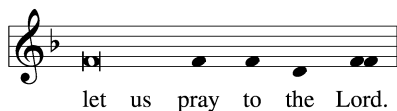
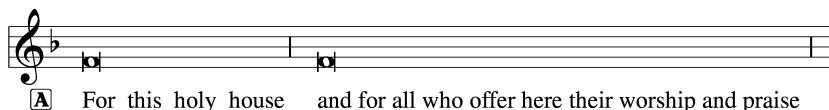
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make known his deeds among the | peoples!

## Kyrie

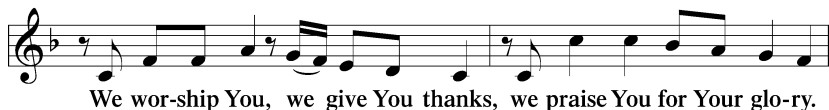
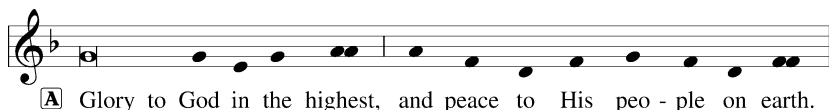
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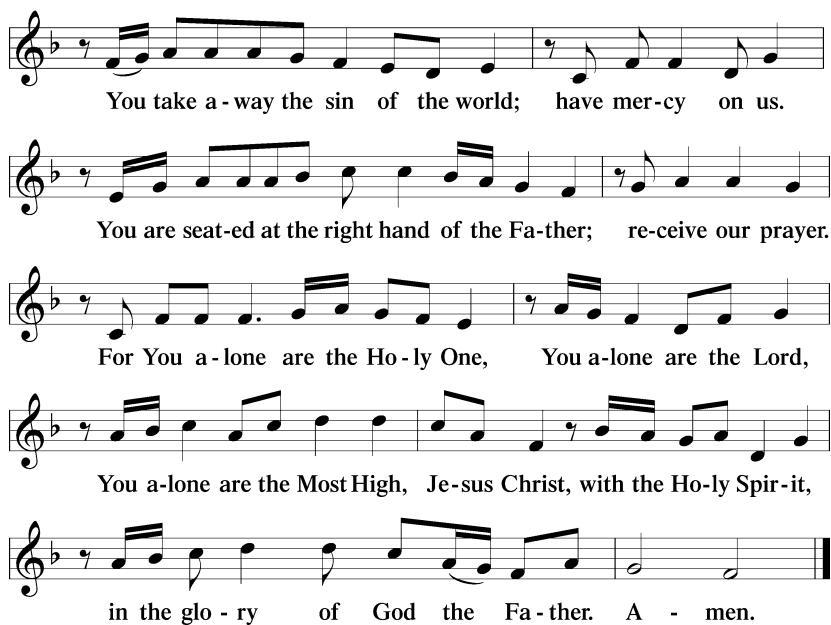




## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*





You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

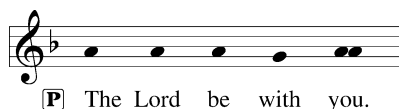
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

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,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day: Proper 12 (Year A)



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And al-so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

*Sit*



## Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6–9

“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual



**Oh, the depth of the riches and  
wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!\***

**How unsearchable are his judgments and  
how inscrutable | his ways!**

**For from him and through him and to him are | all things.\*  
To him be glory forever. | Amen.**

### Epistle: Romans 8:28–39

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all



things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with a 'C' symbol indicating the beginning of the verse.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44–52

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with a 'C' symbol indicating the beginning of the verse.

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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



*Sit*

## 654 Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

1 Your king - dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure,  
 2 Your king - dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er  
 3 Your king - dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing

My pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth.  
 Your Word and Your Spir - it be - stow.  
 Of seeds that Your mer - cy has sown;

Its val - ue ex - ceeds ev - 'ry stan - dard of mea - sure,  
 Like yeast, they af - fect the whole mea - sure of flour,  
 But still in our midst is the en - e - my sow - ing

Sur - pass - ing the wealth of the earth.  
 En - a - bling Your king - dom to grow.  
 The weeds that im - per - il Your own.

Lord, give me Your grace and the pow'r of the Spir - it  
 Em - pow - er me, Lord, as I live Your com - mis - sion,  
 Sus - tain me, O Lord, till Your day of re - turn - ing

To val - ue this trea - sure a - right  
 Though hum - ble my ser - vice may be,  
 And har - vest me home - ward at last,

That, nev - er al - lured by the world, I in - her - it  
 And bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru - i - tion,  
 To shine in the home - land that qui - ets all yearn - ing,

Your king - dom of glo - ry and light.  
 A mus - tard seed grown to a tree.  
 Where sor - row and dan - ger are past.

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## Sermon

### "The Greatest Treasure"

Text: See the Holy Gospel Reading

## 574 Before the Throne of God Above

1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
 2 My name is grav - en on His hands, My name is  
 3 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, And tells me  
 4 Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, My sin - ful

strong, a per - fect plea: A great High Priest, whose name is  
 writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He  
 of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look, and see Him  
 soul is count - ed free; For God, the just, is sat - is -

Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me.  
 stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 there Who made an end of all my sin.  
 fied To look on Him and par - don me.

5. Behold Him there! The risen Lamb!  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!
6. At one with Him, I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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*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.**

*After each portion of the prayer:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*Sit*



## Offering

*There is an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary where you can deposit your offerings.*

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalms 116:12-13, 17-19*

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem." The music ends with a double bar line.

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
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courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.



## 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.**

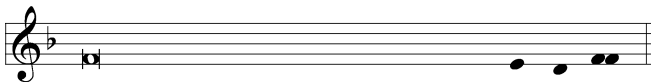
## Closing Collect

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

Numbers 6:24–26



**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.



***Soli Deo Gloria!***

*(To God alone be the glory.)*

646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly  
2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to  
3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers the  
4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the

na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own  
His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to  
to God's heart of love; But He brought you  
peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and

spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of  
life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to  
home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -  
swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter

grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,  
sight. Let your light so shine a - round you  
bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,  
sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing

Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that  
That God's name is glo - ri - fied; And all find fresh  
Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may  
Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in

knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.  
joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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***Roman: 8:31-32***

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