

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Divine Service One**

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***“A Word For  
the Weary”***







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8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

### Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod)

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Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:  
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

### **THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Dearest Jesus, You who are one with the Father, help us to know that the power behind Your promises is Your deity. You, the only-begotten Son of the Father, are God and, as such, will keep every promise You make. Open our understanding to trust that, because You are God, You could lay down Your life for the sheep and be the sin offering that truly takes away the sin of the world. You could take up Your life again rising from the dead. You are the resurrection and the life who says, "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies." You will be our judge on the Last Day when You will judge us based on Your life and death for us. Warm our hearts with Your rich promises as we are told in John 10, "I give them [my sheep] eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand." We bow our hearts before You our Savior and God. Amen.





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### Confession and Absolution

#### 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

*Stand*

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

P: In the name of the Father and of the **+** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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.*

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.**



**C: Amen.**

## Introit

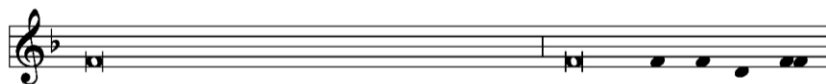
Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\*  
all you who wait | for the LORD!

Mark 10:47

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.





**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



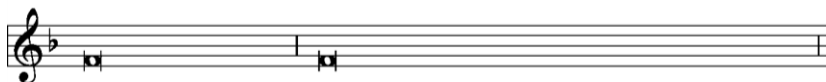
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



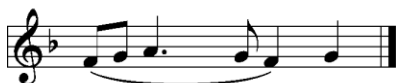
let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**G** A - men.



# Hymn of Praise

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-10**

The Lord GOD has given me the  
tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.  
He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.

Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment:  
the moth will eat them up.

Who among you fears the LORD



and obeys the voice of his servant?  
Let him who walks in darkness  
and has no light  
trust in the name of the LORD  
and rely on his God.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual**

### **820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker**

#### **Epistle: James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

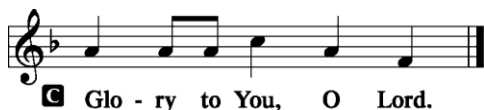


## Alleluia and Verse



## Holy Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it. "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his



disciples asked him privately. "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Sit*

## 726 Evening and Morning

### Sermon

#### "A Word for the Weary"

Text: See the Old Testament Reading

*Stand*



### Apostles Creed

**C: 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

*After each portion of the prayer:*

**P:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

*Sit*

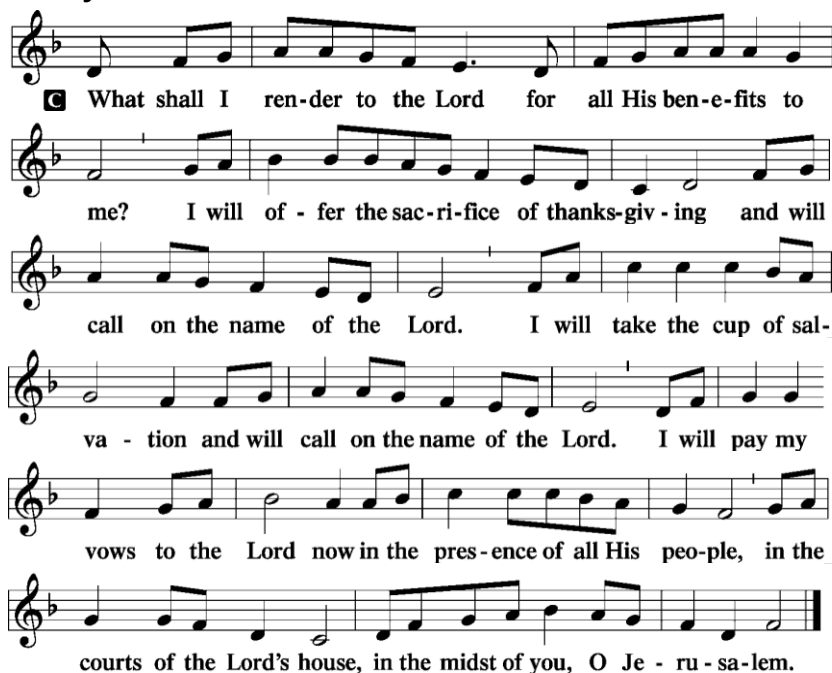
## Offering

*(Please add your name to the red fellowship book and pass it to your fellow worshipers.)*

*Stand*

## Offertory

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



**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-  
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.

## 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

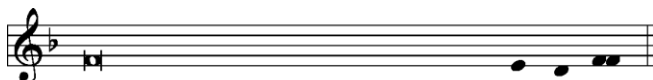
P: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both the forgiveness of our many sins and the assurance of Your love for us in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



## 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 ✠ give you peace.



## 754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens



***Soli Deo Gloria !***

***(To God alone be the glory.)***

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