



**BY THY  
HOLY CROSS  
THOU HAST  
REDEEMED THE  
WORLD**

*"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18)*

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**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Waukesha, WI

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## “THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS”

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### WELCOME TO TRINITY

The cross of Jesus Christ is the sum and center of Christian teaching. Loved by some, hated by others, the cross is the most recognized symbol on earth. It is a shorthand symbol of Jesus' entire life and teaching. The cross is an instrument of torture and death. For those dead in sin, it is a symbol of forgiveness and life! Holy Cross Day is an ancient celebration dating back to A.D. 335 when Emperor Constantine built a church on the supposed site of Jesus' death and resurrection. Holy Cross Day was retained in early Lutheran calendars, moved eventually to September 14. There are even several churches in our Synod named *Holy Cross*.

We celebrate Holy Cross Day in worship this weekend, because it so clearly summarizes a cross-centered theology: *That God's saving glory is displayed in the humiliation, suffering, and death of His Son, Jesus, for us and for our salvation.*

### HYMN ENLARGEMENT INSERTS

Hymn enlargement inserts with the texts to the chosen hymns for today's worship, printed in larger print, are available from the ushers upon request.

### OUR FACILITIES

Our restrooms are located to the left as you leave the sanctuary. They are located near the coat room. The members of Trinity believe that families should be encouraged to worship together. If your young child needs to be quieted, we have an audio-equipped children's room just outside of the church doors to your right. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

### OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive Holy Communion is a testimony of the confession and commitment we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with one of the pastors before joining us at the altar so that all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice. Those worshipers attending communion, please make a record of your attendance in the Friendship Registers located in each of the pews. Thank you.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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## OPENING HYMN

**Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**  
Christian Worship 122

*The cantor sings stanza 3.  
All stand to sing stanza 5.*

## INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his holy life and innocent death.  
Trusting in him, I pray:  
God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Christian Worship 268:1



Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,



Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.



All sins you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!

## ABSOLUTION

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## THE INVITATORY

M: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship Him!



# GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

*Gloria in Excelsis*

# Divine Service, Setting Four

*Lutheran Service Book*

Tune: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*The cantor sings stanza 1.*



1. To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2. To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3. For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord, God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high.  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

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.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Numbers 21:4-9**

*Moses raised up a serpent on a pole that those who saw it might live*

<sup>4</sup>The Israelites traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup>they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

### RESPONSORY

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 78**

*Chabenel Psalms*



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Cantor: Refrain

C: *Refrain*

Hearken, my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable,  
I will utter myst'ries from of old. *Refrain*

But they flattered him with their mouths  
and lied to him with their tongues,  
Though their hearts were not steadfast t'ward him,  
nor were they faithful to his covenant. *Refrain*

While he slew them they sought him  
and inquired after God again,  
Rememb'ring that God was their rock  
and the Most High God, their redeemer. *Refrain*

But he, being merciful,  
forgave their sin and destroyed them not;  
Often he turned back his anger  
and let none of his wrath be roused. *Refrain*

## EPISTLE READING

### 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*The cross is the wisdom and power of God*

<sup>18</sup>For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." <sup>20</sup>Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

## RESPONSORY

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*John Helgen*



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Cantor: Refrain

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Galatians 6:14*)

C: *Refrain*

*Stand for the Holy Gospel*

## HOLY GOSPEL

### John 12:20-33

*Jesus predicts His death on the cross*

<sup>20</sup>Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

<sup>25</sup>The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. <sup>27</sup>"Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. <sup>30</sup>Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>But, I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

## RESPONSORY

M: The Gospel of the Lord!  
 C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## HYMN RESPONSE

**Father, Let Me Dedicate**  
 Christian Worship 75:4

4 If you have for me a cross And its shad-ow come,  
 Turn-ing all my gain to loss, Shroud-ing heart and home,  
 Let me think how your dear Son To his glo-ry came  
 And in deep-est woe pray on: "Glo-ri - fy your name."

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**Luther's Explanation of the Second Article  
 to the Apostles' Creed**

C: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns eternally. This is most certainly true.**

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Great the Cross of Christ, the Crucified

Tune: SURSUM CORDA

Stephen P. Starke

The cantor sings stanza 3.



1 How great the cross of Christ the cru - ci - fied,  
2 How great the cross of Christ the cru - ci - fied!  
3 How great the cross of Christ the cru - ci - fied!  
4 How great the cross of Christ the cru - ci - fied!  
5 How great the cross of Christ the cru - ci - fied!



The throne where Christ our Lord was glo - ri - fied;  
Our debt of sin was nailed with Him who died;  
Pure streams of life flow from His wound - ed side,  
Our path to Par - a - dise was once de - nied;  
How great God's love, how deep and high and wide;



There, lift - ed up for all the world to see,  
Our ev - 'ry wrong the Sav - ior has em - braced,  
To plunge the earth be - neath that cleans - ing blood—  
The sword is sheathed to bar the way no more,  
Love, that fore - knew from all e - ter - ni - ty



Christ draws all peo - ple to His vic - to - ry!  
All can - celed, paid in full— all debt e - rased.  
Sin's high - est peaks are cov - ered by this flood.  
The cross of Christ is now the o - pen door.  
The cross: the price to res - cue you and me!

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SERMON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
Pastor Scott T. Oelhafen

“THIS SIDE UP”

The cross turns the world's wisdom into foolishness  
The cross turns the world's strength into weakness

*Stand*

**SERMON RESPONSE**

**Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**  
Christian Worship 108:3

♪ Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for you!  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold your cross anew,  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified! Amen.

*Be seated*

**OFFERING**

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register in each of the pews. We encourage you to take a moment after the service to get to know those seated around you!

**LUTHER MOVIE TRAILER PRESENTATION**

*viewed during the Offering*

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**THE SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was lifted up on the cross in order to forgive our sins and draw all people to Himself.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you did not leave us alone in the pervasive sin which has spread from the tree in the garden, but sent your Son to stretch out His arms upon the tree of the cross, drawing all people to Himself, to you, and to eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption that flows from His sacrifice. Grant that we may now faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C: Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## PAX DOMINI

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Christian Worship 268:3



Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,



Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.



All sins you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:



Your peace be with us, O Je - sus!

*Be seated*

**ANTHEM (8:15)**

**Near the Cross**  
*Fanny Crosby & William Doanne*

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadows o'er me.

Refrain

*In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
Just beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Sheds its beams around me.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing**  
Christian Worship 111

**Drawn to the Cross**  
Christian Worship 387

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**  
Christian Worship 125

*Stand*

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**M:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

O God, our Father, in this Holy Sacrament, we again have received the forgiveness of our sins won for us by the cross of Jesus. Empower us by the Holy Spirit to take up our cross and follow our Lord Jesus Christ in giving our lives for the sake of others. We pray this in the name of our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

## BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

**Lift High the Cross**  
Christian Worship 579

## POSTLUDE & DISMISSAL

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### SERVING AT WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	Pastor Lawrence R. Gates
Preacher	Pastor Scott T. Oelhafen
Principal Organist	Mark D. Davidson
Cantor	Kathy A. Gates
Choir (8:15)	Trinity Lutheran School Grades 6-8 Sarah M. Krueger, <i>director</i>
Accompanist	Laura M. Pufahl
Instrumentalist	Lydia Festerling, <i>guitar</i>

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## **Worship Service Times**

Saturday - 5:30pm  
Sunday - 8:15 & 10:45am  
Monday - 6:30pm

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