

Service of Holy Communion with the
Rite of Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, October 27, 2024

10 am



Welcome to Holy Cross Lutheran Church!

We offer a traditional Communion table with individual wafers and individual cups. Distribution will take place during the service. For those who do not wish to come forward for Communion, we will continue to provide an optional distribution practice of “individually packaged communion kits” that will be available at the table upon entry to the sanctuary. Please take a kit with you if you plan to participate in this manner. Gluten-free wafers are also available upon request.

Families desiring nursery support for children ages 0-3 are welcome to use our professionally staffed nursery in the Cross-Ways Preschool area to the left of the main entrance from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Families with older children who may still need some activity to keep them engaged are welcome to utilize our Playground in the front of the sanctuary or our Busy Bags found on the reverse side of the mini wall in the Gathering Space.

We encourage you to utilize online giving at donate.holycrosschurch.org, mail your gifts, or drop them into the offering plate.

Worship Resources . . .

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW - red hymnal inside pocket of your chair)

✝ *Indicates a moment to make the sign of the cross, remembering you are a child of God.*

As we live-stream worship, please be aware that in-person attendance implies consent to be included in live-streamed and recorded worship services and still photos. If you would like to limit the possibility of being visible in the videos, please sit towards the back of the sanctuary.

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Prelude

Song 67—*Gibbons & En Feste Burg*

Willan & Ashdown

Greeting

GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism (*stand*)

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Processional Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.</p> <p>2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.</p> | <p>3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.</p> <p>4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!</p> |
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Apostolic Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Congregation: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

WORD

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. The word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

Amazing Grace
Holy Cross Choir

Proulx

Second Lesson

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. The word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

Following the reading,

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW Hymn #517

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

Sermon

Rev. Christopher Neptun

THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Congregational Representative: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism:

<i>Elise Cabbiness</i>	<i>Jace Feigh</i>	<i>Liam O'Reilly</i>	<i>Jonathan White</i>
<i>Nathaniel Dio</i>	<i>Savanna Joyce</i>	<i>Emma Sargent</i>	
<i>Penelope Earls</i>	<i>Connor Lovejoy</i>	<i>Mckenna Weaver</i>	
<i>Charles Evans</i>	<i>Virginia Moran</i>	<i>Edward Weaver</i>	

Pastor Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.
Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands & Congregation:

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Confirmands & Congregation:

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Congregation & Confirmands:

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus?

And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands individually: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (*name of confirmand*) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *his/her* faith, guide *his/her* life, empower *him/her* in *his/her* serving, give *him/her* patience in suffering, and bring *him/her* to everlasting life.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**Congregation: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Presider: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....We praise your name and join their unending hymn;

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW pg. 130

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

Congregation: Amen.

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.

Communion Hymn

Lamb of God

ELW pg. 135

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion

All those who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior, and present through the elements of bread and wine, are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper. Individual kits are available at the doorway to the sanctuary for those wishing to commune in place. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Post-Communion Blessing

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep and unite us now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Post - Communion Prayer

Pastor: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING

Benediction

Pastor: God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

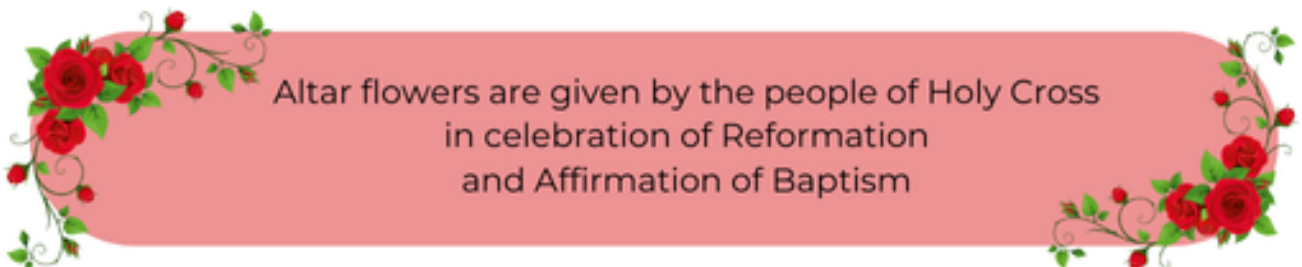
Pastor: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

God of Grace

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TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Director of Worship Arts
Organist
Congregational President
Choir Director

Rev. Christopher Neptun
Rev. Kathryn Freund
Dale Tippet, Jr.
Paul Vander Weele
Darin Chartier
Patrick Freund

Assisting Minister	Marshall Jowers
Reader	Tim Skelton
Greeters	Manny Flores, Val Maxwell
Ushers	Carole Kenney, Dave Kenney
Communion Assistants	Julie Eberspacher, Mary Price, Elizabeth Thomey, Cheryl Turner
Altar Care	<i>volunteer requestd</i>
Worship Coordinator	Donna Thomey
Musicians	Bryan Grabowski, Paul Hawn, Dave Johnson, Carrie Mack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSINGS UPON OUR CONFIRMANDS We will observe the Affirmation of Baptism for our Fall 2024 confirmands this morning at the 10 am service. May God continue to work in their lives and may they continue to grow in their journey of faith.

FIRST SATURDAY WORSHIP Join us on Saturday evening, **November 1 at 5:30 pm for First Saturday Worship.** As evening worship, First Saturday is designed to provide another worship option with Holy Communion at a more unique time. All are welcome!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 On All Saints Sunday, the church remembers those saints who have passed as well as celebrating the new saints who have been baptized during the past year. We will lift God's children up in prayer and remembrance.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 2 as **Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 3.** Enjoy the "extra hour"!

QUILT SUNDAY On **Sunday, November 10**, we will dedicate the quilts made by our quilting club for the COOL Transitional Housing Program this year. There are 10 quilts that will be presented for dedication this year. Many thanks to all who lovingly crafted these useful works of art.

VALUES EVENT Your stories and thoughts have value and can help to shape the values of Holy Cross. To that end, you are invited to attend a dinner and conversation event on **Sunday, November 10 in the west wing basement from 5 - 7 pm.** This event will be moderated by Pastor Chris and will help us share our experiences, hopes and dreams for Holy Cross in both small and large group discussion. Your voice is needed and we encourage you to attend. Please RSVP to signup.com/go/dyUKkiy

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP On **Wednesday, November 27, at 7 pm**, we will gather for worship followed by our pie social. Please bring your favorite pie to share! Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts and pie providers, please sign up at <https://signup.com/go/gwEVKdb> or contact the church office to bake or serve.

PRAYER MINISTRY

OCTOBER PRAYER CONCERNS: For all the Men & Women who have been wounded as well as those serving in the Armed Forces; Joyce Horvath; Sheryle Magliozzi; Patrick Burns; Kristine Knutson; Julia Coachrun; Robyn Ward; Nan Orbison; Lois Hall; Bernie & Halla Miller; Judy Graham; Chuck Peters; Judy Sullivan; Christina Brewer; Bob Blondin; Tom Maki; Tom Westman; Lincoln Ross; Hannah Stieber; Carol Bajorek; The Moraw Family; Gordon Oakes; Randy Westman; Vreni Forster; Sam Magiarelli; Sue Westerfield; Annie Krumtinger; Casey Schmid; Adyson Franz; Vera James; Lauren Janowski; Larry Kaplan; Pauline Caepert; Joanne Rank; Tyler Beckett; Jerry Kluchka; Libby O'Del- Kosowski; Dale Tippet, Jr.; Barbara Bose; Heather Yapelli, Jake Naumowicz; the Palzet family; Evan Holly; Kathryn Hancock; Judaline Nelson; Grace Collins; Erin and Rufino Laguio; Robert Schmidt; Kurt Meyer; Barbara Otte; Jessica Hutchison; Judy Luplow; David Stueckemann; Kathy Dorn; Jill Houser; Terri Bajorek; John Pfister; Jennifer Hamm; Carolyn Husemoller; Raef Stolp, Kelly Chartier; Cielo Moioffer; Judy Sullivan; Gordon Oakes; Wally Luczkiw Doug Kreiser friend of Bill Miksch; Laura Deegan, friend of Bill Miksch,