## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Holy Cross Day September 14, 2025 Rev. Patrick Poock



# The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Then look to His holy cross. For just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, so Jesus, when He is "lifted up from the earth, will draw all people" to Himself (John 12:32). "He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" to save us (Phil. 2:8). "Everyone who is bitten" by the ancient serpent's venom of sin, "when he sees" Christ "shall live" (Num. 21:8). The true holy cross is lost to history, and we cannot return to Calvary to find our salvation. So, Christ brings the New Testament in His blood to us. "We preach Christ crucified .... the power of God and the wisdom of God," though foolishness to the unbelieving world (1 Cor. 1:23–24). It pleases God, "through the folly" of the cross we preach, "to save those who believe" (1 Cor. 1:21). We find the fruit and benefit of this holy cross poured out in Holy Baptism, spoken in the preaching of Holy Absolution, and delivered in the body and blood given and shed there for us. Thus are we strengthened to take up our crosses, sanctified by His (John 12:25–26).

THE DIVINE SERVICE is celebrated each Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am and Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Bible Class is held on Sunday at 9:15 am and Wednesday at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH is a Christological, Scriptural, Confessional and Liturgical

member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We believe that God has called us to believe, teach and confess that Christ was crucified for our sins and we receive salvation by faith, which is a gift of God through His grace given to us in our baptism, as is revealed in the Holy Bible which is the inspired and inerrant Word of God. In response to His gift of salvation we eagerly desire to do good works out of thanksgiving and praise to the Triune God.

#### **COMMUNION STATEMENT**

Because we take the Word of God seriously and we love our visitors, we ask that if you are not a member of Faith Lutheran or another LCMS church, please refrain from taking communion until you have talked with Pastor Poock. In the meantime, we would love to have you participate by coming forward and receiving a blessing.

Communion offers the immense blessing of forgiveness of our sins. However, it can be taken to one's judgment if not properly understood. 1 Cor 11:27,29 says, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the LORD in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the LORD...For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

We teach that a person receives the real Body and the real Blood of Jesus Christ "in, with and under the bread and wine." It is not symbolic or merely a spiritual presence.

#### **WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

We rejoice to have you with us today. The liturgy is found in the Lutheran Service Book in the rack in front of you. You may place this bulletin in the back of your hymnal to help you follow along with the order of service. The Propers for the day are printed within the bulletin. Please read the message in this bulletin concerning reception of Holy Communion at our church.

The third quarter of 2025 is designated by Pastor and the Elders for the Orphan Grain Train.

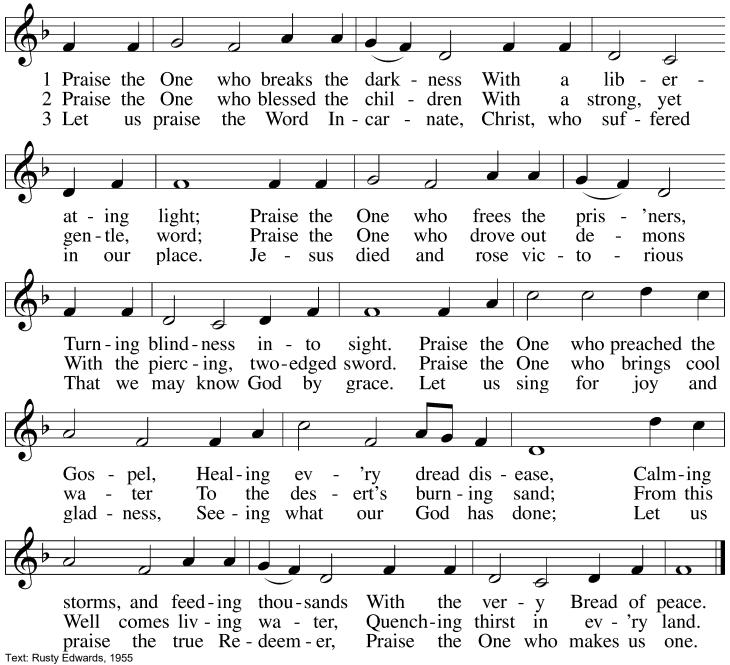
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## **Weekly Memory Verse**

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

#### 849 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS



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#### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

#### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the 

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION 184

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION OF SINS LSB 184

- P 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 LSB 185

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 +

INTROIT Psalm 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2

Pastor: The LORD has made known his salvation;

Cong: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

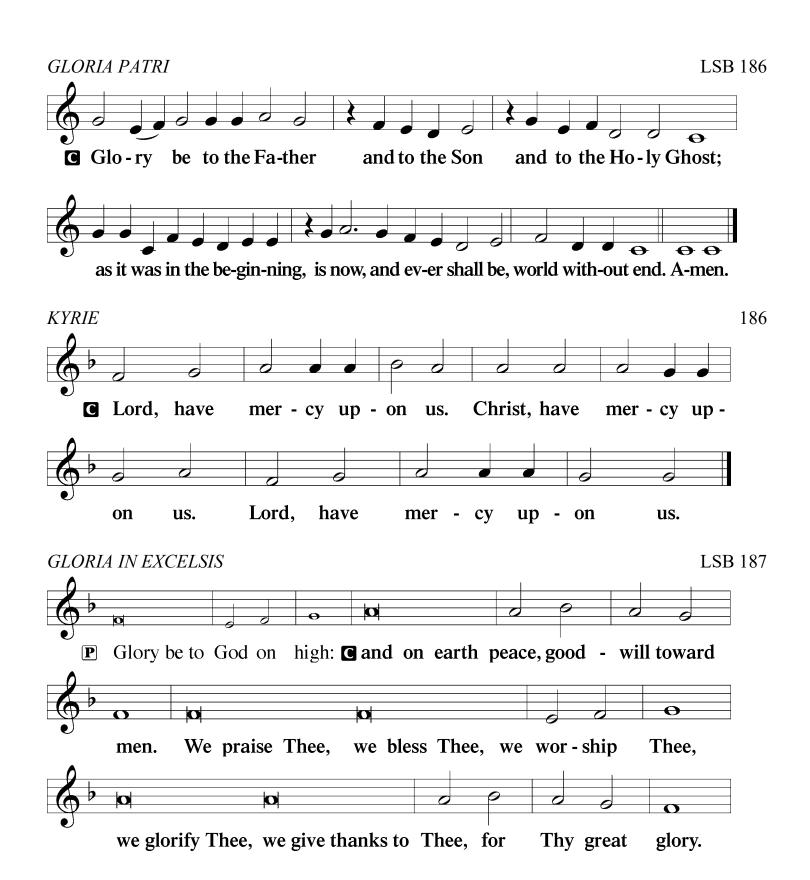
Cong: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

Cong: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Pastor: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

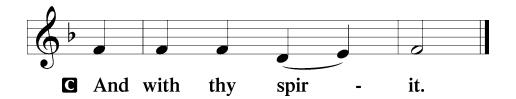
Cong: make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!





### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



## P 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.



#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly 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,

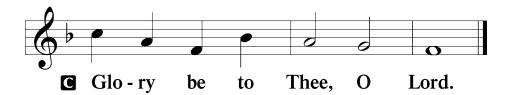
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are 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 men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL John 12:20–33

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



<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This

voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

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



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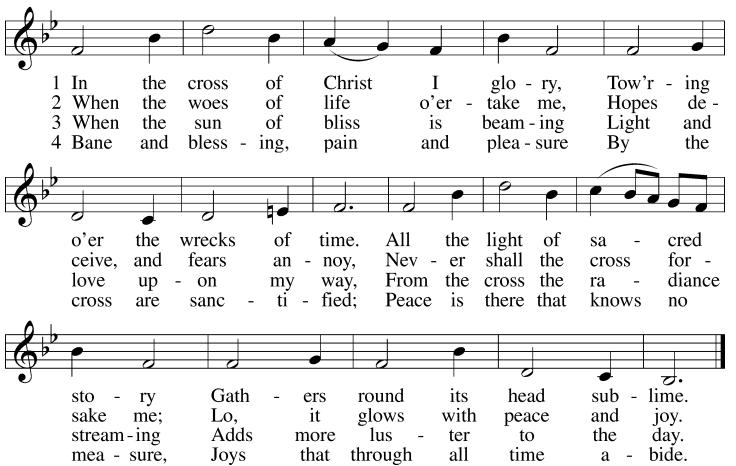
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

#### 427 IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

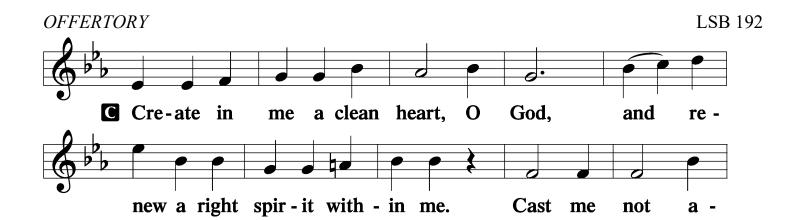


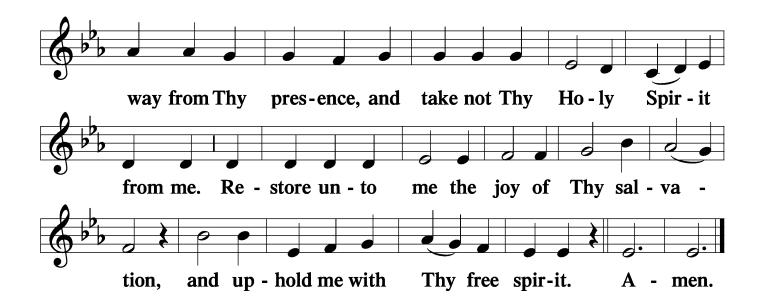
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#### **SERMON**

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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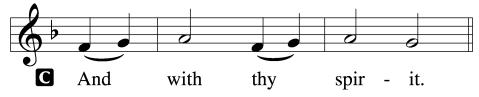




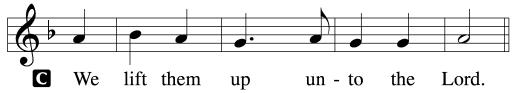
#### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



## PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

LSB 194

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 195



■ Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER 196

P Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

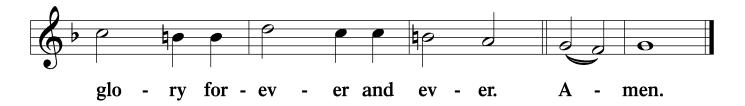
give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

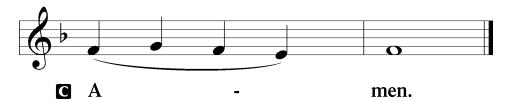
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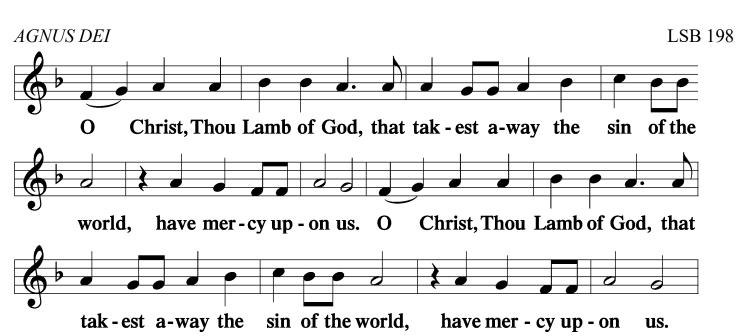
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

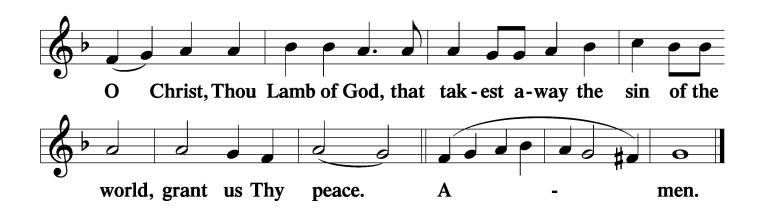
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My H blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

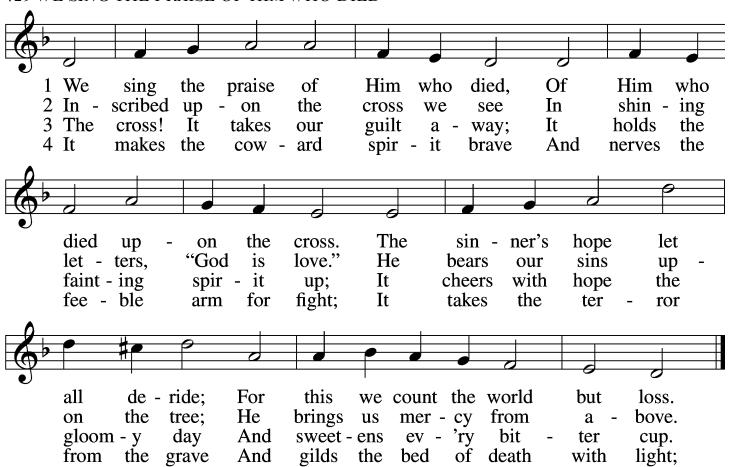






#### **DISTRIBUTION**

#### 429 WE SING THE PRAISE OF HIM WHO DIED



5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,

The measure and the pledge of love,

The sinner's refuge here below,

The angels' theme in heav'n above.

## 6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace By bitter grief and anguish sore, Be praise from all the ransomed race

Forever and forevermore.

Text (sts. 1-5): Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855; (st. 6): Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861

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#### 451 STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED





see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word. deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave. Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God. ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Volkslieder, 1850, Paderborn

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#### 702 MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE



- 1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal va ry,
- 2 May Thy rich grace im part Strength to my faint ing heart;
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran-sient dream, When death's cold, sul len stream



di - vine. Sav - ior Now hear me while I pray; Take all my Mvzeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me. Oh. may my Thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn day. Wipe sor-row's to Shall o'er me roll. Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis-



me from this day Be whol - ly Thine! guilt a - way; O let love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, Α liv - ing fire! tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er strav From Thee side. safe a-bove, A ran-somed soul! trust re-move; O bear me

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#### 432 IN SILENT PAIN THE ETERNAL SON



- 1 In si lent pain the e ter nal Son Hangs der e lict and still;
- 2 He died that we might die to sin And live for righ-teous-ness;
- 3 For strife He came to bring a sword, The truth to end all lies;



dark-ened day His work is done, Ful-filled, His Fa - ther's will. In And bring us The earth is stained to make us clean in - to peace. Un - til rule pa - tient Lord, all dies: in us. our e vil



Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang-est vic - to - ry, For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Him - self to save the lost; For in His hand He holds the stars, His voice shall speak to end our wars,



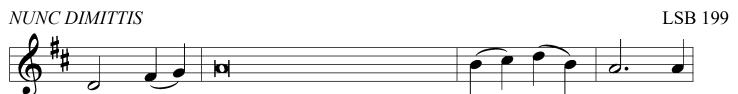
For His bod - v He car-ries all ill. in the tree our on He loved us And paid for our re - lease. to the ut - ter - most And those who love Him see His scars And look in - to His eves.

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



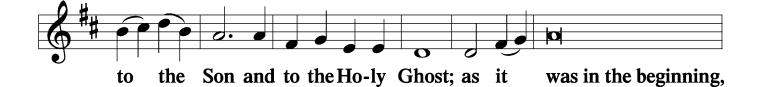
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,









THANKSGIVING 200

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



SALUTATION 201

**P** The Lord be with you.



BENEDICAMUS 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.



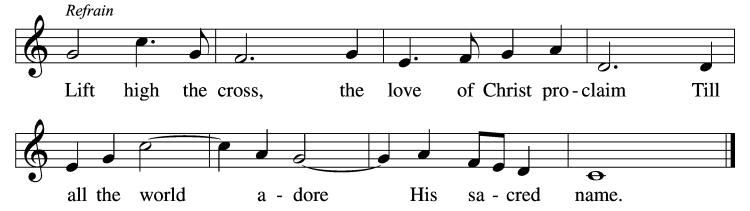
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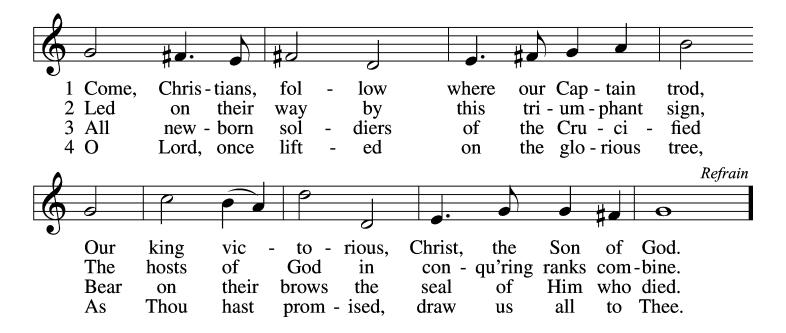
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.



## 837 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS





- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
  Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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#### Rev. Patrick Poock Organist: Lillian Boettcher

## **Happy Birthday**

Millie Gardner 14<sup>th</sup> Lisa Ladwig 16<sup>th</sup> Amy Laser 19<sup>th</sup>

## **Happy Anniversary**

Ed & Judy Schrader 14<sup>th</sup> (51 yrs) Janie & Louis Zanella 18<sup>th</sup> (16 yrs) David & Margi Krewin 19th (33 yrs)

Flowers on the altar are given by the Gardiners.

# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

# Sunday, September 14th

8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service 11:30 am Coffee Bites

## Wednesday, September 17th

3:30 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm Divine Service

## Sunday, September 21st

8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service 11:30 am Coffee Bites

#### **Looking Ahead**

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Wednesday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Women of
Faith 9:00 am	
Wednesday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bible
Study 3:30 pm	
Wednesday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Divine
Service 5:00 pm	