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**8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 18, 2021**

+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +

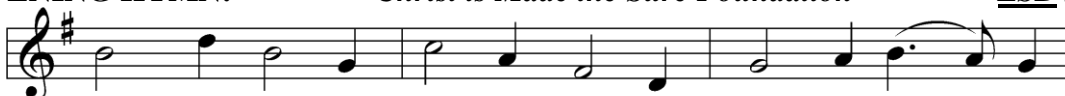
**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME:**

**OPENING HYMN:**

*“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”*

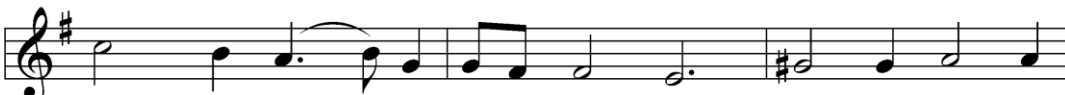
LSB 909



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they  
△ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er  
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est  
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter  
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Based on Ephesians 1:2)*

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** *(Based on Ephesians 4:22-24)*

Leader: God's Word has taught us to put off our old self,  
which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;  
to be made new in attitude of our minds;  
and to put on the new self,  
created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

People: **Almighty God,  
though the Spirit testifies that I am a new creature in Christ Jesus,  
I must confess that yet the old nature is alive and well within me.  
My actions, thoughts and words  
have often lacked righteousness and holiness.  
I know that I deserve Your punishment  
on account of my sins and iniquities,  
but I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them.  
Lord of boundless mercy, for the sake of Jesus' righteous life  
and His holy, innocent, sufferings and death,  
I pray that You would be gracious and merciful to me.**

Leader: In His mercy and love, Jesus was given for you:  
to make you holy and clean, washing you with water and the Word.  
In grace, He presents you to His Father, radiant, without stain, wrinkly,  
or any other blemish, holy and blameless.  
Therefore as a called servant of our Lord, I forgive you all your sins  
in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

+ *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** *Ephesians 2:4-22*

**B**ut God is rich in mercy because of His great love for us. We were dead because of our failures, but He made us alive together with Christ. (It is God's kindness that saved you.) God has brought us back to life together with Christ Jesus and has given us a position in heaven with Him. He did this through Christ Jesus out of His generosity to us in order to show His extremely rich kindness in the world to come. God saved you through faith as

an act of kindness. You had nothing to do with it. Being saved is a gift from God. It's not the result of anything you've done, so no one can brag about it. God has made us what we are. He has created us in Christ Jesus to live lives filled with good works that He has prepared for us to do.

Remember that once you were not Jewish physically. Those who called themselves "the circumcised" because of what they had done to their bodies called you "the uncircumcised." Also, at that time you were without Christ. You were excluded from citizenship in Israel, and the pledges God made in His promise were foreign to you. You had no hope and were in the world without God.

But now through Christ Jesus you, who were once far away, have been brought near by the blood of Christ. So He is our peace. In His body He has made Jewish and non-Jewish people one by breaking down the wall of hostility that kept them apart. He brought an end to the commandments and demands found in Moses' Teachings so that He could take Jewish and non-Jewish people and create one new humanity in Himself. So He made peace. He also brought them back to God in one body by His cross, on which He killed the hostility. He came with the Good News of peace for you who were far away and for those who were near. So Jewish and non-Jewish people can go to the Father in one Spirit.

That is why you are no longer foreigners and outsiders but citizens together with God's people and members of God's family. You are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Christ Jesus Himself is the cornerstone. In Him all the parts of the building fit together and grow into a holy temple in the Lord. Through Him you, also, are being built in the Spirit together with others into a place where God lives. – GW®

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 6:30-44***

**T**he apostles gathered around Jesus. They reported to Him everything they had done and taught. So He said to them, "Let's go to a place where we can be alone to rest for a while." Many people were coming and going, and Jesus and the apostles didn't even have a chance to eat.

So they went away in a boat to a place where they could be alone. But many people saw them leave and recognized them. The people ran from all the cities and arrived ahead of them. When Jesus got out of the boat, He saw a large crowd and felt sorry for them. They were like sheep without a shepherd. So He spent a lot of time teaching them.

When it was late, His disciples came to Him. They said, “No one lives around here, and it’s already late. Send the people to the closest farms and villages to buy themselves something to eat.”

Jesus replied, “You give them something to eat.”

They said to Him, “Should we go and spend about a year’s wages on bread to feed them?”

He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.”

When they found out, they told Him, “Five loaves of bread and two fish.”

Then He ordered all of them to sit down in groups on the green grass. They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.

After He took the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed the food. He broke the loaves apart and kept giving them to the disciples to give to the people. He also gave pieces of the two fish to everyone. All of them ate as much as they wanted. When they picked up the leftover pieces, they filled twelve baskets with bread and fish. There were 5,000 men who had eaten the bread. – GW®

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON HYMN:**

*“By Grace I’m Saved”*

**LSB 566**

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct  
doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,  
Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must  
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our  
true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.

**SERMON:** *“Living In the Past Tense”* (Text: Ephesians 2)

**APOSTLE’S CREED:** (*\* catholic means the universal Christian Church*)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

**+ *We Give Thanks for God’s Word* +**

**OFFERING:**

**OFFERING PRAYER:** (*Based on Ephesians 6:19*)

**Leader:** Almighty God, receive these our tithes and offerings and through them fund and support ministry here at Holy Cross that enables many to be strong in You and Your mighty power.

**People:** Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

**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.**

## + *The Service of Holy Communion* +

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Holy Cross in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.*

### **PREFACE:**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

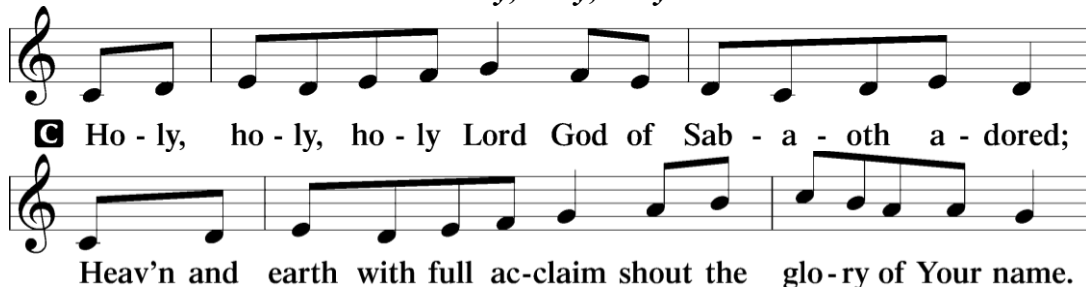
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS:**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:**

**Leader:** 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 + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: (Based on Ephesians 2:16)**

**Leader:** Through Your own blood dear Lord Jesus You have brought us, once far away, near to Yourself and Your Father.

**People:** Through this same gift Lord, enable us to be imitators of God and live a life of love, just as You loved us and gave Yourself for us. Amen.

+ *God Sends Us Forth for Lives of Love and Service* +

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

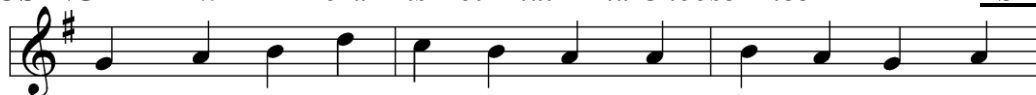
**THE BLESSING: (Based on Ephesians 3:20-21)**

**Leader:** Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory

in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!

People: Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN:**      *“Lord ‘Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee”*      **LSB 573**



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could  
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened  
△ 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be; For this heart would still re - fuse Thee Had Thy  
heart and mind; Else the world had yet en - thralled me, To Thy  
bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and



grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me  
heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee;  
King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,



Washed and cleansed and set me free And un - to this  
For Thy grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,  
Him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed



end or - dained me, That I ev - er live to Thee.  
if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.  
ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

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## **SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Preacher: Pastor Seth Moorman

Scripture Reader: Haley Ellis

Organist: Ankara Greenwood-Armstrong

Ushers: Jim Coontz and Mark Ruhl

Powerpoint Operator: Eleanor Blevins

## **PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING WAIVER**

When you enter a Holy Cross Lutheran Church worship service/event, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording may occur. Refer to posted signage dated 2021.

**We ask that as we return to a new normal,  
that people do their best and continue to be aware of social distancing.  
Facemasks are recommended in accordance with local, county & state guidelines.**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR TODAY'S SERMON OR PREVIOUS SERMONS AGAIN,** you can view them on our website at:

**<https://www.holycrosscypress.com/worship-bulletins/>**

## **Sermon Series**



In the Summer Worship Series, we go through the letter on liberty penned by St. Paul while in prison in Rome. Unity, Blessedness and our "chosen-ness" are all quintessential teachings in Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Yet, the text is ultimately a celebration of the spiritual liberty and freedom that belong to the people of God. In

Christ, by grace through faith, we have been set free from the powers of guilt, the grave and the guile of the evil one and we have been recreated in Christ to use our liberty in loving service to our Lord, one another, and the world for which He died.

### **For Your Summer Worship Preparation**

Jul 25<sup>th</sup> - Eph. 3:14-21

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> - Eph. 4:1-16

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> - Eph. 4:17-5:2

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> - Eph. 5:6-21

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> - Eph. 5:22-33

Aug 29<sup>th</sup> - Eph. 6:10-20

Sep 5<sup>th</sup> - Eph. 6:23-24

## **Support Holy Cross through Scrip!**

We have scrip that can be purchased for gifts as well as for your use all year long. Over 75 to choose from, including L.L. Bean, Landry's (Chart House, Saltgrass Steak House, Golden Nugget, Rainforest Café, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co), Lowe's, Macaroni Grill (On the Border, Maggiano's), McDonalds, Michael's, Mimi's Café, Mrs. Field's Cookies, Office Max, Outback Steakhouse and many more.

Just contact Liz Ruhl (**[mruhl7777@aol.com](mailto:mruhl7777@aol.com)**) or the Church Office.





### In Person Bible Discovery - Begins August 1st!

In the letter to the Hebrews we read, *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another, all the more."* (Hebrews 10:24-25).

The study of God's Word is an important discipline in the life of all believers and a core component of our spiritual formation as followers of Jesus. While the pandemic disrupted our regular Sunday morning spiritual formation opportunities, it is time once again to *"stir one another to love and good works."*

Please join us in person for a 50-minute session on the lessons of the day every Sunday morning. You have two opportunities for study every Sunday: 8:30 am at Bethany in the Parish Lounge and then the same teacher will head over to Holy Cross and lead the class at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall. **It all begins on August 1<sup>st</sup>.**



### COUCH CONVERSATIONS

Take some time this week with your family, or on your own, to have some couch conversations about our text and theme for worship: *Ephesians 2:11-22* ~ We continue our journey in Paul's letter to the Ephesians today. It is tempting to live in the past, to remember days gone by or to regret some decisions made. It is never good to live in the past. Paul reminds us about this when it comes to our lives in Christ.

- What are some the regrets you have about the past?
- How can living in the past cause problems in the present?
- What is our present reality in Christ? (See verses 14-18)
- What are some of the things that God has prepared you to do in the present?



### STAYCATION WITH JESUS

We've all spent a lot of time at home the past 18 months and while you might have been sick and tired of it, Scripture reminds us that there is no place like home, His home! This summer Bethany invites you to take a staycation with Jesus and learn what it means to be home with the Lord. **"Staycation with Jesus" will get you and your household talking, sharing, praying and playing together and don't worry, you won't have to stay home the whole week!** The fun begins **July 31st and goes through August 9th** and yes, Flat Jesus will be with you through it all. More information and a date for Bethany's website launch will be coming soon.



**Tuesday through Thursday (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)**  
 (Remember to wear a face mask upon entry to the Church Office.)

**- This week at Holy Cross Lutheran Church -**

Today	7/18	11:00 am	<b>Traditional Worship Service with HC</b>
Monday	7/19	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	7/20	10:00 am	MAC
		10:00 am - noon	Food Pantry
Wednesday	7/21		Note: S'more Stories hosted by Bethany Lutheran is taking a break on July 21st.
Thursday	7/22	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Salam Ministries
Friday	7/23		
Saturday	7/24	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	7/25	11:00 am	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>

**\*\*\*\* Any additional events require prior approval by the Leadership Board. \*\*\*\***



Pray for healing and recovery for those who have recently had an injury, surgery, been in the hospital, or are suffering from a medical condition.

To sign-up for altar flowers, please complete the "**Flower Chart for 2021**" form. The form with additional details and envelope is available in the Narthex and the Church Office. Cost is \$25.00 for flowers in advance, with check made payable to Holy Cross LWML.

