

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

2107 Three Oaks Rd, Cary, IL

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## Observing the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday

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OPENING HYMN

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made"

LSB 903

**This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own;  
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad and praise surround the throne.**

**Today he rose and left the dead, and Satan's empire fell;  
Today the saints His triumphs spread and all His wonders tell.**

**Hosanna to the anointed King, to David's holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring salvation from Your throne.**

**Blessed is He who comes to us with messages of grace;  
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us to save our fallen race.**

**Hosanna in the highest strains the Church on earth can raise.  
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns, shall give Him nobler praise.**

*Ps. 118:24-26; Matt. 21:9; Heb. 2:14-15*

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.** *Matt 28:19*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.** *1 Jn 1:8-9*

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.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Jn 1:12; Phil. 1:6*

C: **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! *Psalm 118:1;22-24*

### KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Luke 2:14; Jn 1:29*

*CANTOR: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.*

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim 4:22*

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 3:4-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA

**C: ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

**C: ♪ Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Praise to you, O Christ.**

APOSTLES’ CREED

**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!**

**God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares how we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood, your Baptism grants the highest good.**

**If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!**

*Jn 3:16; Titus 3:4-7; 2 Tim. 1:9; Matt 9:2*

SERMON: "Just A Rock?" *Matthew 21:33-46*

*This weekend we acknowledge the mission work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in our country and throughout the world. We join in supporting them by reciting their pledge:*

**In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: ♪ We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: ♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matt. 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might; heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and 10 drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## THE 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

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

C: ♪ Amen.

## AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

**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.**

## DISTRIBUTION

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“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

LSB 477

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled--  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil in confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty!**

*1 Cor. 15:54-57; Is.25:7-9; Rev. 21:4,2; 2 Tim. 1:10*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

**"Serve the Lord with Gladness!"**  
*Official Hymn of the LWML*

**"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone Who redeemed us sinners, guides us as His own  
To enjoy the blessings of His love and grace, will at last in glory meet us face to face.**

*Refrain:*

**Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.**

**"Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command to proclaim His Gospel now in every land  
So that fellow sinners may, like us, be blest. leading them to Jesus, we can serve Him best. *Refrain***

**"Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy than to serve the Master, work in His employ.  
As we build His kingdom angels, too, rejoice over every sinner brought to hear His voice. *Refrain***