

## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

2107 Three Oaks Rd, Cary, IL

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### Observing the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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OPENING HYMN

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

LSB 868

**Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice.**

**In conversation be sincere, thy conscience as the noon-day clear;  
Think how the all-seeing God thy ways and all thy secret thoughts surveys.**

**All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept and hast refreshed me while I slept;  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake, I may of endless light partake.**

**Lord, I my vows to Thee renew; disperse my sins as morning dew;  
Guard my first springs of thought and will and with Thyself my spirit fill.**

**Direct, control, suggest this day, all I design or do or say  
That all my pow'rs with all their might in Thy sole glory may unite.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Ps. 59:16-17; 108:1-2; 1 Cor. 10:31*

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

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

**C: Amen.**

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. *Heb. 10:22*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.** *Ps. 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Ps. 32:5*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve 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.**

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. *Jn 20:19-23*

**C: Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done; I ponder the work of Your hands. I stretch out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground! For Your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! 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. Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness! *Ps. 143:1-2, 5-6, 10-11*

KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

**Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

*Pastor:* Glory be to God on high:

**And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same 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: Zephaniah 1:7-16

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. On that day," declares the Lord, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.' Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

SONG

“The Heart of Worship”

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within from the way things appear You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about You, all about You, Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it when it's all about You, all about You, Jesus

King of endless worth no one could express how much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours ever'y single breath

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within from the way things appear You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about You, all about You, Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it when it's all about You, all about You, Jesus

I'll bring You more than a song, bring You more than a song, it's all about You  
(Repeat)

I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about You, all about You, Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it when it's all about You, all about You, Jesus

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who

had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, 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!**

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

LSB 508

**The day is surely drawing near when Jesus, God's anointed,  
In all His power shall appear as judge whom God appointed.  
Then fright shall banish idle mirth, and flames on flames shall ravage earth  
As Scripture long has warned us.**

**The final trumpet then shall sound and all the earth be shaken,  
And all who rest beneath the ground shall from their sleep awaken.  
But all who live will in that hour, by God's almighty, boundless pow'r,  
Be changed at His commanding.**

**The books are opened then to all, a record truly telling what each has done, both great and small,  
When he on earth was dwelling, and ev'ry heart be clearly seen,  
And all be known as they have been in thoughts and words and actions.**

**Then woe to those who scorned the Lord and sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised His precious Word and loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand and at the judge's stern command to Satan be delivered.**

**My Savior paid the debt I owe and for my sin was smitten; within the Book of Life I know  
My name has now been written. I will not doubt, for I am free, and Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!**

**May Christ our intercessor be and through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free with all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face, with all His saints in that blest place  
Which He has purchased for us.**

**O Jesus Christ, do not delay, but hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way in fear and tribulation. O hear and grant our fervent plea;  
Come, mighty judge, and make us free from death and ev'ry evil.**  
*Luke 21:25-36; Matt. 25:31-46; 8:20-22; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51-57*

SERMON

THE OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**  
*Ps. 51:10-12*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

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

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 with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He  
that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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 *John 1:29*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

SONG

“Revelation Song”

Worthy is the lamb who was slain. Holy, holy, is He. Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat  
(Repeat)

Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God almighty Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing, praise to the King of Kings You are my everything, and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be to You the only wise king

Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God almighty Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing, praise to the King of Kings You are my everything, and I will adore You

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of You name  
Jesus, Your name is power breath and living water such a marv'lous mystery

Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God almighty Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing, praise to the King of Kings You are my everything, and I will adore You

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, holy, holy is He

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C: and His mercy endureth forever.** *Ps. 107:1*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.** *2 Tim 4:22*

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.** *Ps. 103:1*

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: Amen, amen, amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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**God of grace and God of glory, on Your people pour Your power;  
Crown Your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Cure Your children's warring madness; bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving You whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.**

*Ps 80:14-19; 2 Tim. 1:7; Rom. 15:13; Luke 12:32*

†††TO GOD ALONE BE ALL GLORY†††