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Holy Cross Day

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*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community.
Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us today!*

Serving in God's house

Presiding Minister:

Rev. James Gajadhar

Readers:

Lennox Debra, Charles Kalhorn (9AM), Don Karnik (11AM)

Organist:

Doreen Leonard

Stand

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, see Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us calms the sinner's deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning to behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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.

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,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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 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.

P Upon this your confession, 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

The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

The LORD has made known his salvation;
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KYRIE

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4–9

☐ The Old Testament Reading for Holy Cross Day is from Numbers, chapter twenty-one.

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. 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.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 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. 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.” 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Isaiah 49, John 3

**“Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations,
and raise my signal to the peoples,” [says the Lord GOD.]
So must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

A The Epistle is from First Corinthians, chapter one.

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. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

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? 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. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20–33

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 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. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 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.

“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. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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Christ, the Life of All the Living

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- 1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver from the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, for Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, for Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, and shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

SERMON

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OFFERTORY

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore, we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed, and confirmed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:

C 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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AGNUS DEI

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NUNC DIMITTIS

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

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BENEDICTION

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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.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

The Royal Banners Forward Go

LSB 455 (tune of 426)

- 1 The royal banners forward go; the cross shows forth redemption's flow,
Where He, by whom our flesh was made, our ransom in His flesh has paid:
- 2 Where deep for us the spear was dyed, life's torrent rushing from His side,
To wash us in the precious flood where flowed the water and the blood.
- 3 Fulfilled is all that David told in sure prophetic song of old,
That God the nations' king should be and reign in triumph from the tree,
- 4 On whose hard arms, so widely flung, the weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of humankind to pay and spoil the spoiler of his prey.
- 5 O tree of beauty, tree most fair, ordained those holy limbs to bear:
Gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough proclaims the King of Glory now.
- △6 To Thee, eternal Three in One, let homage meet by all be done;
As by the cross Thou dost restore, so guide and keep us evermore.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen



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