



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • AUGUST 3, 2025

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Cross Lutheran Church

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*Indicates
congregation to stand
as comfortable.

Preaching/Presiding:
Rev. Scott Simmons

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Kenneth Kusiak

Organist:
Kenneth Kusiak

Livestream Producer:
Kelly Simmons

Lay Minister:
8/3 Phyllis Moser
8/10 Sherry Batterman

Assisting Minister:
8/3 Katie Erickson
8/10 Janice Neenan

Psalm:
8/3 Peter Brown
8/10 Katie Erickson

Ushers:
8/3 Sharon Crist and
Kirby Doughty Crist
8/10 Dan and Katie
Erickson

Altar Guild:
Mary Vatne and
Joann Nordrum

Coffee:
8/3 Sheree Kieffer and
Myrna Schultz
8/10 Diana Border and
Bonnie Dischinger

August Counters:
Sherry Batterman and
Duane Gudknecht

If you are interested in
serving coffee following
worship, please sign-up
on the bulletin board

If you would like to
provide flowers for
Sunday Worship, sign up
on the bulletin board in
the back of the narthex, or
contact the office.

GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

It Is Well with My Soul

Philip P. Bliss
arr. Mark Hayes

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**Merciful God, you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors
and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity, but we grow weary
in doing what is right.**

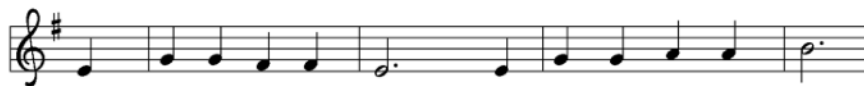
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.
 Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.
 You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
 In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
 your sins are forgiven.
 Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Amen.

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The **Kyrie** in Lutheran liturgy is a plea for mercy. Its name is derived from *Kyrie Eleison*, which in Koine Greek means "Lord, Have Mercy." Quite often, the Kyrie will include the phrase "Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison" which translated to English is "Lord, Have Mercy; Christ, Have Mercy; Lord, Have Mercy." The Kyrie typically occurs after the rite of Confession and Forgiveness or the Remembrance of Baptism at the beginning of worship.

The **Liturgy of Holy Communion**, which we celebrate every Sunday, is the principal form of Lutheran worship. Here, the Holy Spirit gathers us around the means of grace—the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.

The basic pattern of this liturgy—gathering, word, meal, sending—is a structure that allows for freedom and flexibility in the ways our worship may be shaped locally, while focusing on what the church holds in common. The whole people of God are joined by the same gifts of grace, for the sake of the same mission of the gospel, into the life of the one triune God.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you always.
And also with you.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy,
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth; shout together for joy,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*We gather around the
WORD in reading,
preaching, and song, as
we enter into the
steadfast love of God
as proclaimed through
Holy Scripture.*

PSALM 49:1-12



Hear this, ¹all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell ¹in the world,
you of high de- ¹gree and low,
rich and ¹poor together.
My mouth shall ¹speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on ¹understanding.
I will incline my ear ¹to a proverb
and set forth my riddle up- ¹on the harp. R
Why should I be afraid in ¹evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my ¹heels surrounds me,
the wickedness of those who put their trust in ¹their own prowess,
and boast of ¹their great riches?
One can never re- ¹deem another,
or give to God the ransom for an- ¹other's life;
for the ransom of a life ¹is so great
that there would never be e- ¹nough to pay it,

in order to live forev-¹ er and ever
and never¹ see the grave.

**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu-¹ pid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come¹ after them.**

Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places
from generation to¹ generation,
though they had named lands af-¹ ter themselves.

**Even though honored, they cannot¹ live forever;
they are like the¹ beasts that perish. R**

SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*GOSPEL

John 1:29

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you O, Lord.**

**The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"**

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ.

*For Lutherans, the
Gospel of Christ—the
Good News of what God
has done in Jesus —is
at the heart of our
public witness and
proclamation.*

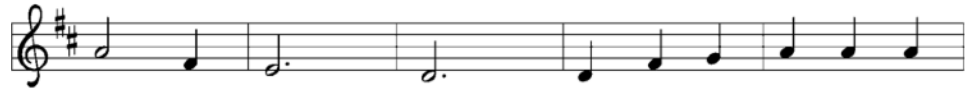
*This Good News is
received through the
Gospel accounts of the
apostles Matthew,
Mark, Luke, and John,
yes, but also in the
writings of Paul, John,
and Peter; in the
witnesses of the Old
Testament prophets;
the memories of the
people of Israel; and
through the poetry and
prose of Psalms,
Ecclesiastes, Proverbs
and others. The Gospel
is truly the Good News
of Christ proclaimed
from Genesis to
Revelation, whenever
and however it points
to God's loving,
redeeming, and
creative power in, with,
and through Jesus
Christ and by the Holy
Spirit. Good News
indeed.*

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week we pray for:
Marya, Sheree, baby
Hayden, Henry, Gabby and
baby Creed, Roman
Joseph, Ray and Clara,
Dawn, Brady, Richard,
Judy, Marv, Dottie,
BettyLu, Robin, Lonna,
Kelly, Steve, Joetta and
family, Rick, Pastor Brian,
Nick, Joshua, Dean and
Shirley

*We offer continued
prayers for Norm Sessing
and Matt Wickoren*

*If you have a name
to add or remove from this
prayer list, please contact
Jamie Gudknecht or
Pastor Scott.*

*APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God in Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayer.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY Andante con moto Johann Erasmus Kindermann

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS Create in Me a Clean Heart ELW188

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOGUE

*PREFACE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

OFFERING

We bring our offerings to God with grateful hearts, in confidence they will be used to support the work of the church both here and throughout the world.

In ELCA liturgy, the Offering is set within the context of the Meal, for it is here that we set the table with the fruits of our hands—financial offerings, yes, but also bread and wine which are products of human effort and gifts of our gracious God. It is from this table of blessing that God feeds us with the presence of Christ

In Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Christ's presence in bread and wine (the body and blood of Jesus) through the holy promise that this gift is "for you." All who desire to receive Christ's presence in, with, and through the wine and the bread are invited to this table.

We remember God's faithfulness to God's people and God's purposes.

All are invited to proclaim the words of institution along with the presiding pastor.

We give thanks and offer praise for the gifts of new life and redemption in the body and blood of Christ — which we receive in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.
Praise to you for your presence by the Spirit and your invitation
to share the sacred story:

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to
drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
 Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
 Breathe new life into us. Send us forth,
 burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With Matt, Norm, and your holy ones of all times and places,
 with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,
 we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

ELW461 — *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

ELW781 — *Children of the Heavenly Father*

DISTRIBUTION

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

***SONG OF THANKS Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise**

ELW207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Today we practice continuous communion using a pouring chalice as a common cup. Ushers will invite you to proceed up the aisle towards the pastor. Please offer cupped hands to receive the bread. Proceed to the cupbearer, select an empty cup and hold it for the lay minister to fill. Please recycle your cup in the basket provided and return via the side aisle.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please tell the pastor when you approach to receive the bread. Pre-filled grape juice cups are available in the silver tray.

Children who are not yet communing and others wishing not to commune may receive a blessing from the pastor. Please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

Individual sealed communion sets are also available at the sanctuary entrance.

ANOINTING *After communing, you may receive prayer and anointing with oil from the assisting minister in the narthex.*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and
proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always. Amen.

SENDING SONG

This is My Father's World

ELW824

*The Holy Spirit SENDS
us, restored and
refreshed in the Word
and the Meal, to share
the Good News.*



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato (Fughetta)

Gottlieb Muffat

COMMUNITY MARKET

25-26 Season Begins Wednesday, August 27, 3–6 pm
Set Up at 1:30 pm

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you will be volunteering. We will not have any school helpers for this first market due to the Open House. Last year we served 169 families. We will be busy! Pizza will also be provided (if food is your motivator). Thank you to everyone as we kick off another great year of helping our community!

John Glenn School Supply Time



School supplies are appearing in stores. Here's the John Glenn wish list. Thanks so much for your continued support!

Spiral Notebooks
Plastic two-pocket
folders
Colored Pencils
Glue Sticks
Expo Markers (Black)

Colored Markers
Highlighters
AAA Batteries
Pencils
Kleenex
Backpacks

TODAY AT CROSS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP Join us after worship for fellowship and coffee.

ADULT EDUCATION will not meet today

BELL CHOIR — Bell choir will not be having rehearsal on Thursday, August 7th. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 and will be rehearsing through September. Anyone who is interested in ringing or has questions, please contact Ken at worship@crosslutheranchurch.org.

TUESDAY, August 5th - Board of Lay Ministry Meeting - 4:00pm

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY is taking summer sabbath. Look for information about the return of bible study later in the year. .

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN RESULTS

Boxes: 98

Meals: 21,168

Kids fed daily meal for 1 year: 58

Cost: \$6,138.72

Thank you volunteers!

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Sunday, August 3

9:30am

Sunday Worship

10:30am

Coffee Fellowship

1:00 – 5:00pm

Promesa De Dios

5:00 – 9:00pm

Ebenezer Elim

Monday, August 4

Office Closed

Tuesday, August 5

1:00-5:30pm

Pastor Scott office by appt

4:00pm

Board of Lay Ministry

Wednesday, August 6

1:00-6:00pm

Pastor Scott office by appt

7:00–7:30pm

Adventista Septimo Dia

Thursday, August 7

11:30-2:30pm

Pastor Scott Office by apt

3:00-4:00pm

Worship at the Shores

Friday, August 8

1:00 - 6:00pm

Pastor Scott office by appt

7:00pm – 10:00pm

Ebenezer Elim

Saturday, August 9

9:00am – 1:00pm

Adventista Septimo Dia

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Cross Organ Practice

5:00 – 7:00pm

Adventista Septimo Dia

Sunday, August 10

9:30am

Sunday Worship

10:30am

Coffee Fellowship

11:00am

Adult Education

1:00-5:00pm

Promesa De Dios

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