

FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
**LENT**

April 5-6, 2025

# As We Gather

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS** is celebrated in accordance with the Lutheran confession that Christ's body and blood are truly given to us with the bread and wine to give forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Missouri-Synod Lutherans united with us in that confession are invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Others who desire to commune should first speak with a Pastor or an Elder.

- For those whose health or circumstance may require it, Holy Cross offers an alcohol-removed red wine (containing less than 0.5% alcohol) located in the center of each Communion tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to a Pastor or Elder before the service.
- If you want communion in the pew, please let an usher or Elder know before the service.
- Please do **not** stack the plastic communion cups in the baskets. Stacked cups hinder the rinsing process. Thank you.

**ATTENDANCE PADS:** We invite members and guests alike to take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. Please provide contact information if you are interested in membership or if you would like to be contacted by the church. After signing, please pass it to your neighbor and then return it to its spot by the aisle.

**LIVE-STREAMING of 8 AM SERVICE WEEKLY:** Holy Cross live streams the 8 AM service each Sunday on a link at our website ([hcross.com](http://hcross.com)). We provide this service for our members who cannot attend worship. The video perspective from the choir loft looks toward the altar and shows all aspects of the service from the sixth row of pews forward. This includes baptisms, children's talks, and communion.

## Prayers for Worship

### ***On entering a church***

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### ***Before worship***

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

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Divine Service, Setting One LSB 151  
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Prelude: In Christ Alone

Getty/Townend, arr. Jason Payne

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!

# Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.*

**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.**

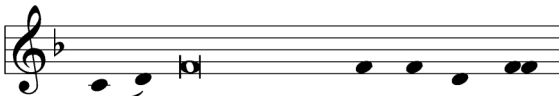
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

Kyrie

LSB 152



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



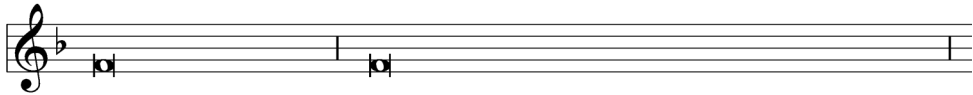
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



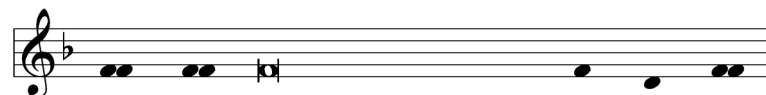
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

*Please sit*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 43.

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,

who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

<sup>18</sup>"Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor Me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to My chosen people,

<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for Myself  
that they might declare My praise."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle: Philippians 3:4b–14

**A** The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter 3.

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

<sup>5</sup>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; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>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 <sup>9</sup>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—<sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response: Give Me Jesus

*arr. Molly Ijames; Sunday*

In the morning when I rise,  
give me Jesus.

*Give me Jesus,  
Give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world;  
Give me Jesus.*

And when I am alone,  
give me Jesus.

And when I come to die,  
give me Jesus.

*- Traditional*

Verse of the Day: *Luke 20:17b*

*Please Stand*

**C** **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 20:9-20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent

him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" <sup>17</sup>But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone'?

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

<sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message—Sunday

*Please be seated*

Hymn of the Day: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -





own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!



*Refrain*  
On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

## Sermon

### Apostles' Creed

*Please stand*

**☩ 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.  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

*Additional petitions conclude:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Offering

*Please be seated*

*As offerings are gathered, please take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. If you are interested in membership, please provide a phone number or email address so that we may contact you.*

## Voluntary: Meditation on "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*Paul Fey*

## Offertory *LSB 159/Please Stand*



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

# Service of the Sacrament

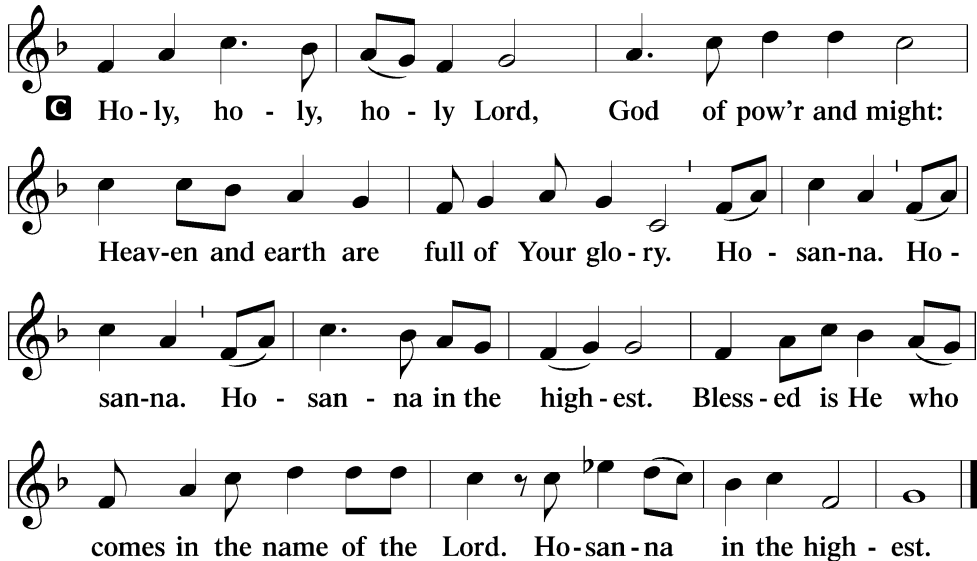
## Preface

LSB 160

- 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 at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Distribution

*Please be seated*

### Distribution Hymns

LSB 430: "My Song Is Love Unknown"

LSB 427: "In the Cross of Christ, I Glory"

LSB 560: "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

LSB 619: "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

## Dismissal

*Please stand*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postlude: Prelude in C Minor

Paul Fey

# Serving in God's House

April 5-6, 2025

Preacher		Pastor Andrew J. Gimbel
Director of Christian Education		Charity Smith
Director of Music		David Gilson
Musicians on Sunday		Adult Choir
Elder	5PM	Sol Conrad
	8AM	Don Wischmeyer
	10:45AM	Neal Menscher
Ushers	5PM	Bill Beck, Jerry Lancour
	8AM	Mike Vesper, Mark Ziolko
	10:45AM	Jennifer Reed
Greeters	3PM	Rick & Joy Wisa
	8AM	Dale & Karen Dusheke
	10:45AM	Kent & Janine Haffer, Karen Copper

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