

WHEREFORE SEEING WE ALSO ARE  
COMPASSED ABOUT WITH SO GREAT  
A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US  
LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT,  
AND THE SIN WHICH DOTHS SO  
EASILY BESET US, AND LET US  
**RUN WITH PATIENCE**

THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US,  
LOOKING UNTO JESUS  
THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF  
OUR FAITH; WHO FOR THE JOY  
THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM  
ENDURED THE CROSS,  
DESPISING THE SHAME,  
AND IS SET DOWN AT THE RIGHT  
HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.

*HEBREWS 12:1-2*



The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Stewardship I:  
Enduring Together — Communion of Saints  
July 12-13, 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.
- Individual Communion cups: Please do not stack the plastic communion cups in the baskets. Stacked cups stick together and hinder the rinsing process. Thanks for understanding!

**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.

### HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Those with hearing aids can now download and use a smartphone or tablet app that broadcasts the service to their hearing aids. (Bluetooth connection required)

#### **Step 1. Log in to the Guest Wi-Fi**

Network Name: **HC-Guest**

Password: **Romans1:16**

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# The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## Stewardship IV: Enduring Together—Communion of Saints

### July 12-13, 2025

OPENING HYMN: “Fight the Good Fight” LSB 664

PLEASE STAND

1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your  
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less  
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es

strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -  
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing  
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.  
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

## 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 for 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### INTROIT

PSALM 78:1-8

**P** Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

**C** **incline your ears to the words of my mouth!**

**P** I will open my mouth in a parable;

**C** **I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

**P** things that we have heard and known,

**C** **that our fathers have told us.**

**P** We will not hide them from their children,

**C** **but tell to the coming generation**

**P** the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might,

**C** **and the wonders that He has done.**

**P** He established a testimony in Jacob

**C** **and appointed a law in Israel,**

**P** which He commanded our fathers

**C** **to teach to their children,**

**P** that the next generation might know them,

**C** **the children yet unborn,**

**P** and arise and tell them to their children,

**C** **so that they should set their hope in God**

**P** and not forget the works of God,

**C** **but keep His commandments;**

**P** and that they should not be like their fathers,

**C** **a stubborn and rebellious generation,**

**P** a generation whose heart was not steadfast,

**C** **whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

**ALL: 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.**

**P** Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

**C** **incline your ears to the words of my mouth!**

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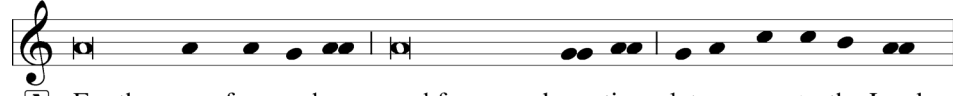
LSB 168



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



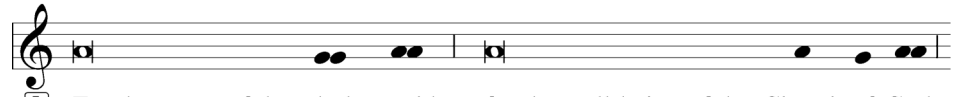
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



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



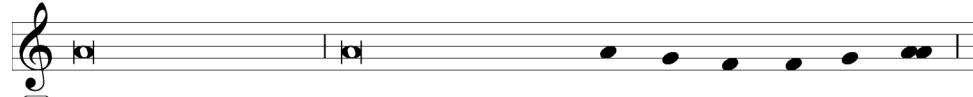
**A** For the peace of the whole world,      for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



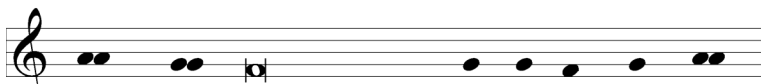
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 170



**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the



## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 6:4-15

PLEASE BE SEATED

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, chapter 6.

*"*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

<sup>10</sup>"And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, <sup>11</sup>and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, <sup>12</sup>then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>13</sup>It is the LORD your God you shall fear.

Him you shall serve and by His name you shall swear. <sup>14</sup>You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you, <sup>15</sup>for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God, lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and He destroy you from off the face of the earth."

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

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

EPISTLE: Hebrews 12:1-3

**A** The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 12.

**T**herefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

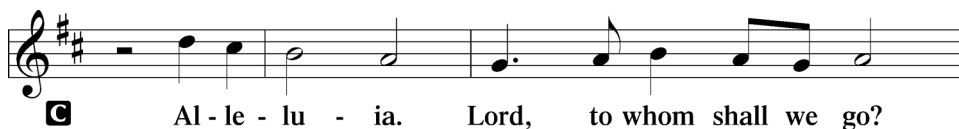
<sup>3</sup>Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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

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

ALLELUIA & VERSE LSB 173

PLEASE STAND



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



**T**hen [Jesus] said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the



Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNDAY: PLEASE SIT

HYMN OF THE DAY: “We Are Called to Stand Together”

LSB 828

SERMON

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PLEASE STAND

**■ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
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

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people  
according to their needs.

*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 SIT

*We ask that all worshipers 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.*

# Service of the Sacrament

## PREFACE

LSB 177/PLEASE STAND

- 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.**

## PROPER PREFACE

- 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 178

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r 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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 178

**P** 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 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.

**C Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 179

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

**C 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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

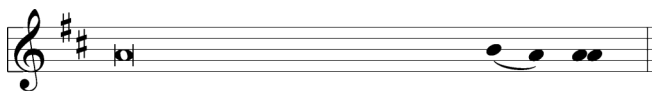
*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

# PEACE OF THE LORD

LSB 180



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI ~ "Lamb of God"

LSB 180



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

PLEASE SIT

*Please see notice on page 2.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

LSB 840 "Christ High Ascended, Now in Glory Seated"

LSB 861 "Christ Be My Leader"

LSB 837 "Lift High the Cross"

LSB 856 "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

# 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 ✠ in peace.

**G** Amen.

# THANK THE LORD

LSB 181



**G** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-



es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# 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.



**G** A - men.

# BENEDICTION

LSB 183

- 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 ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: "For All the Saints"

LSB 677, sts. 1-4, 8



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,  
4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy  
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And  
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet  
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!  
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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grows disciples  
and transforms hearts  
for Christ.

## Serving in God's House Today, July 12-13, 2025

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Liturgist		Pastor Jason P. Kohm
Organist		Andy Goodman
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	Sunday, 8AM	Don Wischmeyer, Joe Snyder
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Neal Menscher
Ushers	Saturday, 5PM	Refer to Elder
	Sunday, 8AM	Mark Ziolk
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