

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 27-28, 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.

- •Those receiving communion have the choice of the common cup or the individual cup.
- •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 service.
- •Place individual communion cups in the baskets without stacking them.

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). 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

You will be prompted to join the "HC-Guest" Wi-Fi network

Step 2. Download the ListenWIFI App

Search your device's app store for the **ListenWIFI** app by Listen Technologies

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 23-24, 2025

Preludes: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Jacob Weber

Gabriel Fauré, arr. Alain Brunet

In Paradisum

Confession and Absolution



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

- In the name of the Father and of the 4 Son and of the Holy Spirit. P
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. C
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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 4- Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie LSB 204 Christ, have mer-cy; C Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cv.

Gloria in Excelsis



LSB 204

- - 2 To You, O sole-be got ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray;
 - 3 For You a lone are ho - ly; You on - ly the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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: Amos 6:1-7

Please Sit

A The Old Testament Reading for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Amos, chapter 6.

oe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations.

to whom the house of Israel comes!

²Pass over to Calneh, and see,

and from there go to Hamath the great;

then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?

Or is their territory areater than your territory.

³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence?

4"Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock

and calves from the midst of the stall,

5who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp

and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

6who drink wine in bowls

and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 Sunday

The liturgist sings parts marked "A"; the congregation sings parts marked "C"

A Antiphon

Antiphon



A It is the LORD who preserves fidelity forever, who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD who sets prisoners free.

Antiphon

The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind, the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the LORD who loves the just, the LORD who protects the stranger.

Antiphon

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The LORD will reign forever, the God of Zion, from age to age.

Antiphon

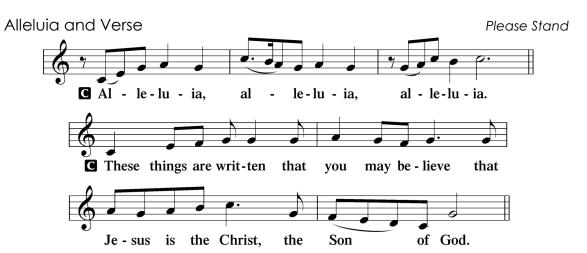
Epistle: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

A The Epistle is from First Timothy, chapter 3.

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.





Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

1 esus said: 1 "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' 25But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them. lest they also come into this place of torment.' 29But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.""

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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 alorified. 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.

Children's Message

Sunday/Please be seated

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

PLEASE STAND

- 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,
- Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- 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 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.

Handbell Voluntary: Bwana Awabariki (May God Grant You a Blessing)

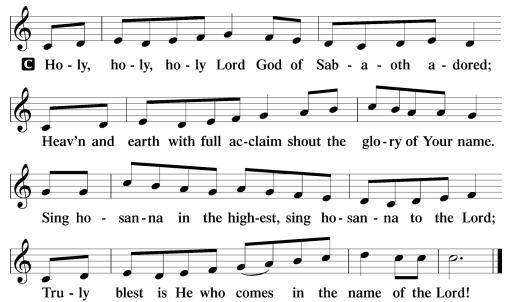
arr. Susan T. Nelson; Sunday

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface LSB 208 PLEASE STAND

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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 LSB 208



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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9–13)

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

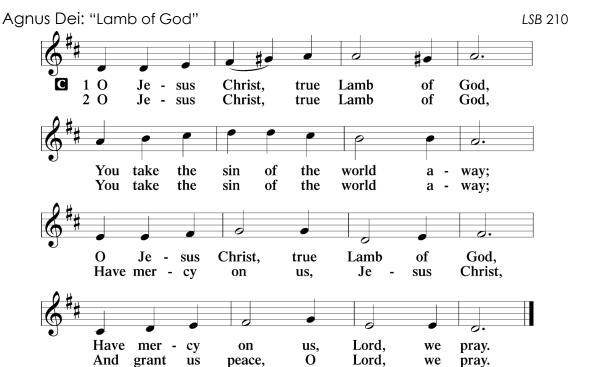
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini — The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.



Distribution PLEASE SIT

Distribution Hymns:

LSB 663 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" LSB 798 "The God of Abraham Praise" LSB 695 "Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels"

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.

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.

G Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction

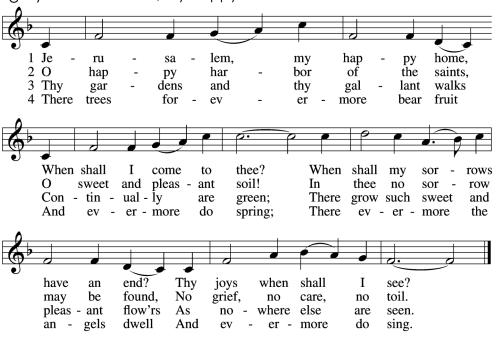
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

G Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" see next page

Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postlude: Yigdal Steven Wente



- 5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand; And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church & Preschool

8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway O'Fallon, MO 63366

(636) 272-4505 + www.hcross.com + Email: secretary@hcross.com

Pastoral Team: Rev. Andrew J. Gimbel. Rev. Jason P. Kohm
Director of Christian Education: Charity Smith
Director of Music: David Gilson
Preschool Director: Dani Richardson

With the help of God, Holy Cross Lutheran Church grows disciples and transforms hearts for Christ.

Serving in God's House Today, September 27-28, 2025		
Preacher		Pastor Jason Kohm
Liturgist		Pastor Andrew J. Gimbel Seminarian Jacob Bode
Director of Music		David Gilson
Handbells		Bell Choir
Director of Christian Education		Charity Smith
Elders	Saturday, 5PM	Sol Conrad, Ralph Erickson
	Sunday, 8AM	Mike Claxton
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Bruce Richardson
Ushers	Saturday, 5PM	Jerry Lancour
	Sunday, 8AM	Mike Vesper, Terry Hardy
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Refer to Elder

Acknowledgments

COVER: Cover: The Rich Man and Lazarus by Milburn Cockrell

https://i.gr-assets.com/images/S/compressed.photo.goodreads.com/books/1579985750I/50655675.jpg Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.

Page 6: Psalm 146: Tune: Michel Guimont; Richard Proulx

Tune: © 2011 GIA Publications, Inc., agent; © 1975 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: OneLicense.Net no. A-741023