

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH –ELCA  
8:30 AM CST Traditional Worship  
Sunday, August 14, 2022  
10th Sunday after Pentecost  
ACS Holy Communion Setting 12

*Please email your Prayers Requests to  
Carrie at [Office@holycrosselca.com](mailto:Office@holycrosselca.com)  
To be lifted during Prayer Time the following week*

**GATHERING** The Holy Spirit calls us together  
as the people of God

**Meditation Music**

**We Place Upon your Table Lord** (Distress)  
arr George Shearing

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS –**  
Worship Asst.



**PRELUDE** *Christ Is the Life* (Kingsfold) from Praise and Thanksgiving, Hymn Improvisations Set 8  
arr. by Michael Burkhardt *Come Join the Dance of Trinity*

**CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS** *All may make the sign of the cross.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>+</sup> one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**  
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors. **Amen.**

Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of <sup>+</sup> Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG - ELW #813 *Faith of Our Fathers* (with alternate text)**  
**OneLicense #84095**

## Faith of Our Fathers

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is  
3 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -  
4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,  
pres - sion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,  
fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross

*Refrain*

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,  
mak - ing love known and free - dom real. Faith of our moth - ers,  
the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright. Faith for to - day, O  
un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.  
ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.  
liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.  
liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.

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## 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.**

## SONG OF PRAISE ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL: TODA LA TIERRA (ELW 266 – VERSES 1 & 3)

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### All Earth Is Hopeful *Toda la tierra*



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

**Psalm 82:** Read Responsively by Worship Asst. and **ALL [in BOLD]**

<sup>1</sup>God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

<sup>2</sup> **“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah**

<sup>3</sup> Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

<sup>4</sup> **Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**

<sup>5</sup> They have neither knowledge nor understanding;

they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup> **I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;**

<sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince.”

<sup>8</sup> **Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 29-40 – 12: 1-2** Read by Worship Asst.

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance. The faith of the Hebrew people, a great cloud of witnesses!*

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**GOSPEL - LUKE 12: 49 – 56** *Jesus brings fire on earth and has a baptism with which to be baptized* Read by Rev. Bill

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Word of God! **Word of Life!**

**SERMON MESSAGES for Summer - First, Gathering with the Kids**  
**"The BLESSING of the BACKPACKS!"**

**SUMMER – PART 3: Given our history with ancestors who were 'Pillars of Faith' –**

***What can we learn from their trust in things not seen?***

***The Eyes of Faith* – Retired Rev. Bill**

***Silence for reflection follows the sermon.***

**CREED (ELW p. 104) *The 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** Read by the Worship Asst.

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth.

Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination and all people discriminated against based on their ableness, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain friends and family of Holy Cross. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. Today we especially pray for....

**Dot Bangert,**

**Keith DeCamp,**

**Myron Holm** (now in Rehab back at LaClede Groves),

**Marian Newport,**

**Adam Jackson,**

**Leah Leimbach**

**Betty Kent,**

**Preben Christensen,**

**Sionie Elavsky,**

**Debbie**(auto immune condition, Renate's friend),

**Merry Franklin** (hospitalized, facing possible surgery),

**Prayers of Thanksgiving for Debi** (Kasten's niece, whose tests now show 'no cancer'),

**Steve Kuhlman** (is home after being hospitalized for tests),

**All ELCA Participants and Voting Members for Church-wide Assembly in Columbus, Ohio this week** (pray for the Lord's discernment and work to live out God's Kingdom, safety and protection when traveling home),

**The family of Tim and Linda Tyahla** (Tim Tyahla's Mother and Aunt passed away and their Memorials Services & Burials are being held this weekend. Linda Tyahla's Aunt, Sue Townsend, passed last weekend.)

**Those that have tested positive for Covid,**

**Prayers of peace for the people in Ukraine and surrounding areas.**

In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Other intercessions may be offered today through email or requests by Rev. Bill*

*Pastor Bill:* Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

**PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. The assembly is seated.*

**MEAL** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

### **OFFERING**

*Please continue to offer to Holy Cross what you desire to give to God through*

- *E-giving pledge through Vanco online*
- *Send your check directly to Holy Cross at 13014 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur, MO 63141*
- *Go to our Website & hit "DONATE NOW" <http://www.holycrosselca.com/site/cs/links.asp>*
  - *NOTE – FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN "FEED THE NEED" IS AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE DONATION NOW.*

*The presiding minister instructs those communing at home to gather their bread / cracker / wine/ grape juice elements to hold up during the Words of Institution*

**OFFERTORY** *Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness* (Ebenezer)

from Ten Choral Improvisations Set VIII arr. by Paul Manz

**OFFERING PRAYER** Led by Worship Asst.

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

With all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ACS p. 37)

Holy God, mighty and merciful,  
your people praise you, saying:  
Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,  
granting them life and calling them to flourish,  
setting the sign of your bow in the clouds,  
the colors of your love and faithfulness.  
Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old,  
blessing them with family outnumbering the stars  
and calling them to be a blessing to others,  
showing them steadfast love in every generation  
and calling them to be a light to the nations.  
Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved,  
grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love

**[Please Hold Up Your Communion Elements / Fellowship Cups]**

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember his life laid down and lifted up  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless us to be a blessing.  
Make us a sign of your faithfulness.  
Send us to tend and cherish the earth  
and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus,  
in your Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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 ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for Home Communion.*

**COMMUNION** *When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond* Amen. *The ministers communes after others commune.*

*Blessing is given to those not communing today. (+)*

## COMMUNION SONG ELW # 626 *By Gracious Powers*

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### By Gracious Powers



1 By gra - cious pow'rs so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,  
2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,  
3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming  
4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us  
5 By gra - cious pow'rs so faith - ful - ly pro - tect - ed,

and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,  
still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;  
with bit - ter suf - f'ring, hard to un - der - stand,  
the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,  
so qui - et - ly, so won - der - ful - ly near,

we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,  
oh, give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,  
we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling  
we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through  
we live each day in hope, with you be - side us,

and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.  
for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.  
out of so good and so be - loved a hand.  
and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.  
and go with you through ev - 'ry com - ing year.

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Led by the Worship Asst.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

**SENDING** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

**BLESSING** *The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing*

The God of peace, Father, <sup>☩</sup> Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life  
this day and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** ELW # 536 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* [NEXT PAGE->]  
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**DISMISSAL** Led by Worship Asst.

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Postlude on Lead On O King Eternal* (Lancashire)

from *Jubilation, Eight Festive Postludes for Organ* arr. by Jason D. Payne

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**WE ARE GRATEFUL!**

**Worship Assistants:** Early- Mary Bailey / Late-Tim Tyahla

**Singer:** Linda

**Organist:** Jack Hamill

**Praise Band:** Dave Reinking, Brandon Clay, Marty Little, Jason Cooper, and Matt Davis

**AV/Camera Volunteers/Media Shout:** Donovan Lucas, Philip Paul, Dave Ristau, Jane Ristau,  
Marcus Benson, Carrie Curnutt

**Deacons:** Early - John Hanson / Late- Donna Jackson **Usher:** Early- Dee Morin & Bob Morin

**Flowers donated by:** Robert Kent in memory of Lisa

## God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we  
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we  
till we meet, till we meet, till we  
till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

meet a - gain,

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