

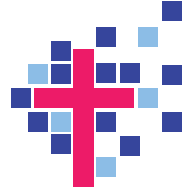
Thirteenth  
Sunday after  
PENTECOST



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## Welcome to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

*By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to:  
Worship God, Grow in faith, Share the Gospel, Serve others, Welcome all*



*The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

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WELCOME

Pastor Dave Thomas

PRELUDE

Dean Robinson, organist

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*Trio – Josef Rheinberger*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.  
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

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*Come Follow Me, the Savior Spake*

1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my way a -  
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -  
 3 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul's sal -  
 4 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -

bid - ing; de - ny your - selves, the world for - sake, o -  
 play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I  
 va - tion; from ev - 'ry guile your heart I free, from  
 point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in

bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -  
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the

e'er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide."  
 well I show how you should so - journ here be - low."  
 of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat - tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

GREETING

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

KYRIE

ELW Holy Communion: Setting Nine

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



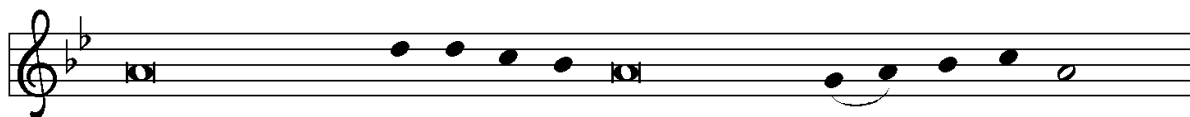
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of

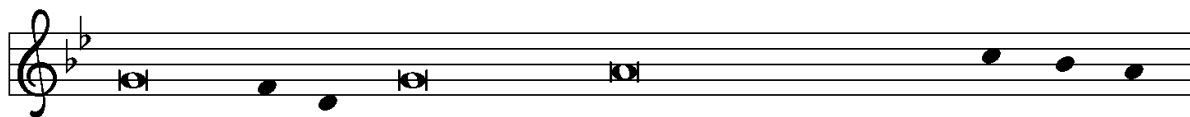


God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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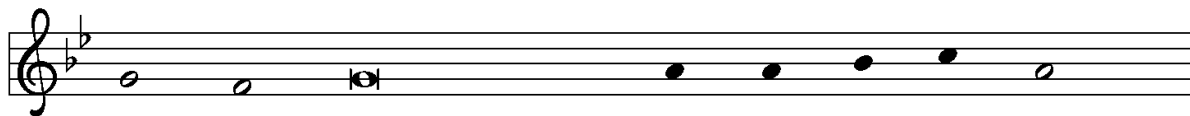
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



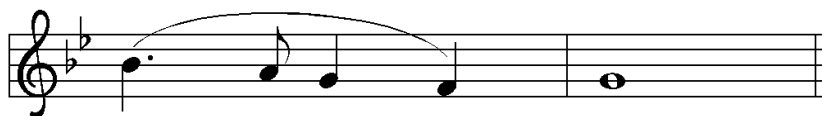
praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



**A - men.**

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## CANTICLE

## ELW Holy Communion: Setting Nine

*Glory to God*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



2 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.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
A - men, a - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## THE FIRST LESSON

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### *Jeremiah 15:15-21 (NRSV)*

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

L A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name,  
O Lord, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

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THE PSALM

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*Psalm 26:1-8 (NRSV)**Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived | with integrity;  
I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O | Lord, and try me;**  
**examine my heart | and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;  
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat | with the worthless,**  
**nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of | evildoers;  
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O Lord,**  
**that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**Lord, I love the house in | which you dwell**  
**and the place where your glo- | ry abides.**

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**THE SECOND LESSON**

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*Romans 12:9-21 (NRSV)*

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

**L** A reading from Romans.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

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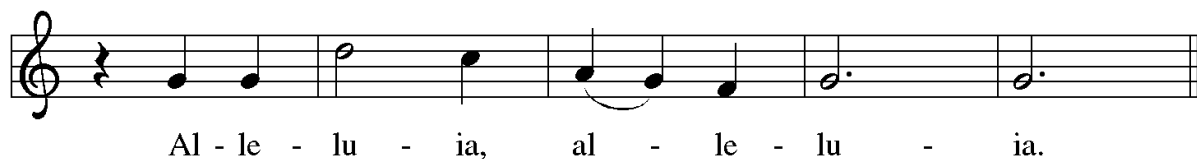
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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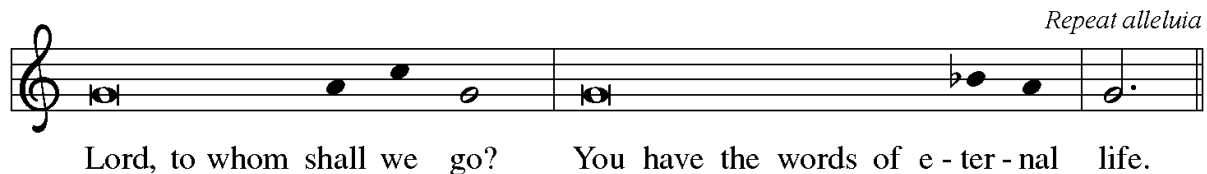
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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



*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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THE GOSPEL

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*Matthew 16:21-28 (NRSV)*

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”*

P The Holy Gospel as recorded in St. Matthew the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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SERMON

Pastor Dave Thomas

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*A Rocky Turn of Events*

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*Take Up Your Cross the Savior Said*

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;  
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;  
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;  
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,  
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,  
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross  
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 to save your soul from death and hell.  
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends, "Lord, in your mercy."

To which the congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer.**"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Dean Robinson, organist

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*Vater unser im Himmelreich – Johann Krieger*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P May God Creator bless you and keep you.  
May Christ be ever light for your life.  
May the Spirit of Love be your guide and your path for all of your days.  
In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.  
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

SENT TO SERVE

P Jesus said, "As I have been sent, so also I send you."

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**C** **Worship God,**  
**Grow in Faith,**  
**Share the Gospel,**  
**Serve Others,**  
**Welcome All. — Thanks be to God!**

