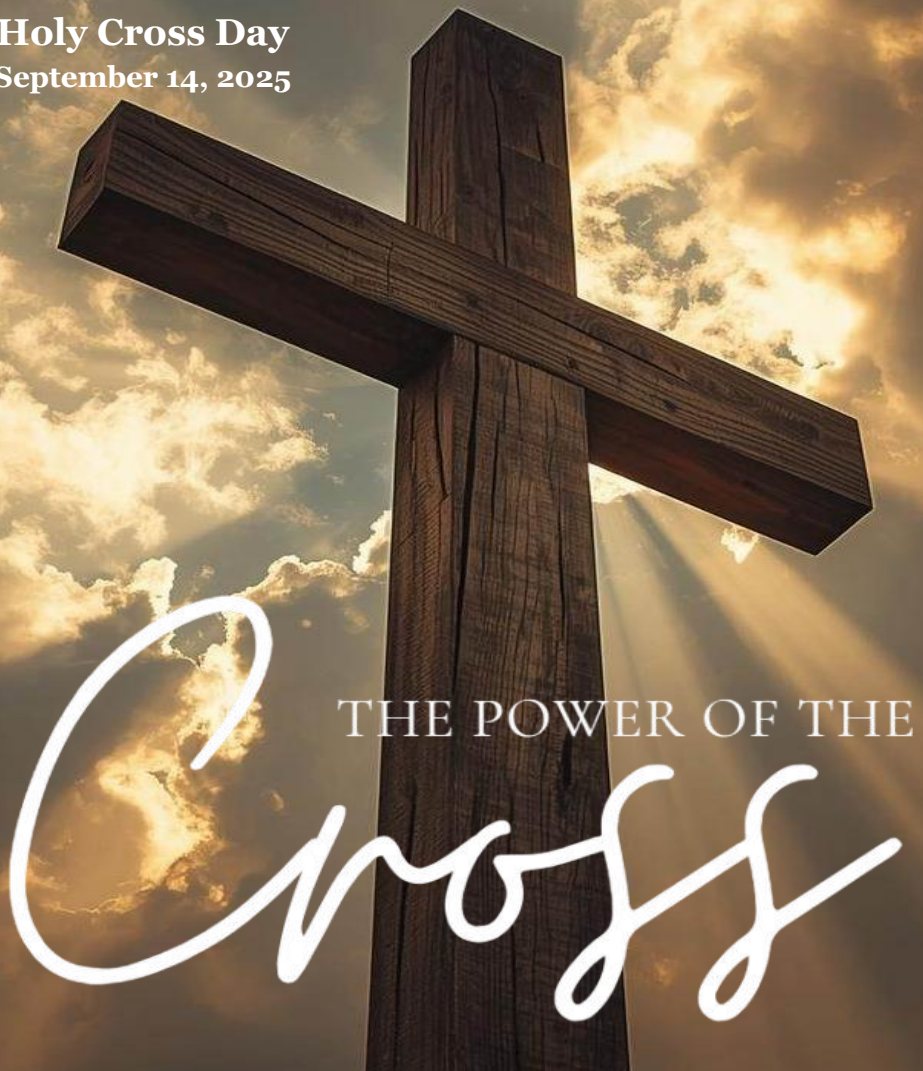


Holy Cross Day
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Immanuel Lutheran Church



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The Healing Presence of God
And Christ Jesus
With us and with the world***



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When we celebrate Holy Communion, we are eating and drinking the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because the Bible says it is possible for someone to eat and drink to their harm if their understanding of the sacrament is lacking, we ask our visitors to speak with our Pastor before communing here for the first time. Ask an usher to help you find our Pastor before the service begins or call during the week.

WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE – *We share a brief greeting of the Lord's peace with those around us.*

Please stand and face the processional cross...

OPENING HYMN “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*” **LSB 425**

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

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.

INTROIT

P The LORD has made known his salvation;

C he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

C His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

P With trumpets and the sound of the horn

C make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

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.

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.

P 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.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE – “*Gloria in Excelsis*”



A Glory to God in the highest, 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 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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated...

OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 21:4-9

L The Old Testament for Holy Cross Day is from Numbers, chapter twenty-one.

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

L The Epistle is from First Corinthians, chapter one.

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For

Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

by Sue Heidle

CHOIR – “Hallelujah for the Cross”

Please stand...

ALLELUIA

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

L The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks.

²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and

heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

[L] This is the Gospel of the Lord.



[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated...

HYMN OF THE DAY “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” **LSB 454**
Please stand for the final stanza

Please be seated...

SERMON

HYMN – “The Old Rugged Cross”

- 1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain. *Refrain*

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

- 2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*
- 3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain*
- 4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
here his glory forever I'll share. *Refrain*

Please stand...

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

Please stand...

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the hospitalized: none known

We pray for strength and healing for: Mike Heidle, John and Ruth Roderick, Bev Page, Jensen Shutes, Dawn Campbell, Linda Pasquale, Rosalie Finet, Kyla Culotti, Rosemary Burmeister, Leslie Van Camp Stone, Del Krueger, Margie Souza, Dan Rull, Darlene Collins, Paul Teegarden, Earl Lackey, Dan Burmeister, Richard Wahlfeldt, Heather Christensen, Martha Elliott, Angie Lucas, Charlotte Schendel, Walter Harbison, Harvey Heerssen, Ethan Darby, Justin Fleming, Kevin Mixter, Jim Souza, Gregg Sacotnik, Joyce Owens, Joan Fleming, Linda Grinestaff, Jason Toms, Gabby Reynolds, Rodger Burgin, Toby Ceader, Sarah Koester, Tom Reese, Dottie Kliner, Mary Seifrig, Bruce Garrison, Carol Schafer, Tamara Fisher, Marilina Hutchison, Sarah and Patty Calderon, Keri Blankenbeckler, Jason Dawson, Judy Berg, Mike & Linda Borgward, Eric Wittmann, Kathy Howey, & Frank Hutnicke.

Please be seated...

OFFERING

Please stand...

OFFERTORY



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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

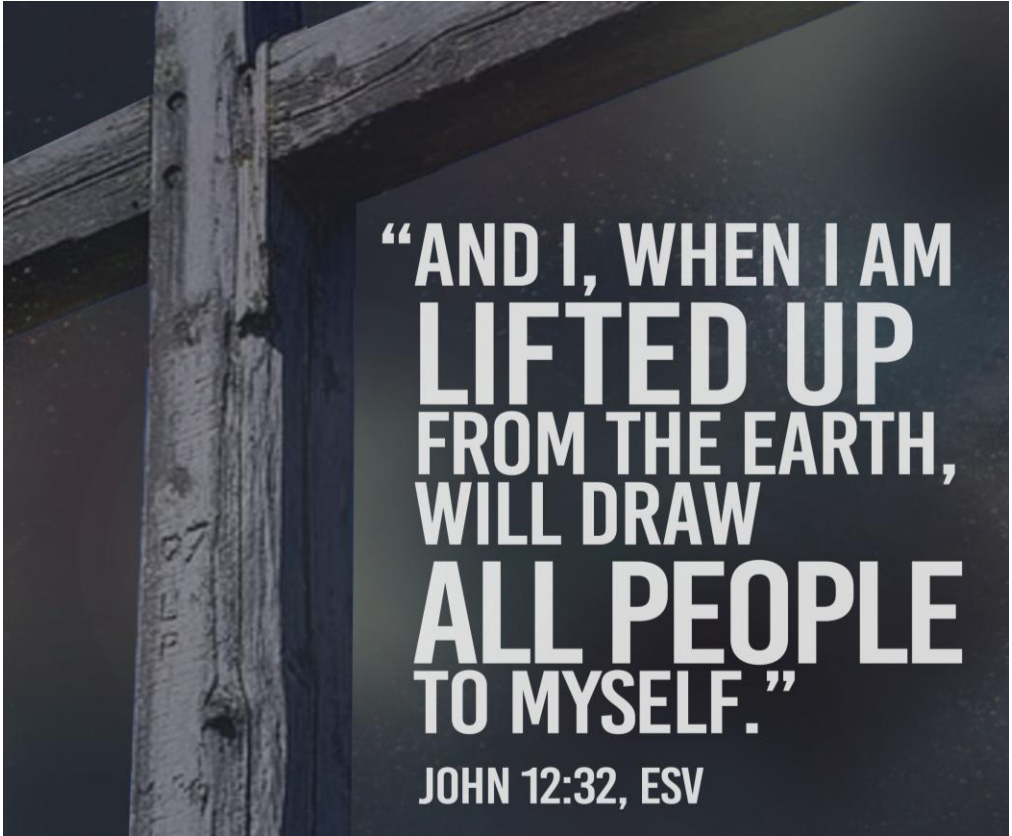
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN “*The Head That Once Was Crowned...*” **LSB 532**

POSTLUDE



**“AND I, WHEN I AM
LIFTED UP
FROM THE EARTH,
WILL DRAW
ALL PEOPLE
TO MYSELF.”**

JOHN 12:32, ESV



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