

# HOLY CROSS DAY

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

# **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## ***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 10 (PAGES 203-209)***

*The **liturgy** is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.  
The **hymns** begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

### **PRELUDE**

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper,  
and our keeper.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence  
of God and of one another.

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy.  
We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away  
from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.  
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been  
found. Amen.**

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ  
came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been  
found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: **Amen.**

### **HYMN #324 "IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY"**

### **GREETING (PAGE 138)**

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

C: **And also with you.**

**KYRIE [PAGE 203]**

♪ Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may  
begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE [PAGE 204]**

♪ Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...now and forever.*)

**C: Amen**

**READINGS**

**NUMBERS 21:4B-9 | PSALM 98:1-4 | 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-24**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

♪ Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring. ♪

**GOSPEL JOHN 3:13-17**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**YOUTH SERMON** – Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

**SERMON** – Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

**HYMN #342 “THERE IN GOD’S GARDEN”**

## ***Holy Baptism***

### **PRESENTATION**

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*Sponsors:* We present Tate to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: Andrew and Mikaela, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Tate baptized into Christ?

*Parents' Response:* We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Mikaela and Andrew, do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents' response:* We do.

P: Katie and Kyle, do you promise to nurture Tate in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors' response:* We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Tate and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: We renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: We renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you away from God?

**C: We renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father, almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P: The Lord be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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, and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

P: Tate Paul, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and  
the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth,  
cleanse them from sin and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Tate with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of  
wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the  
spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in  
your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Tate Paul child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit  
and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

Congregation Representative: Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in  
heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we  
share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and  
bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **HYMN #732 "BORNING CRY"**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the  
world, and all in need.

*(A brief silence)*

*(Each petition ends: P: God of grace, C: receive our prayer.)*

P: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus  
Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

## **PEACE (PAGE 143)**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.)*

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

**C: Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING (PAGE 144)**

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 our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE [PAGE 207]**

P: It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

**C:       ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
              heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER (PAGE 145)**

**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.**

## ***HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED TODAY***

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

**♪ O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

### **HYMN #805 "LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL"**

#### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

#### **POST-COMMUNION HYMN (HYMN #820)**

**♪ O Savior, precious Savior,  
whom yet unseen, we love;  
O name of might and favor,  
all other names above:  
we worship thee; we bless thee,  
to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee,  
our holy Lord and King.**

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray. (*concluding...Jesus Christ our Lord.*)

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **HYMN #803 “WHEN I SURVIVE THE WONDROUS CROSS”**

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Those to keep in prayer:** Karen Hogan, Lydia Szelag, Mallory Bousselot, Cathy Goddard, Margaret Travaille, the homebound: Carol Christensen, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, Vera St. John, and Bus Seastrand; and those serving in the military, Andrew Grau.

**This morning through Holy Baptism,** Tate Paul Rock, child of Andrew and Mikaela Rock, will be received into the family of God and the membership of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. His sponsors are Katie and Kyle Forret.

**Pastor:** Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

**Organist:** Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman

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**This Week At a Glance**  
**September 14, 2025**

Monday,  
September 15<sup>th</sup>  
&  
Tuesday,  
September 16<sup>th</sup>

Church Office Closed  
(Pastor will be in office)

Wednesday,

September 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am  
6:00 pm  
7:00 pm

Naomi Circle at Marsha's home  
Confirmation at Faith  
Bible Jam at Faith

Sunday,

September 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 am  
9:30 am  
10:30 am

Worship at Faith  
Sunday School at Our Savior's  
Worship at Our Savior's  
Noisy Offering

Monday,  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>

October newsletter items are due.

## **Announcements**

### **Feeding the Children**

The Christian Outreach Committee is now collecting food for the “Feed the Children” project. Items can be placed in the grocery cart at Faith and at the back of the church at Our Savior’s. The sign-up sheet is located on the table by the church office at Faith. Please email or call Pastor Leah or Nicole to sign up. **Months still available for Feeding the Children are April and May 2026.**

### **Confirmation and Bible Jam**

Confirmation classes are at Faith on Wednesday’s at 6:00 pm and Bible Jam is at 7:00 pm at Faith. All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to Faith for food, fellowship and fun following confirmation classes.

### **St. Paul’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual FALL FEST**

St. Paul’s in Wheatland will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual FALL FEST at the Wheatland City Park on September 28, 2025 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Vendors, Basket Raffle, Flynn Reptiles, Kids Games, Activities and MORE! Food Trucks – Big D’s Lil’ Donuts & Q.C. Fork in the Road.

### **Camp Ewalu’s 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Auction**

Camp Ewalu 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Auction will be held on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Ewalu, 3 miles west of Strawberry Point. FREE admission and family fun all day! All are welcome for music, food & fellowship! Additional information is posted at Faith and Our Savior’s church.

## Announcements

### Care packages for military in the Middle East

Looking for items for care packages for the military in the Middle East. If you are interested in donating items, please drop off items to the church office. The deployment care package wish lists is as follows: Handwritten notes, disinfecting wipes, instant mashed potatoes, peanut butter cups to go/nutella, microwave rice, ramen noodle cups & packages, instant oatmeal packets, freeze dried fruit, individual bags of trail mix and fruit snacks, packets of tuna and chicken, RX protein bars, water flavored/Gatorade/protein drink packets, hot chocolate packets, seasonings, and mouse traps.

### **Parental Leave Information**

While Pastor Leah is on Parental Leave please contact the following Pastors.

**Pastor Dennis Rodenberg** will cover all emergencies and funerals, if he is unavailable **Pastor Roberta** can be contacted as a back up to Pastor Dennis Rodenberg.

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