

*In order that
the world
might be saved
through him*

JOHN 3:17

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Holy Cross Day

September 13 & 14, 2025

Welcome to Worship!

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The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of ***Holy Communion*** and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need ***communed in the pew***.

A ***large print copy*** of our worship service and ***wireless sound enhancers*** are available in the front narthex.



Holy Cross Day September 13 & 14, 2025

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM;
Livestream @www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

Service of Holy Communion (ELW Setting 1)

This festival, which originated in the fourth century, celebrates the triumph of the cross. Paul reminds us that Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift high the cross as the sign of our health and salvation. Each time we make the sign of the cross we remember our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.

*The prelude is a signal to end our conversation and
prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

(at the end of the bell peal, please stand and face the entrance of the church, or remain seated as your are comfortable)

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(please kneel or remain seated as you are comfortable)

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *(please turn and follow the cross in procession)*

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

ELW #324

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.

Hymn of Praise

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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.

(continued)

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.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(please be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Message

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

Even though God had miraculously freed them from slavery in Egypt, the Israelites complained bitterly during their wandering in the desert. The cure for the curse which follows this particular complaint is a remarkable one – the Israelites are saved by the display of a representation of their suffering. In today's Gospel reading Jesus compares his own crucifixion to this cure.

[From Mount Hor the Israelites set out,] ^{4b} but the people became discouraged on the way. ⁵ 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 detest this miserable food.” ⁶ Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98:1-4 (Leader/Assembly: Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung)

Holy Cross Day, like Good Friday, provides us with a chance to be grateful for the victory of the cross. This psalm, paraphrased as “Joy to the World,” reminds us that “He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.”

- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.
- ² **O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations.**
- ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.
- ⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Rather than rely on rhetoric or the sort of wisdom or power which people expect, Paul focuses his preaching on the strange, even offensive news of a God willing to be executed in the most shameful way possible.

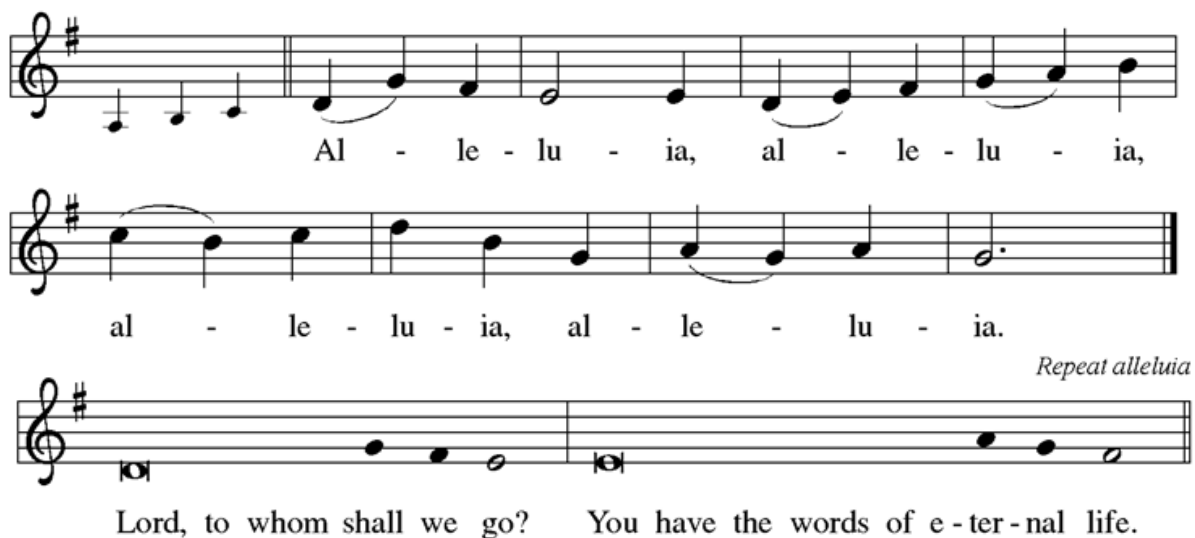
¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(please stand to welcome the Gospel or remain seated as you are comfortable)

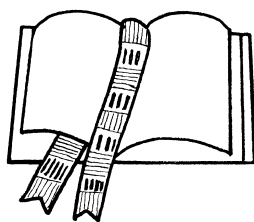


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

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.



Gospel: John 3:13-17

Nicodemus, a religious leader, arranges to meet Jesus in secret, and Jesus hints at his crucifixion as the culmination and seal of his mission in the world.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹³ “No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Jason Felici

Hymn of the Day *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW #660

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 (*please kneel or sit as you are comfortable*)

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

The Peace *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

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

(share God's peace with one another and then be seated)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Gathering of Gifts

◆ *As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports our Music Ministry- vocal and bell choirs, our Director of Music, substitute musicians, and special music. The music ministry of Trinity invites people to participate in the beauty of worship and the proclamation of the Word.*



*If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online.
You may then place a giving card from the pew
in the offering plate as it passes by.*

Anthem

“God So Loved the World”

Horman

Choir

Offertory *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

ELW #691



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



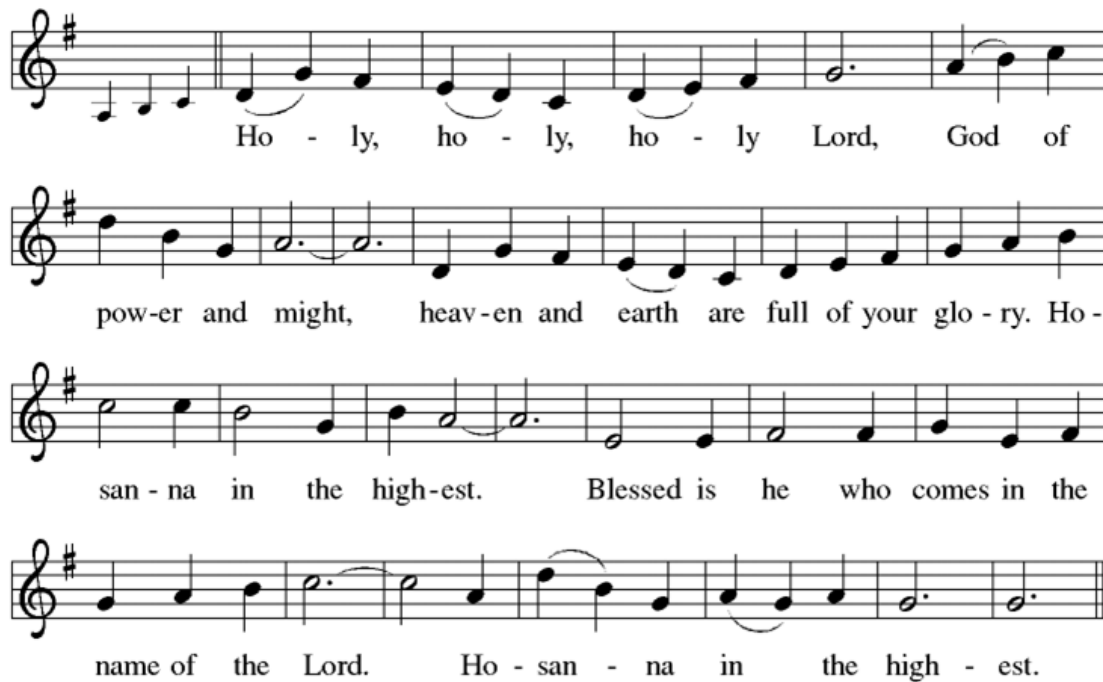
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, 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



Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

Lamb of God



(please be seated)

Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. **The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.** For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. **If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher.** Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

Table Blessing *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. O God, **through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.**
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

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.
Amen.

Sending Hymn *(please turn and follow the cross in procession or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ELW #803

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

THE BROADCAST THIS WEEK is dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of our families, given by John and Diane Sproull.

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God as we are missing and remembering our wife, mother, and grandmother, Loretta Walter, on her birthday, with love from her family.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching: Pastor Jason Felici **Presiding:** Pastor Jess Felici

Director of Music: Debbie Morley

Lectors: Saturday 5:30pm: Margaret Conrad

Sunday 8:15am: Jean Sorber

Sunday 10:45am: Kelly Clever

Liturgical Deacons: Saturday 5:30pm: Darlene Hoffmann

Sunday 8:15am: Kathy Ferlin, Rose McLain

Sunday 10:45am: Jane Lawson, Sandy Redinger

Ushers: Saturday 5:30pm: Kasha & Don Loveridge, Jay Elder, John Elder

Sunday 8:15am: Rick Baldonieri, Herb Harris, Sandy Kisick, Melinda Terney

Sunday 10:45am: Anna Hudec, Glenn Gold, Tim Potter,
Susan Vargo

Acolytes: Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko

Sunday 8:15am:

Sunday 10:45am:

Tellers: Sunday 8:15am: Gary Sheppard, Nancy McHenry, Carol McIntyre

Sunday 10:45am: Jane Lawson, Tim Potter, Marcia Salandro,
Kathy Sowatskey

Acolytes Serving Next Weekend September 20 & 21

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko

Sunday 8:15am:

Sunday 10:45am:

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HOLY CROSS DAY



Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to Israel to look for Christian holy sites. She found what she believed were the sites of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus, sites that modern archaeologists believe may be correct. Here Constantine built two churches.

The celebration of Holy Cross Day originated with the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection in 335. Today the festival provides the church an opportunity to lift up the victory of the cross with a spirit of celebration that might be less suitable on Good Friday.