Service for the Affirmation of Baptism

• Hymns for Today from the Lutheran Book of Worship •

Prelude *(please stand when indicated by *)*

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #377 v. 1-3** "Lift High the Cross"

Announcements & Signing of the Friendship Register

HYMN #377 v. 4-5 "Lift High the Cross"

Psalm 119:30-38 *(read responsively)*

L: I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set your ordinances before me.

C: I cling to your decrees, O LORD; let me not be put to shame.

L: I run in the direction of your commandments, for you increase my understanding.

C: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

L: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

C: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

L: Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

C: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

L: Confirm your promise to your servant, the promise you give to those who fear you.

Let us pray:

C: God our Father, you see your children growing up in an uncertain and confusing world. Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after earthly goals. Give them a sure and certain faith to trust in your promise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

✠ Presentation of Bible Storybooks to 3-year-olds

Children's Bible Story *(2 Samuel 10: God Helps David's Army Win)*

HYMN #500 "Faith of Our Fathers"

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon Pastor Peter J. Martinson

HYMN #482 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Rite for the Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation of the Confirmands

Approval and Commendation

Confession of Faith p. 199-200

Prayers for the Baptized p. 200

Question of Intent & Prayer p. 201

Presentation of Crosses by Confirmation Sponsors

Blessing of the Confirmands p. 201

(parents and god-parents invited forward to join in blessing)

Sharing of God's Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. *(greet others: 'God's peace be with you ...')*

Giving of Our Offerings

Special Music Brian Warner

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

* Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus pp. 68-69

* Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer pp. 69, 71

Lamb of God p. 72

Distribution of Communion:
(Those who have allergies: please help yourself to a gluten-free wafer located on the baptismal font.)

Hymn #357 "Our Father, by Whose Name"

Hymn #401 "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

Post-Communion Canticle *("Thank the Lord...")* p. 72

Benediction, Amen & Dismissal

* **RECESSIONAL HYMN #495** "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Postlude

(Please greet the confirmands in the narthex following the service)

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To prepare for worship next Sunday please read: Johan 3:10-4:11, Philippians 1:21-30, and Matthew 20:1-16.

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Sunday Morning Service

Confirmation Sunday

10:30 am, September 18, 2011

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Welcome to Holy Cross Church!

Our Sunday morning worship schedule includes a Traditional Service at 8:00 am, and a Contemporary Service at 10:30 am, with an Education Hour from 9:15-10:15 am (refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall). We also have a 5:00 pm Saturday evening "Country Gospel" service.

LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE

Please sign the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you at the beginning of the service, so that we can be made aware of your presence. If you are interested in hearing about membership at Holy Cross, please contact one of the pastors at: 963-3536 (office), or by email:

- Pastor Peter Martinson *pastorpete@holycrossmaplelake.com*
- Pastor Thomas Wright *teedub8588@gmail.com*
- Pastor Steven King *revking@charter.net*

HOLY COMMUNION

We come to the table this morning at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized Christians who wish to join in this fellowship are welcome. Communion is served by "intinction." Please come forward to receive a wafer and dip it into the cup. (Note: the wine used is non-alcoholic).

NURSERY & RESTROOMS

A staffed nursery is provided during worship for those with infants and small children. The nursery is the first door on the left of the hallway (just off the main entry). Restrooms are down the hall on the left.

Fall Adult Forum/Saturday Sermon Series:

To begin the new season, Pastor King is leading a ten week study on the meaning of The Lord's Prayer. Please join us each week for the Saturday 5:00 pm service or the Sunday Morning Education Hour: 9:15-10:15 am.

Congregational Announcements

CONFIRMATION SERVICE TODAY

Twelve of our young people will celebrate the affirmation of their baptism (confirmation) today, September 18th at 10:30 am with pictures to follow. The people of Holy Cross congratulate 10th graders: Haley Awker, Levi Bean, Ashley Becker, Maddie Gagnon, Amanda Gerold, Kaylee Hoaby, Justice Johnson, Brittany Kaiser, Tabitha Latzig, Jason Pomije, Kari Reid, and Jessie Wohlrabe for all their hard work as part of the Confirmation Class for 2011!

*Also, to fulfill one of the promises parents make at their children's baptism, ***Bibles will be presented to our 3 year olds*** **during worship at both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services today.**

TEEN SERVE INFORMATION MEETING TONIGHT

Tonight, Sunday, September 18th at 5:00 pm, there will be an information meeting at Faith Lutheran Church in Monticello about bringing Teen Serve into the area for the summer of 2013. Contact Dan Schewe at 763-360-1843 with any questions.

CONFIRMATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 21ST

Confirmation Classes begin for 7th, 8th and 9th graders on Wednesday, Sept. 21st.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION MEETING OCTOBER 2ND

Meet Pastor Tom in the narthex at 9:30 am on Sunday October 2nd for information on becoming a member of Holy Cross. We will be receiving another group of new members on October 9th at the 10:30 am service. Please let Pastors Pete or Tom know if you would like to be included.

WISE MANAGERS OF OUR GOD-GIVEN RESOURCES

On Sunday, October 2nd from 9:15 - 10:15 am Mr. Mark Worner, our Thrivent Financial for Lutheran representative, will lead a forum at Holy Cross. The topic will be: opportunities to enhance the financial well-being of our families and our congregation. Information about the Holy Cross Endowment Fund and the Thrivent Choice Dollars program will also be provided.

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MARIE SANDVIK CENTER DONATIONS

The Marie Sandvik Center in Minneapolis ministers to the needs of homeless and very low income persons and shares the love of Christ and the message of the Gospel and could use our help. Please visit the large box in the Narthex and pick up a list posted on the front and take it shopping. Make it a family project and give thanks to the Lord by sharing with someone in need. You may bring in items between now and the end of September. Thank you!