

Prelude *(please stand when indicated by *)*

Announcements & Signing of the Friendship Register

Opening Song: “Here I Am To Worship”

**Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You**

Refrain:

**Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy.
Altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor *(refrain)***

Bridge:

**And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
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To see my sin upon that cross. *(refrain)***

Invocation & Prayer of Day *(led by pastor)*

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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

Declaration of Forgiveness *(pastor)*

C: Amen

Children's Bible Story *(2 Samuel 14: Absalom was Handsome)*

Readings: Isaiah 45:1-7 & 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

* **Gospel Verse:** “Open the Eyes of My Heart” *Congregation*

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You. I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You. I want to see You.
To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.**



**Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You. I want to see You.**

* The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon Pastor Peter Martinson

Song of the Day: “I Love To Tell the Story”

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story. 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old old story of Jesus and His love.**

**I love to tell the story. 'Tis pleasant to repeat.
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard,
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. *(refrain)***

**I love to tell the story for those who know it best,
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new new song.
'Twill be the old old story that I have loved so long. *(refrain)***

✕ Service for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism (insert)

Colton Daniel Lidberg – Child of God

Giving of Our Offerings & Special Music Jenny Olson

Offering Prayer *(led by the pastor)*

* **Great Thanksgiving Song:** “At His Table” *Congregation*

**At His table we gather to be fed here by His Word
In this cup of blessing do we not share as one
In Christ's blood, here together for all of us
Drink of one cup**

**At His table we gather to be fed here by His Word
In this bread we break do we not share as one
In Christ's body, here together for all of us
Eat of one bread**



* Words of Institution *(recounted by the pastor)*

* The Lord's Prayer *(congregation)*

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

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CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PLEASE PICK UP YOUR GIVING STATEMENT IN THE NARTHEX -

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND IS OCTOBER 22ND & 23RD: Featuring Our Annual Processional Offering, participants at Holy Cross are asked to bring your Giving Plan and Time & Abilities Sheet to worship service on Oct. 22nd or 23rd.

REGISTER FOR THE “LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY” PRAYER CONFERENCE: A teaching event here at Holy Cross on Nov. 11th-12th. (brochures on narthex table) ***Join others in praying for this event at 11:30 am each Sunday in Pastor Pete’s study.** Everyone is welcome!

MOMS IN TOUCH PRAYER GROUP AT HOLY CROSS: Moms In Touch International (MITI) is a Christ-centered interdenominational prayer ministry which encourages mothers and grandmothers to come together regularly to pray for children, teachers and schools. **Join us every Thursday at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

SENIOR HIGH BREAKFAST CLUB: Sr. High Students (Grades 10-12) interested in being part of the Holy Cross Breakfast Club, stop by **Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 pm** for food, drink, and a good movie with discussion. If you’re wondering what church has to do with *some 80’s flick* - come check it out! Your friends are welcome so invite them all! ***Mystery*** events to follow. If you have any questions, call Brian at 763-300-9951.

LAST CHANCE - COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE: Love, INC is partnering with the Salvation Army to provide “Coats for Kids” in Wright County. If you would like to participate: There will be a barrel for coat donations in the church entry. By October 23rd, bring in new or gently used coats and jackets for children ages 0 – 17 years. The coat distribution will take place on Thurs. Oct. 27th, from 10am - 7pm at the Buffalo Community Center. Adults picking up the coats will be asked for a picture ID and an ID for each child receiving a coat. Thank you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: The Missions Team of Holy Cross is again participating in the international effort of Operation Christmas Child, which is an annual project of the Christian relief organization, Samaritan’s Purse. By October 30th, please donate your EMPTY shoe boxes to the church (collection area in the narthex); Then, bring a FILLED shoe box to church by November 13th. (*Be sure to pick up a brochure in the narthex explaining what to include and what not to include.*) Contact Sue Klassen with any questions at 612-216-1145. Thank you!



To prepare for worship next Sunday please read: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, and Matthew 22:34-46.

*** THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION ON OCT. 19TH DURING MEA.**