

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

• Hymns for Today are from the Lutheran Book of Worship •

Prelude *(please stand when indicated by *)*

Announcements & Signing of the Friendship Register

* **Opening Hymn #566** "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

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

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

P: 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. *(1 John 1)*

(brief silence for reflection)

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

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

P: (Declaration of forgiveness)

C: Amen

Special Music *Brian Warner*

Children's Bible Story *(1 Samuel 26: David Spares Saul Again)*

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

* **Gospel Verse:** "Thy Word" (sung three times) *Congregation*

Thy word, thy word is a lamp unto my feet.

**Thy word, oh, thy word is a lamp unto my feet;
and a light unto my path,
and a light unto my path.**

* The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

Sermon *Pastor Tom Wright*

* **Hymn of the Day #503** "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

* The Apostles' Creed *(congregation)*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 Church & Sharing of God's Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Giving of Our Offerings

Offering Prayer *(led by the pastor)*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

* **Great Thanksgiving Song:** "Here is Bread" *Congregation*

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

* 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

Distribution of Communion (by Intinction)

Hymn #518 "Beautiful Savior"

Hymn #499 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Table Blessing

* **Closing Hymn #532** "How Great Thou Art"

* Benediction, Amen & Dismissal

* Postlude *(Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments)*



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SUNDAY MORNING SPECIAL JOINT SERVICE SERVICE

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 AM, JULY 3, 2011

Welcome to Holy Cross Church!

Welcome! Our Sunday morning summer worship schedule includes a Traditional Service at 8:00 am and a Contemporary Service at 9:30 am, with a Refreshment Hour in between, from 9:00-9:30 am (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
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- 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. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing. (Note: the pink center ring of glasses contains non-alcoholic wine.)

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.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL JOINT JULY 4TH WEEKEND WORSHIP TODAY



WELCOME! Holy Cross welcomes our brothers and sisters from Faith Lutheran in Silver Creek today for a special JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE. Please join us in the fellowship hall following the service for coffee, refreshments, and firecracker popsicles!

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER? EVENT JULY 23RD

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for a fun dinner event themed "Guess who's coming to dinner?" on Saturday, July 23rd at 6:30pm. Each dinner group will have four couples: A host family will provide the main dish and beverages, and three other mystery families will come to their house with dishes to make the meal complete! You will receive a phone call the day before as to where you will dine. Deadline to sign up is July 16th.



TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND INFO MEETING JULY 13TH

Faith Lutheran is planning a Holy Land Tour trip and would like to invite members of Holy Cross to come to the information meeting on Wednesday July 13th at 6pm, to be held at Faith, for anyone interested in finding out more about the trip.

Summer Saturday Sermon Series: Saturdays at 5:00pm

"KINGDOM LIVING"

Join us each week as we look at a different text from Matthew's gospel and wrestle with questions such as: "What is the Kingdom of God? How are we brought into the Kingdom? What does life in the Kingdom look like? Who exactly is this king named Jesus?"



2011 Vacation Bible School!

This summer's Vacation Bible School at Holy Cross is scheduled for the week of **August 1st-5th from 9am-noon**. Mark your calendars for this great week of fun for the kids! Both members and non-members are welcome. Bring your friends for the fun! Register upon arrival.

THEME THIS YEAR: "The Adventures of Paul."

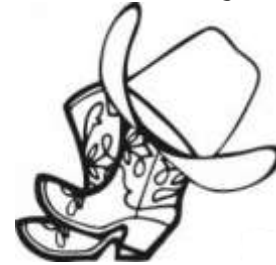
VBS Sunday will be August 7th at the 9:30 am service. The kids will perform what they learned during the week!

***The church is looking for volunteers to help during VBS week. Please contact the church office if you are interested.**

We need you!

Don't Miss Our Annual Down-Home

Country Music Festival



Sunday, July 31st

Two Morning

Worship Services:

8:00 am & 9:30 am

Don't miss our rousing Country celebration the last Sunday in July - it is our biggest community event all year. Come early for a good seat! Everyone is welcome!

Country Quilt and Bake Sale

On the day of the Country Service, the ladies of the church will be sponsoring a special Country Quilt and Bake Sale. (Donations of baked goods are appreciated and can be dropped off at the church the day before or the morning of the sale.) *Proceeds will go toward camp scholarships for our youth.*

Pork Chop Feed (5-7 pm) & Concerts (5 and 7 pm)

That same evening, from 5 to 7 pm, we will host a pork chop supper at the church (*sign up to help in the narthex), and two indoor concerts, featuring *Rebecca's Well*, at 5 and 7 pm, with more live music from *Buffalo Junction* in between shows. Come and be a part of this fun day, and bring you friends and neighbors!

****There is a sign-up for volunteers in the narthex to help with the day's festivities. We need your help!***

Walking the Neighborhood

We are looking for volunteers to walk the neighborhoods of Maple Lake, dropping off fliers inviting people to our Country Music Festival and Vacation Bible School. If you are available, call the church office.

