

About This Evening's Service

Tonight's Scriptures introduce the convention theme "We Preach Christ Crucified." From Hosea 6, we are urged to press on through repentance to know the Lord's mercy in the death and resurrection of Christ, in whom we also find life and resurrection from the dead. What seems foolish and scandalous is the Christian's highest good and most beloved sight: that the Son of God should die for our sakes (1 Corinthians 1). This is God's most necessary accomplishment, that He might recall us to Himself. It happened to fulfill the words and songs of Scriptures. It fills our preaching and our songs still (Luke 24). Let all the world return to the Lord their God, for He is gracious and compassionate. He forgives sins. He is risen from the dead, never to die again. We who have been claimed by Him in Baptism are heirs of these promises and witnesses to all the world. *God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead. By Him we are redeemed and set at liberty* (Introit, drawn from Galatians 6:14).

Regarding Participation in the Sacrament

Today we receive the Sacrament of the Altar as guests of our host congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and its pastors, the Revs. Timothy Mech and John Berg. We thank them for this service.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He promises, the bread and wine given here are His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Christ wants all people to come to this Supper and to do so in the right way: as baptized Christians who trust His words, repent of their sins, set aside any refusal to love and forgive others, and are united in a common confession and proclamation of His Word.

We believe that attendance at the Lord's Supper and church membership are public confessions of agreement with the faith taught at this altar.

Because our Lord Jesus desires Christians to receive:

- His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26–28)
- with integrity between their personal faith and their public confession (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16–17; 11:17–19)
- and because those who eat and drink in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27–29),

we respectfully ask that, if you are not a member of an LCMS congregation or a congregation in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS, please honor this practice by not receiving the Sacrament today. If you are interested in learning what the LCMS believes,

teaches and confesses, please speak with the pastor of the host congregation.

Prayer Before Receiving the Sacrament

O God, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he turn from his evil way and live, I come to Thee although I have sinned and deserve only Thy wrath. But I flee to Thy mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave His body and His blood for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may ever thus believe and never waver. Grant that in such faith I may worthily go to Thine altar to receive the very body and the true blood which Thy Son has given for my salvation, that I may duly praise, laud, and honor Thy love and Thy mercy all the days of my life. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, my Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 118. Used by permission.

Choir and Instrumentalists

This evening's choir is made up of choir members from local LCMS congregations and other musicians who have rehearsed separately over the last few months in preparation. The instrumentalists and choir are under the direction of Kantor Samuel Eatherton. We thank all our musicians for their dedicated service.

Commissioned Work

Local composer Benjamin Culli (Our Savior Lutheran Church, Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin) has contributed a fine setting of today's introit, appointed for Maundy Thursday and suitable for Holy Cross Day — commissioned for this occasion by LCMS Worship and available from Concordia Publishing House.

This Evening's Offering

God has given us His Word, and we desire to share that Word with others. As English speakers, we are blessed with resources for reading and studying God's Word in our own language, but many don't have that blessing ... yet. Under the theme "We Preach Christ Crucified for All People," the gifts collected for the 2023–2026 LCMS National Offering will be used to produce Lutheran resources in other languages so that all may read, hear and speak the Good News of Christ crucified. Everyone is invited to participate, as the Lord allows, through 2026. Whatever you generously contribute will enable the vital work of sharing the Good News of Christ crucified for all. Thank you for supporting the LCMS National Offering!



Offerings may be given during the service or throughout the week via a secure box at the LCMS exhibit booth. You may also contribute using this QR code.

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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

OPENING DIVINE SERVICE

Saturday, July 29, A.D. 2023 • 7:30 P.M.

Pre-service Music (7:00 P.M.)

“Lobe den Herren”	Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)
“Variations on St. Thomas”	Dan R. Edwards (b. 1951)
“In Christ Alone”	Benjamin M. Culli (b. 1975)
“Ah, Holy Jesus”	Philip L. Roberts
“Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord”	Charles W. Ore (b. 1936)
“Gift of Finest Wheat”	Sondra K. Tucker (b. 1957)
“Wir glauben all an einen Gott” (BWV 680)	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”	Philip M. Young
“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”	Flor Peeters (1903-1986)
“Praise and Exaltation”	Dan R. Edwards
“Prelude on St. Anne”	Paul Manz (1919–2009)

Hymn of Invocation

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord” *LSB* 497

Setting by Walter Pelz from “Pentecost Suite”

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Confession & Absolution

LSB 184

Choral Introit

“God Forbid That I Should Glory”

Galatians 6:14; Psalm 67

Setting by Benjamin Culli

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;

by Him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us.

Glory be unto the Father and unto the Son and unto the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;

by Him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

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Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis

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Collect of the Day

Holy Cross Day

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 6:1–6

Psalm 118

Setting by Kevin Hildebrand from “One and All Rejoice”

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Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

Alleluia Verse

Romans 4:25

Alleluia. Christ was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. *Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49a

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” *LSB* 454

Offertory

LSB 192

Choral Anthem

Isaiah 40:21–31

“Have You Not Known?”

Setting by K. Lee Scott

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Prayer of the Church

Holy Lord God, You have redeemed us by death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, making peace by the blood of His cross. Strengthen Your Church to hold fast the way of salvation. Preserve us from trusting in the eloquence of man, which cannot save. Lead us to proclaim not the worldly wisdom of this age, but the eternal and saving Gospel of Christ, the crucified. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send laborers into Your harvest, O Lord, and sustain those You have sent. Raise up pastors, teachers, deaconesses, DCEs, missionaries, musicians and many other servants for Your Church, that repentance for the forgiveness of sins may be proclaimed to all the world and Your love shown to the coming generation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, from whom every family is named, defend all Christian homes and Your holy estate of marriage. Bless husbands and wives, parents and children, and those who live alone. Preserve all useful labor and arts, give economic stability to our people, and have mercy on the unemployed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, give us good government and grant us peace. Preserve all public servants, elected officials and earthly authorities. Lead them to take prudent action according to Your good and revealed will, and bring them to saving knowledge of the truth in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Church, bless our Synod and this assembly gathered here. Sanctify us in the truth —Your Word is truth. By Your Spirit may our business and conversation be conducted honorably and charitably for the good of Your Church and not our own pride. Encourage us by the fellowship we share, gathered in the name of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that we may receive the blessed Sacrament of Your Son's true body and blood in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of our sins and in the unity of a true confession. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

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Proper Preface

Holy Week

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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Lord's Prayer

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Words of Institution

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Agnus Dei

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Choral Anthem
“O Christ the Same”

Text by Timothy Dudley-Smith
Setting by Carl Schalk

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Distribution Hymns

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9

Festival Setting by Richard Hillert

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What Is This Bread?

LSB 629

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602

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Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680

Setting by Carl Schalk

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At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617

Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion & Benediction

LSB 200

Hymn to Depart

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God” LSB 941

Setting by Robert Hobby

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Postlude

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You”

Setting by Kevin Hildebrand