

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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2200 Lee Street (in Five Points) Columbia, South Carolina

## Holy Cross Day

(The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity)

14 September 2025

### Schedule

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study  
10:30 AM Divine Service

### Today's Hymns

*Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed*.....LSB 560  
*Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*.....LSB 454  
*Offertory* .....LSB 192  
*The Royal Banners Forward Go*.....LSB 455  
*O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken*.....LSB 439  
*We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died*.....LSB 429  
*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*.....LSB 683

+ Psalm

Psalm 40:1–11; antiphon: v. 13

1I waited patiently | for the Lord;\*  
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.

2He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the | miry bog,\*  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my | steps secure.

3He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise | to our God.\*

Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust | in the Lord.

4Blessèd is the man who makes  
the | Lord his trust,\*  
who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!

5You have multiplied, O Lord my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can com- | pare with you!\*

I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than | can be told.

6Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,  
but you have given me an | open ear.\*

Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have | not required.

7Then I said, “Behold, | I have come;\*”  
in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

8I desire to do your will, | O my God;\*  
your law is with- | in my heart.”

9I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congre- | gation;\*

behold, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, | O Lord.

10I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- |  
vation;\*

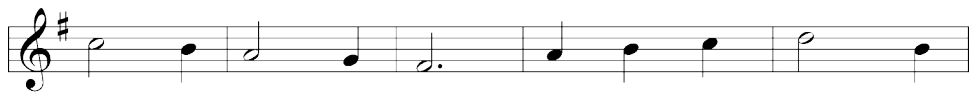
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness  
from the great congre- | gation.

11As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain  
your mer- | cy from me;\*  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will  
ever pre- | serve me!

## 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

+ INTROIT

*Psalm 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2*



The Lord has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\***  
**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;\*  
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\***  
**make a joyful noise before the | King, the Lord!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;\***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The Lord has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

+ Kyrie

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*LSB 186*

+ Gloria in Excelsis

**P** Glory be to God on high:  
**G** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

+ Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**G** And with thy spirit.  
**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.  
**G** Amen.

*Sit*

+ OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Numbers 21:4–9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And 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 loathe this worthless food.” Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

+ GRADUAL



“Behold, I will lift up my hand to the | nations,\*  
and raise my signal to the peoples,” | [says the Lord.]

So must the Son of Man be | lifted up,\*  
that whoever believes in him may have e- | ternal life.

+ THE EPISTLE ..... *1 Corinthians 1:18–25*

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.                      **G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

+ ALLELUIA AND VERSE.....p. 190



Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ, \*  
by which the world has been crucified to me, and I | to the world.


**P** The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.  
**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL**.....*John 12:20–33*

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.” “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

## Nicene Creed

 I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.



454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed  
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from  
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the  
 △ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
 time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
 Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
 no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
 and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
 Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of  
 Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He  
 None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the  
 Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
 true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
 hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.  
 world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!  
 in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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+ Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C Amen.**

Offertory LSB 192

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

+ **Offering**

*Stand*

+ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

# 455 THE ROYAL BANNERS FORWARD GO



1 The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go;  
 2 Where deep for us the spear was dyed,  
 3 Ful - filled is all that Da - vid told  
 4 On whose hard arms, so wide - ly flung,



The cross shows forth re - demp - tion's flow, Where He, by  
 Life's tor - rent rush - ing from His side, To wash us  
 In sure pro - phet - ic song of old, That God the  
 The weight of this world's ran - som hung, The price of



whom our flesh was made, Our ran - som  
 in the pre - cious flood Where flowed the  
 na - tions' king should be And reign in  
 hu - man - kind to pay And spoil the



in His flesh has paid:  
 wa - ter and the blood.  
 tri - umph from the tree,  
 spoil - er of his prey.

5 O tree of beauty, tree most fair,  
 Ordained those holy limbs to bear:  
 Gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough  
 Proclaims the King of Glory now.

D 6 To Thee, eternal Three in One,  
 Let homage meet by all be done;  
 As by the cross Thou dost restore,  
 So guide and keep us evermore.  
 Amen.

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# Service of the Sacrament

## + Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

LSB 195

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## + Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

**+ The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**+ Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

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

**C** Amen.

**+ Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Sit*

**+ Distribution**

**+ Distribution Hymn: 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken**



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken  
 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?  
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?  
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;  
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;  
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -  
 They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -  
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -  
 The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?  
 cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.  
 her - it, This I do mer - it.  
 owe Him, Who would not know Him.

5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;  
 The sinful child of man may live in gladness;  
 Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;  
 God is committed.

6 There was no spot in me by sin untainted;  
 Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;  
 My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me,  
 Such woe it wrought me.

7 O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,  
 That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!  
 All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying  
 While Thou wert dying.

8 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!  
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?  
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer?  
What dare I offer?

9 For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder—  
Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.  
Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee!  
Can I requite Thee?

10 Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee;  
I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee  
And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most lowly  
All fires unholy.

11 But since my strength will nevermore suffice me  
To crucify desires that still entice me,  
To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me  
And reign within me!

12 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,  
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;  
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor  
Henceforth forever.

13 Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,  
I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.  
I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me  
Nor death alarm me.

14 But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;  
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;  
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness  
Nor shame my weakness.

15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven  
To me the crown of joy at last is given,  
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,  
I, too, shall praise Thee.

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429 *We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died*



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who  
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing  
3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the  
4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let  
let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -  
faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the  
fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.  
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.  
gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.  
from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
The measure and the pledge of love,  
The sinner's refuge here below,  
The angels' theme in heav'n above.

6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace  
By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
Be praise from all the ransomed race  
Forever and forevermore.

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+ **Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 199

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

+ **Thanksgiving**

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

+ **Salutation**

LSB 201

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

+ **Benedicamus**

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

+ **Benediction**

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

683 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*



1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no  
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure  
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to  
4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,  
love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,  
Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,  
love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -  
My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my  
Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be  
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.  
heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.  
all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.  
staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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