



# Welcome!

***We are glad that you have joined us for worship.***

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As we celebrate Holy Communion, let's rejoice in the various types of unity that we enjoy in this sacrament.



- ◆ According to Christ's own promise we receive his true body and blood along with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of all our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). We are united with him in the Lord's Supper.
- ◆ This meal not only unites believers with the Lord but also with one another (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Holy Communion declares that unity.
- ◆ When Christians commune together they are jointly proclaiming the gospel of Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:26).

What wonderful unity we find in the Lord's Supper. How we want to treasure and foster this unity. On the night on which Jesus gave us this meal he prayed that all his followers would come to complete agreement with one another on the basis of God's Word (John 17:11,17).

Out of love for the Lord and love for one another, we want what our Savior wants for us—genuine unqualified unity. For this reason we respectfully ask that only those who have expressed their full agreement with the teachings of our national church body (the Wisconsin Synod) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod come forward to receive the sacrament.

We eagerly desire everyone to share in this divine meal with us. Please speak to the pastor about how we can work together to establish this blessed fellowship.

**WORSHIP THEME: Steward the Truth  
That Christ Has Shared In Our Humanity**

OPENING HYMN: #744 *Rise, Shine, You People* (vs.1-4)

INVOCATION

LITANY OF TRUTH (selected verses from Psalm 25 & 39)

SONG: *Great Is The Lord* (sung)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

## THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: [Ecclesiastes 3:15-22](#)

SECOND LESSON: [John 1:1-14](#)

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SERMON HYMN: [#549 Across the Lands](#) (vs.1-3)

SERMON TEXT: [Hebrews 2:14-18](#)

THEME: [Christ has shared in our humanity](#)

OFFERING AND RESPONSIVE PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

## THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION: [#661 Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord](#)

*Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center tray.*

PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: [#914 Christ Is Our Cornerstone](#) (vs.1-3)

## CONNECTION CARD ON OUR APP



*Please take a moment and fill out the info on the connection card, located under the Worship Today button on our app or on our website. There is a tablet in entryway or QR Code on the left if you prefer to use that. Please fill out any information and submit.*

## THE OFFERING

*Dear guests, we're glad you're here to listen to the message about Jesus.*

*If members or guests would like to give an offering electronically, they can do so by using the QR Code on the right or download our App, which is available at any app store. Those that give digitally can place the "Give" cards in the plate during the offering.*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: STEWARDSHIP LEGACY: TRUTH We will explore how fallen we are by nature and how Jesus Christ, God's Son, took on our humanity to completely redeem and restore us.

NEW ZOOM STUDY—QUICK TO LISTEN: We will resume our study on responding to rational objections to the doctrine of election next week (10/2/25).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: **Developing Christian Character Oct. 14th, 7-8:30pm.**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Thanks to those that donated and volunteered!

PICTURE DIRECTORY: **NEW DATE ADDED- THURSDAY! September 25-27th.** Sign up online now to reserve your spot! Scan QR in box Church Code : **MN572** Password: **photos** Every member family will receive a COMPLIMENTARY 8x10 professional photo and an Ascension photo directory.



YARMENTO'S HELPING HAND: The purpose of this foundation is to bring the gospel and God's love to the needy in Liberia. Peterson Ballah has earned several certifications through the synod's TELL program. Give online or designate "**Liberia Mission**" on your offering envelope.



- **Shop at Art 2 Heart** October 11 from 11am-3pm 20% of the net proceeds will be donated to Helping Hands.

CAMP CROIX ANNOUNCEMENTS: ***Annual Delegate Meeting and Cleanup Day!*** As a thank you, you're invited to stay at camp for the weekend at no cost. If you're interested in serving as your congregation's delegate, please talk to your pastor or church leadership. RSVP at [campcroix.org/cleanup](http://campcroix.org/cleanup). Interested individuals can sign-up on the GroupLife board.

- ***Annual Launch Event – Nov. 1st, 2–5pm*** Join us at St. Croix Lutheran Academy for our "*From Foundations to Finish*" fundraiser event! You'll also receive an update on the progress of our new Ministry Center and learn about the work still ahead to finish this important project. Learn more and register at [campcroix.org/launch](http://campcroix.org/launch). Thank you for your support!

## THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVED:

- † Guest Pastor: Pastor Rod Pudell
- † Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- † AV Team
- † Serving: Flock #5– Randy Hebb