

# LARGE PRINT

Holy Cross Day  
September 14, 2025  
Service Supplement

## HYMN OF INVOCATION

### 426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

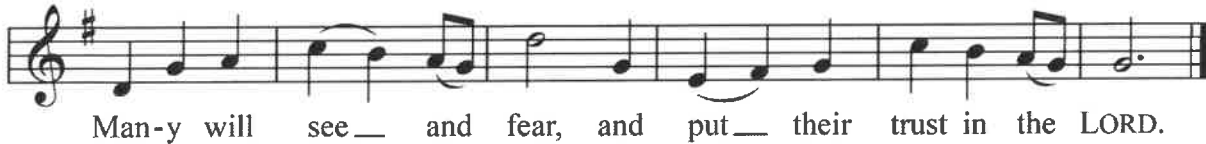
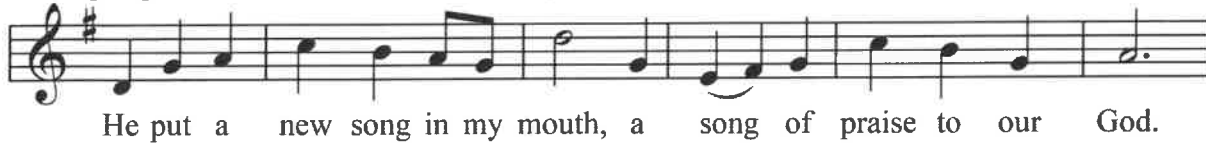
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# Psalm 40:1–11

Kenneth T. Kosche

Choir: He 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.

**Congregation: REFRAIN**



I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He 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. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts; none can compare with You! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

**REFRAIN**

Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but You have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required. Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of Me. I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart." I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O LORD. I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness from the great congregation.

**REFRAIN**

As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me! 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.

**REFRAIN**

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## **Collect of the Day**

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. **Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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.

**Chancel Choir** *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle* Machemer

## **Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>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? <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

### **Holy Gospel: St. John 12:20-33**

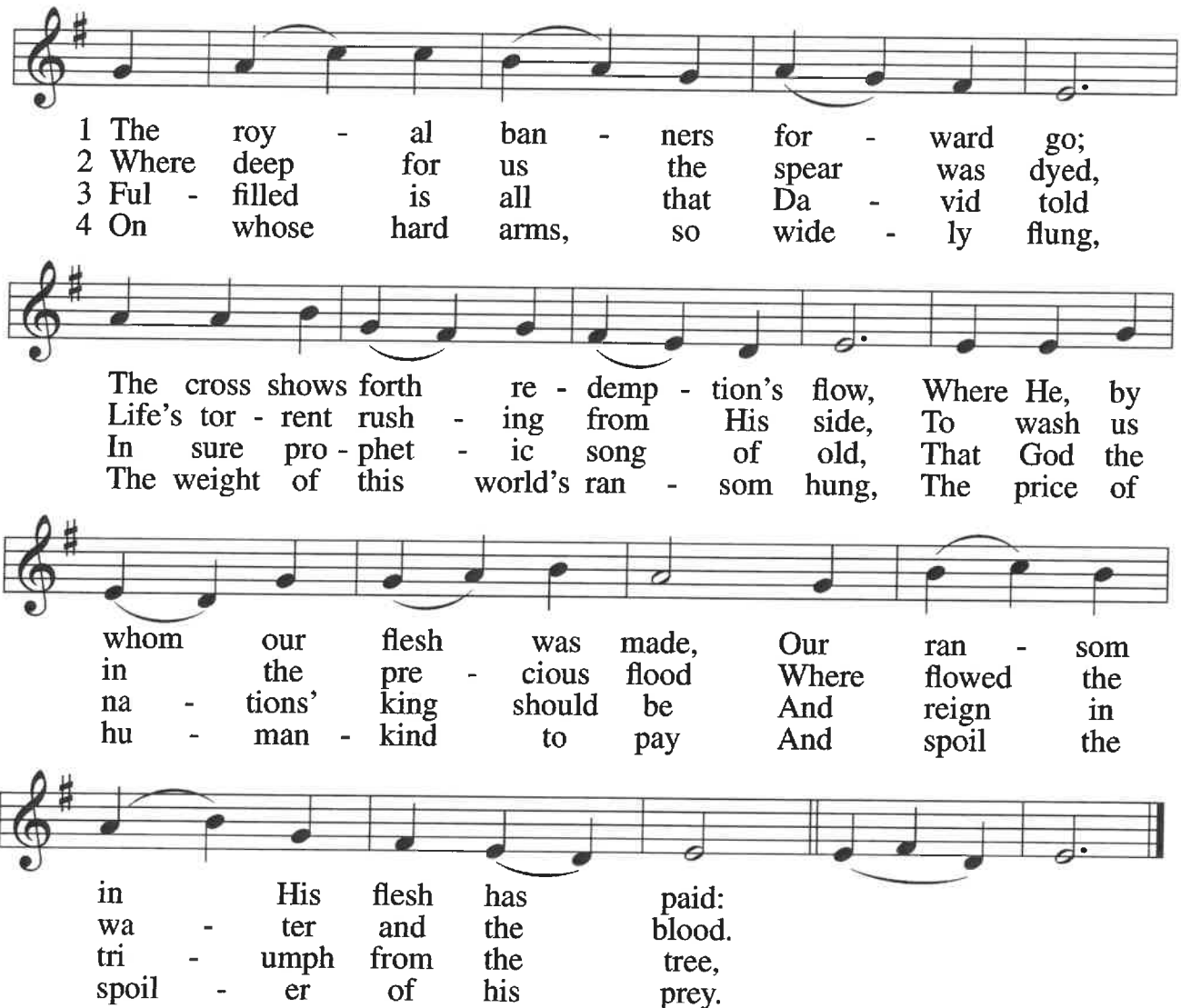
<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>"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. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all

people to myself.”<sup>33</sup> He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### 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.

Δ 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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# DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

## 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
 shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ings,  
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
 That from pain I might be free;  
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:

Thence I gain security;  
Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction  
And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion,  
Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry,  
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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## 532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns



1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is  
 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is  
 3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The  
 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With



crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -  
 His, is His by right, The King of kings and  
 Joy of all be - low To whom He man - i -  
 all its grace, is giv'n; Their name an ev - er -



dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.  
 Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;  
 fests His love And grants His name to know.  
 last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below,  
 They reign with Him above,  
 Their profit and their joy to know  
 The myst'ry of His love.

6 The cross He bore is life and health,  
 Though shame and death to Him:  
 His people's hope, His people's wealth,  
 Their everlasting theme.

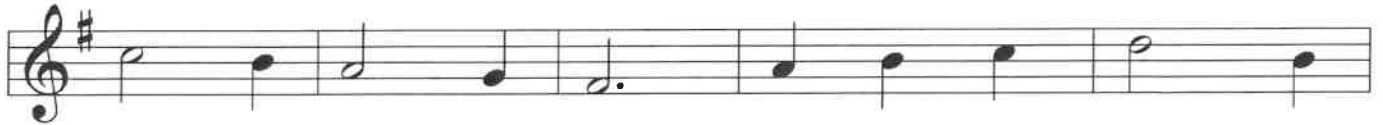
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# HYMN TO DEPART

## 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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Pastor – Rev. Robert Harmon

Organist – Karen Montross

Praise Team – Nancy McWhirter, director (11)

Chancel Choir – Mark Elmshauser, director

Elders – Adam Johnston (9), Jeff Claxton (11)

Ushers – Mike Brown, Dennis Opl

Greeters – Devonne Domineck (9 and 11)

Altar Guild – Kathy Leising, Amy Ludwig



The altar flowers are given by Laurie Knight in celebration of her grandson Elden's 8th birthday and Brian & Kathy Pelepchan in celebration of Alissa Pelepchan's 37th birthday.

Offerings may be left in the plates as you leave (located on either side of the fireplace), mailed to Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E Wesley Ave, Aurora, CO 80014, or you may give online at <https://mtolc.org>.

### **This Week**

|                       |          |                                       |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>9/14 Sunday</b>    | 9 AM     | Traditional Worship                   |
|                       | 10 AM    | Coffee, Sunday School and Bible Study |
|                       | 11 AM    | Contemporary Service                  |
|                       | 12 PM    | Men's Bible Study                     |
| <b>9/16 Tuesday</b>   | 1 PM     | Praise Team                           |
| <b>9/17 Wednesday</b> | 10 AM    | Bible Talk                            |
|                       | 5 PM     | Chamber Ensemble                      |
|                       | 6 PM     | Bel Canto                             |
|                       | 7 PM     | Chancel Choir                         |
| <b>9/19 Friday</b>    | 12:30 PM | Bridge                                |
| <b>9/21 Sunday</b>    | 9 AM     | Traditional Worship                   |
|                       | 10 AM    | Coffee, Sunday School and Bible Study |
|                       | 11 AM    | Contemporary Service                  |
|                       | 12 PM    | Men's Bible Study                     |
|                       | 12:15 PM | Youth Confirmation                    |
|                       | 1:15 PM  | Spirit Ringers                        |

See The Loop for a complete list of activities and details at [mtolc.org](https://mtolc.org)

### **Bible Talk begins this Week**

Join us at 10 AM each Wednesday as Pastor Harmon leads us through a study of God's Word.

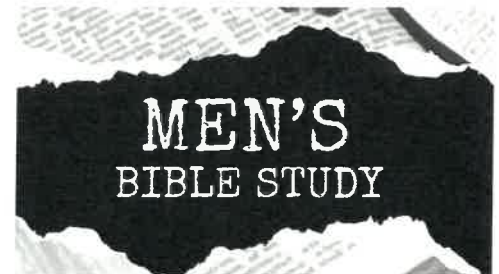




## **National Good Neighbor Day September 28, 2025 Pancake Breakfast 9:30 to 11:00am**

To celebrate National Good Neighbor Day, we are inviting the neighbors to a free pancake breakfast. There will be no regular Sunday School that day, but there will be activity stations for all the children. To make this a successful event, we need your help. Several people are needed to make pancakes and greet our guests during the breakfast. There are two shifts. If you normally attend 11:00, consider helping at the first shift. If you attend 9:00, consider helping during the second shift so that everyone can still attend their favorite service. If you can help, please sign up at the ARK. Plan to come that day to enjoy pancakes and spend a little time visiting with your friends and our guests.

## **Sundays at 12:00 p.m. Beginning Today**



Join the men of Mount Olive this fall as we gather around the Psalms, learning to delight in God's Word, lead with wisdom, and live with purpose.

We'll be using Blessed Is the Man, a Christ-centered study of the Psalms of Wisdom and Praise.

Whether you're a young dad, a seasoned grandpa, or somewhere in between, please come and join us!