

*In order that the world  
might be saved through him*

JOHN 3:17



# Hope Lutheran Church

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## Holy Cross Day

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### Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

**Opening Hymn “Near the Cross”**

**FOG # 254**

### Call to Worship

**P:** I arise today through God's strength to pilot me. God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me.

**C:** God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me. God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me.

**P:** Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left.

**C:** Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise.

**All:** Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me. Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me. Christ in every eye that sees me. Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen. St. Patrick

**Hymn of Praise “Lord, We Praise You”**

**FOG # 367**

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**The Lessons**

**Numbers 21:4b-9**

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**Psalm 98:1-4**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-24**

**Alleluia, sing Alleluia eight times**

**Gospel**

**John 3:13-17**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

**FOG # 251**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**FOG pg. 137**

**Prayers of the Church-----The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering/Offertory: We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the  
gift may be. All that we have is thine alone. A trust, O Lord, from  
Thee.**

**Benediction & Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn "Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" FOG # 520**

**In Our Prayers: Carol Speth & the Workbook Committee**

**We welcome you to worship with us today. If you are a guest  
please sign the guest book.**

**Wednesday, Sept. 17th: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation**

**Thursday, Sept. 18th: 1:30 p.m. Bible Study & General Meeting**

**Sunday, Sept. 21st: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, Jane,  
Communion Asst.**

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## FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4b-9

[From Mount Hor the Israelites set out,] but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>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 detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

## Psalm 98:1-4

or Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38

[not printed]

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

For the message about the cross is foolishness 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, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

## GOSPEL: John 3:13-17

[Jesus said:] "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Next Sunday's Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.

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