

THE CRIER

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUMMER 2018



From the Pastor – The Bible reveals to us who God is, who human beings are, and what life is all about. The very first verse in the Bible, Genesis 1:1, reads: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” The earth is a good gift, bestowed upon us by our loving, heavenly Father. Not only did God bring the earth into being, but God continues to sustain our planet, despite numerous ecological challenges that pose a serious threat to its well-being. As we enter the summer months, when many of us will spend time outdoors, let us reflect upon, and give thanks for, the natural world.

I recently spoke with the children in a children’s sermon about having visited a local farm. I brought in a tomato plant that my wife and I had purchased during our visit. I said my wife would be putting the plant in her garden, and that from it would grow delicious tomatoes for us to eat. Here is that plant after being transferred from its pot to the garden bed:



I hoped to encourage the children (and the adults listening in!) with regard to how awesome the world is that God has created – bringing forth food in abundance, both in backyard gardens and through farms that provide more food than most of us can grow on our own. When I said most of us can’t grow all the food we need, one of the youngsters went in a little different direction by commenting “yeah, there isn’t such a thing as a pizza plant!” Giving me the opportunity to point out that the tomato plant I had on display produced one of the ingredients needed to make a pizza!

In addition to the garden my wife tends to each summer, this year I have been working on a “reclamation” project of sorts. A large section along the back of our property has always been very marsh-like – staying pretty wet even during the dry season of the year, and with plenty of reeds, thorn bushes, and other non-desirable things growing in abundance. I have been working for a number of weeks digging out this overgrown area, and hauling all the detritus to the dump. (I wish I had taken a “before” picture to show what it used to look like, but suffice it to say that I filled a good-sized trailer to the brim three times!) I have also carted roughly 20 yards of topsoil, wheelbarrow full by wheelbarrow full, from where the delivery truck dumped it in the front yard, to the area in the back where I wanted to build up the terrain and shape it so the water drainage will be improved. Below is a picture of where the project currently stands – with the next step being to spread grass seed, cover it with straw, and keep it watered until the grass begins to grow and take hold.

It’s likely that many of you have undertaken a similar type of project in your own yard. It’s likely that many of you have a green thumb, when it comes to planting and tending a vegetable or flower garden. Such experiences can have a practical side to them -- like putting food on the table. They can also have results that are aesthetically pleasing, and beautiful to look at -- like a nice green lawn or colorful, blooming flowers. Hopefully, another result of working in the yard or the garden is a deeper appreciation for the gift God has bestowed upon us – the gift of the natural world, which God has given for the benefit and well-being of his beloved children. May we respond by giving thanks to God for this great gift, and by doing our part to protect and cultivate it, in keeping with God’s intentions.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rich Horner



MESSAGE FROM A COUNCIL MEMBER

Finding a New Church Home.....Prayers and Answers to Prayers

On the first Saturday in October, 2016, we made a trip to Wells from Falmouth to inspect the building site of our new condominium. We were nearing the end of a real adventure at finding a place to call home for our retirement years. After too many years in Northern Virginia, we had been ground to a nub by fighting the daily traffic that goes with living near the nation's capital. We needed a place where we could get our blood pressure readings back into the reasonable range, and a summer vacation trip to Maine had convinced us that this was the place.

On that October Saturday, we passed Holy Cross and saw the sign advertising the Bean Supper and decided to give it a try. We had been to one such event in Gorham and found this New England tradition to be quite an experience. We knew that Holy Cross was also going to be the closest Lutheran Church to our new home, and we had been praying that it would be a congregation that would meet our faith needs and one that we could contribute to in ways that were helpful and meaningful. The Bean Supper was a great indicator that our prayers were being answered ... a number of folks who were working the supper came over to say hello, including Roger Rotvig who gave us a tour of the sanctuary and assured us that there was, indeed, a choir to join. Shortly thereafter, Pastor Rich arrived and greeted us in his own warm and welcoming manner. We left that day encouraged that we were being blessed with the opportunity that we had hoped to find.

We moved into our new home in February 2017, in the middle of those four ugly months called winter. We discovered that our stamina for unpacking boxes and moving furniture had waned over the years, and it was Ash Wednesday before we found our way back to Holy Cross. On that evening, those we had met in October remembered us like it had only been a couple of days since our last time together. After the service, Pastor Rich came over to us and opened the conversation with the words, "What can I do to help you get settled?" We told him that we could use a little help with some large boxes that needed to go from the second floor to the basement and we would be happy to pay some younger folks to drop by and lend a hand. He said, "I will be there with Tyler Janiak on Saturday at 2:00 in the afternoon." And they were! Talk about another answer to prayer!!!

Now that our time at Holy Cross has passed its first anniversary, we continue to marvel at how the mutual supportiveness and genuine interest in serving the community continues to grow and that each Sunday finds us reviewing the morning's worship experience with joy and a sense of having been renewed for doing God's will in the coming week. Truly, our prayers for finding the right church home have been answered in the best possible way.

Paul Moessner



TAG SALE

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the church tag sale! Thanks to all who donated items, all who helped with set up and pricing, all who helped run the sale, all who helped clean up afterwards, and all who came and made purchases!! And a special thank you to Barbara Horner for her leadership in this effort!

To date over \$1,800 has been received with some items still being sold on EBay.

“UT PROSIM” – THAT I MAY SERVE
by Donna Simmons

This phrase and variations of the same bounced around this past weekend, “Ut Prosim,” is the Latin motto of many organizations including Plymouth State University. At commencement for the 2018 class on Saturday, the governor of New Hampshire, Christopher T. Sununu, spoke of serving those in need and directing the graduating seniors to go forth and serve with the skills they had learned in their time at PSU.

The example the governor gave was when the governor of Puerto Rico called him asking for help shortly after the second Category Five hurricane last season destroyed most of the infrastructure of his island. The governor of New Hampshire asked all state government employees to organize the collection of 200 pallets of supplies and the request result was that *two hundred tons* of water, food, and other supplies were sent along with 20 volunteers from the state police and other employees of the state government to help with clean up efforts and to hand out supplies. They were supposed to be home by Thanksgiving, but refused to leave Puerto Rico as there was still so much to do. They came home by Christmas instead.

That I May Serve

Then this past Sunday, when we celebrated Pentecost, Pastor spoke of:

God the Father who created us and our planet
God the Son who redeemed us and
God the Holy Spirit who leads us

The Holy Spirit guides us to do “magnificent acts of God.” That we may serve in his name helping others in need. Many in the congregation shared moments and revelations where the Holy Spirit had led them.

These acts may not look great at the time they happen. But in retrospect, what we do for others often is Holy Spirit led and miraculous in result. We couldn’t possibly have helped others without the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

“Ut Posim”
That I May Serve

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL CRAFT DAY

There will be a few more opportunities to help at a craft day between now and the Blueberry Festival. Please contact Linda Gaidimas for days and times! We welcome crafters of all skill levels, from the most experienced sewers to those who have no experience at all. There is something for everyone to do! Great conversation, coffee, donuts and crafts! The perfect Saturday morning!

Reminder: The Blueberry Festival is on Saturday, August 11th!!



PRAYER CHAIN FUNDRAISER

A Prayer Chain Fundraiser is being held by the youth who are attending the work camp mission trip June 16th – 23rd in Wrightsville PA. For a donation of \$1 (or more) you can write a brief prayer, or a word of encouragement, or just your name on a slip of paper and it will be added as one of the links. The chain will be presented at the worship service on June 3rd as a way of thanking the congregation for their support, in advance of the youth group’s departure on the 16th.

ROGER'S REFLECTIONS: Kyrie Eleison Re-Visited ***By Roger Rotvig***

Holy Cross has a year-around tradition of two services, one using a "traditional" liturgy and the other, using a "contemporary" one. When we have a single service for a special occasion, on the last Sunday of the month or for all summer, we use a mixture of the contemporary at the start of the service and traditional for the ending. All of us continue to learn more from each type and our worship experience is greatly enhanced.

The Single Service's repeated use of the contemporary Kyrie has made a strong impression on us and needs to be explained further to see how it seems to tie together an understanding of how our perception of God and man's relationship has grown and changed over the centuries. Our rich hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, (the red book) has ten liturgical settings. The contemporary Kyrie Eleison we have used this summer is from setting #8 (p. 184). Setting #10 (p. 203) has an excellent example of the centuries old usage. Before we examine the change, let us look at the Greek and Latin originals.

In Latin, the word Kyrie means "Lord" and Eleison means "have mercy". The original Greek would have read something like Kurie and Eleison. In the ancient liturgies, it was paired with the Latin phrase: *Christe Eleison*, meaning "Christ have mercy". It was always repeated 3 times, so the opening chant or prayer was: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, repeated twice more.

The mind-set of those using that liturgical phrase down through the ages is captured well in the words of our setting #10. We sing, partly, as follows: "Have Mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair."

Think of Martin Luther, a devout seeker for God's forgiveness, who was plagued with the chancel painting in his home church, of God with a sword in hand, seeking to exact punishment from a totally corrupt mankind. Despair was the driving force that many received from the Church and found expressed in their liturgies.

Then look at Luther, after the reformation allowed him to express the truth he found in scripture, most beautifully stated in his explanation of the third article of the Apostles Creed: "I believe that I cannot, by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and keeps me in the true faith..." The focus is no longer an inward, but an outward call.

That's where the Kyrie of setting #8 helps us to focus more where we ought to be directed, outwardly. The Kyrie, sung by all, goes: "Kyrie Eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie Eleison, ev'ry day". Then the cantor sings: "For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord."

After the congregation sings the Kyrie again, the cantor focuses on truth and justice. The Kyrie is sung for the third time, and the cantor focuses on the hungry and the poor. The next time, the cantor focuses on our homes, family work and play. After another singing of the Kyrie, the cantor concludes with a plea for the nourishment of our own souls.

Can't you see the difference? The one seems inwardly focused. The other, outwardly. Please note that we are dealing with only one element of the liturgies. There are many other places where traditional usages help better to understand God's gracious act in Christ on our behalf.

Your writer is a "died in the wool" traditionalist. I love what the historic liturgies of the Lutheran Church convey to those who worship "in spirit and in truth", but I have to admit, that in the case of the Kyrie, the "contemporary" liturgy helps us focus where we should, outwardly, not inwardly.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, EVERY SUNDAY, EVERY DAY

I am sure you all have seen the picture on the wall of the Narthex, next to the door to our Church sanctuary. Do you know what it is? Do you know what it represents? I know some of you have the answer to these questions, but I am not sure everyone knows! I hesitate to call it an “illusion” because the dictionary says an illusion is “a false idea or conception”. This certainly is not a false idea, but it is made up of something that is not what the picture shows. If you look closely, with the magnifying glass that is attached to the frame of the picture, you will see it is made up of PEOPLE. Holy Cross people! And what could be more perfect than people, church people, becoming a picture of our risen Christ! I have not yet found the source of this picture but to me it is a perfect representation of the Stewardship of our church—people doing the work of Christ.



Over the past many months Holy Cross people have been challenged with significant economic programs. The challenge of Restoring, Renewing and Rejoicing with a Capital Campaign began with a plan to upgrade our church home and unburden our financial plans to allow us to increase our contribution to the needs of our community. That campaign is now nearing its final year and all of the physical plans for our church home are complete. Some additional expense is needed to upgrade our communications through social media and that will soon be done, which will leave us with the final part of the program, to repay the mortgage. We will then be able to execute the final step in our campaign – REJOICE ! – and that will fulfill the theme verse chosen for our campaign “May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace”. Steps are now underway to reduce our mortgage expense and this will give us the ability to increase our role in the benevolences of our community and the greater Lutheran Church in our country and abroad.

Coincidentally with our Capital Campaign, Holy Cross has increased its outreach to the community by contributing time, talent and treasure (the “watch words” of Stewardship) to several local programs that are aimed at helping those in need of clothing and food in our nearby communities. In addition, some of our members are active in a plan to help local immigrants become settled in our local towns with contributions of household goods and family service. Also recently several members have become very active in the program of Safe Families for Children in Maine, with one taking children into her home on a temporary basis as a “host”, while several members are currently in training to participate as “family friends”. For those who cannot participate directly with the families they can make financial contributions at maine@safefamilies.net or Safe Families for Children, PO Box 93, Whiting, ME 04691. Everyone can participate.

As this Stewardship note began, the vision of Christ in our lives is made up of all members of our church. As we look at this picture when we go into church each Sunday, let us all see and understand the work of our church, Holy Cross, as a composite of all of its members.

Carl Graves

MONTHLY FOOD BOX



A Monthly Food Box is available to anyone 60 years and older who could use some help. This assistance is offered by the USDA, and is called the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. There are some suggested income guidelines listed on the application form, but the help is available to anyone who feels they need it. Application forms are available on the table in the entryway at church, and there is a flyer on the white board with a listing of “What’s in the Box?” Boxes are distributed on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10:30 am to 12 noon at St. David’s Episcopal Church on Route 1 in Kennebunk. (St. David’s also offers a complimentary lunch during that time for anyone who would like a good meal!) Please feel free to take one or more of the applications to share with anyone you know for whom this might be a help. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Rich.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Worship Schedule – From now through Labor Day weekend in September our summer schedule of one service at 9:30 am every Sunday will be in effect.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC



If you sing and/or play an instrument we would love for you to take part in the special music program this summer. Betty Kreie is coordinating the program so please be in touch with any questions you may have and to sign up for a particular Sunday! 646-8611 or bettykreie@gmail.com

BAPTISMS

Baptisms will take place at Holy Cross on both Sunday June 3rd, and again on Sunday June 24th. Following the service in each case there will be a reception in honor of the baptized.

We are excited to welcome the following into our family of faith:

Cashman Steele Goodwin –Lane, son of Liesl Goodwin and Barry Lane;

Peyton Marie Rich, daughter of Codey and Kaitlyn Rich, granddaughter of Barney and Deb Rich;

Henry Tyler Janiak, son of Tyler and Angie Janiak, grandson of Jon and Michele Janiak.





SHARE THE BOUNTY

Saturday, June 2nd, is the day for the next bean supper!

There will be the usual menu of beans, cole slaw, hot dogs, various breads and, of course, PIE! Everyone is welcome, both from within the church and the wider community. If you are a regular volunteer, please check with Julie if you can or cannot help.

COME HAVE SOME PIE!

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

The Friendship Lunch is always the second Monday of each month. The next lunch will be Monday, June 11th and will feature ham and potato salad!

If you are interested in helping out with the lunch, please contact Mary Keating.



BRUNCH

Mark the date of Sunday July 15th on your calendar! The Deacons are hosting a brunch that day, following the 9:30 am worship service. This will be a time of wonderful fellowship, good food, and some fun games/activities to enjoy. Further information will be forthcoming along with the posting of a sign-up sheet for those who plan to participate.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

No Place Like Home is a volunteer group working to help older adults stay in their homes as they age. We are now offering rides to non-medical activities around town. We are asking for help to spread the word. We also are asking for folks to join our efforts. We need volunteers. Please see the flyer posted on the white board in the entryway of the church, or call the church office (985-4803) for more information.

PARENTS' PRAYER GROUP

The Parent's Prayer group meets the first Monday of every month in Lord Street House. From 4:30 to 5:30 we will share prayer concerns and pray together. From 5:30 to 6:00, we will devote time to fellowship and book discussion. (The book we are reading is *The Power of a Praying Parent* and copies are available.) We pray for all children of all ages and all stages - please join us!



WELCOMING NEW IMMIGRANTS – OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Welcoming New Immigrants - Our New Neighbors is a ministry of welcoming immigrants in our local area begun by Judy and Dick Cadmus and supported by their home church, Christ Church. A year ago Dick and Judy reached out to the larger community for assistance. ***There is currently a need for the donation of fans of any kind, new or used. If you have one to donate please contact the church office (985-4803) or Cheryl Dearman-Mills (641-3837) to arrange a time to drop it off. Thanks!***

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Jack Bates

Going High Tech

I was visiting my daughter last night, when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

This is the 21st century she said, “We don’t waste money on newspapers, here use my iPad.”

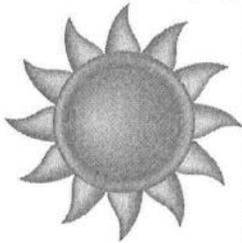
I can tell you thisthat fly never knew what hit him.

“We are always saving somebody away off, when the fellow next to us ain’t eating.”
~Will Rogers

**Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of Your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on Your way.
Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**



“Good Soil”: Text & Music – Handt Hanson.
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June 2018

To Schedule Meeting Space (in Luther Hall, Lord Street House, sanctuary, etc.) please be sure to contact Faith Gillman -- faithgillman@yahoo.com -- to avoid any conflicts on the church Calendar.

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10 9:30 Worship	11 9:00 am Kennebunk Cares Closet Noon Friendship Lunch (LH)	12 7 pm Congregational Council (LH)	13 8:30 Bible Study (LH) 9 Al-Anon (downstairs)	14 9:00 am Kennebunk Cares Closet 6:30 pm Men's Group	15	16
17 9:30 Worship Youth Camp Mission Trip in Wrightsville, PA	18 9:00 am Kennebunk Cares Closet	19	20 8:30 Bible Study (LH) 9 Al-Anon (downstairs)	21 9:00 am Kennebunk Cares Closet 5:30 Harvest Café 6:30 pm Men's Group	22	23
24 9:30 Worship	25 9:00 am Kennebunk Cares Closet	26	27 8:30 Bible Study (LH) 9 Al-Anon (downstairs)	28 9:00 am Kennebunk Cares Closet 9-11am Pastor's Office Hours 6:30 pm Men's Group	29	30



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FAMILY & FRIENDS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:



Jim Keating
Alice Lailer
Diana Breitenfield
John Kreie
Rolf Bandle
Patti Berg-Anderson
Ken Roberts
Becky
Sandy
Roger

Ray
Kim Najariean
Betty
John
Liz Lienhard
Tammy
Jamie
Konrad
Dick
Brady Provencher

Brenda & Tom
Dottie Graves
John Pendleton
Ed Fox
Chris Rodgers
David Donald
Jake
Rob Nutter
Baby Myka

A prayer of thanksgiving for God's healing power in the life of: Dick Lord, Faith Follum, Janet Miller

SERVING US IN JUNE AND JULY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June
9:30 am

Irene Eaton
Roger Anderson or Cathy Bansmer

July
9:30 am

Barbara Weldon Morin or Val Reid or Cheryl Mills
Mary Bates

ALTAR GUILD

June
Dot Bois & Cathy Bansmer

July
Lynn White

USHERS

June & July
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CRIER PUBLICATION INFO:

To get pertinent information out to our members and friends in a timely fashion, The Crier is published the last full week of each month. In order for us to use this publishing schedule, we have a **firm** deadline for submissions. ***The firm deadline for the August Crier is Sunday, July 22nd.***

Please send all articles to Julie Clapp at juliane@julianemarie.com or leave them in the church office.

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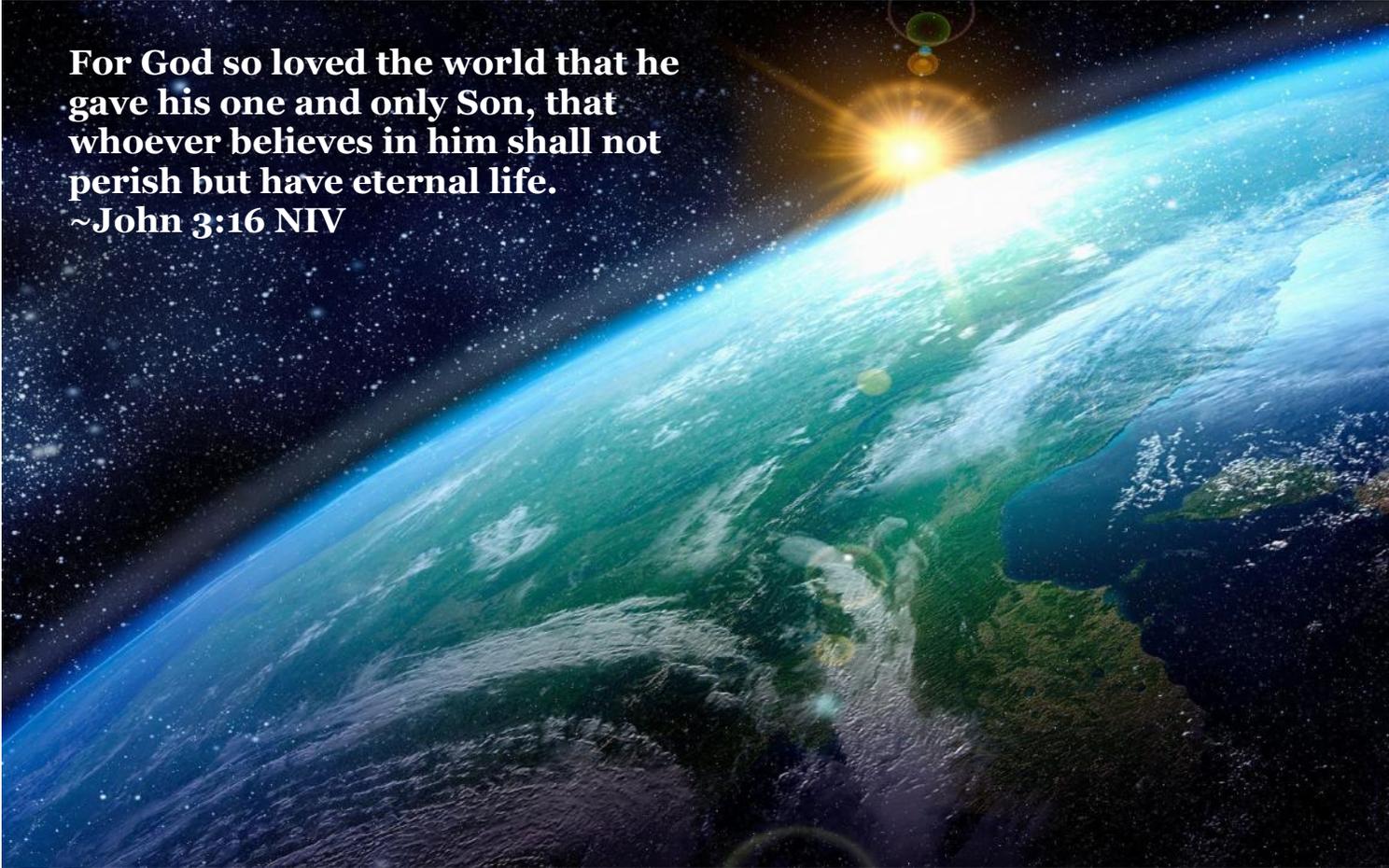
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Worship Schedule

Summer Schedule

9:30 am Single service: Modern and Traditional Lutheran Liturgy*

*Holy Communion served at all services



**For God so loved the world that he
gave his one and only Son, that
whoever believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life.
~John 3:16 NIV**