



# DSL CONNECTION

## SEPTEMBER 2017



**Divine Savior  
Lutheran Church**  
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**9:00 AM  
Sunday School  
&  
Bible Class**

**10:00 AM  
Fellowship**

**10:30 AM  
Divine Service**

**7:00 PM  
Wednesday  
Bible Study**

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*"But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ..."*  
(Galatians 6:14)

Looking at the calendar for September, one would note some important days: Labor Day, Grandparents' Day, and the beginning of Fall. However, one important day you should note is Holy Cross Day, a day which always falls on September 14<sup>th</sup>. That day falls on a Thursday this year.

The history and influence of this day is important. As noted from the *Treasury of Daily Prayer*, Holy Cross Day is one of the earliest celebrations of the Church. On September 14, 320, the original cross on which Jesus was crucified was believed to have been found by Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great. Fifteen years later, in 335, this festival day was made official by order of Constantine. It is interesting to note that Helena helped locate and authenticate many sites related to the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The "Propers for the Day" (Scripture Readings, Collect of the Day, Proper Preface, etc.) are focused on the crucifixion and cross of Jesus. (See Numbers 21:4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 12:20-33). Hymns for the day might include: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" and "Lift High the Cross".

It is of interest to think of how we use the word "Holy Cross" within the church. Many congregations in our Church body are named "Holy Cross Lutheran Church." Of more importance, recall Martin Luther's words of instruction of how to begin and end the day: "In the morning when you get up/In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross and say..." Of course, with those words and actions we recall our baptism. It was at baptism that the words were spoken as well. "Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified."

We give thanks that our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross to bear the sins of the world. We pray that our hearts may be fixed with steadfast faith on Him, and that we may faithfully bear our crosses and follow Him.

God's Blessings,  
Pastor Wehmeyer

