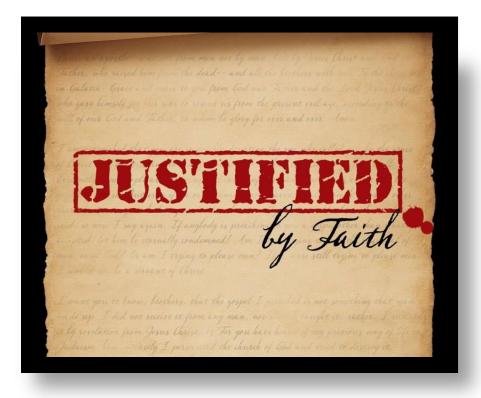
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH The Second Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service Three June 23, 2019





June 23, 2019

8:00 and 10:30 AM

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod) 9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd. Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Sunday Worship Services	8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Bible Classes and Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
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Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!

Prayer for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

Heavenly Father, we give You praise and thanks that You have created the world for our use and as a setting for mankind, the jewel of Your creation. You who brought forth the light of the sun, moon, and stars, keep us in the light of Your Son, Jesus. O precious Savior, we give You praise and thanks that You awaken in our souls the desire to live lives freed from the burden of sin. Help us to trust that though Satan has desired to have us that he may sift us as wheat, You have prayed for us that our faith fail not. O blessed Spirit, we give You praise and thanks that You are the Comforter sent to us from Christ on high. You confer Your gifts of love, joy, and peace on us. By You we are enlightened, sanctified, and kept in the one true faith. We come before You, the triune God, not because of our righteousness, but because of Your mercy. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

333 Once He Came in Blessing

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord

Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 71:20–24; antiphon: Ps. 71:3



Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may contin- | ually come;* you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my | fortress.

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive | me again;*
from the depths of the earth you will bring me | up again.

You will increase my greatness* and comfort me again.

I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, | O my God;*
I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of | Israel.

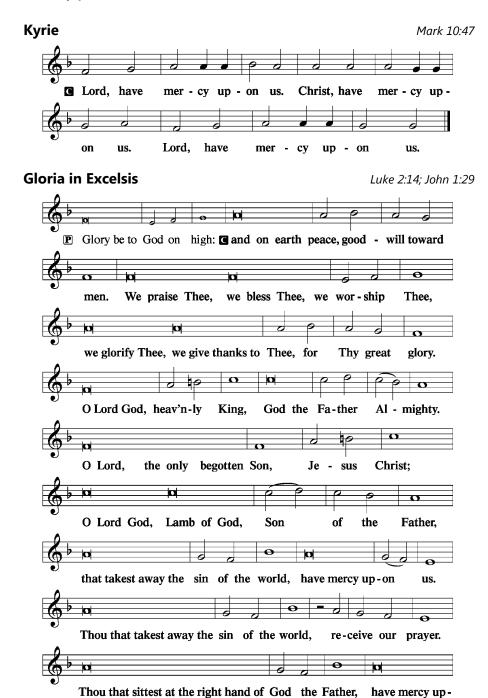
My lips will shout for joy, when I sing prais- | es to you;* my soul also, which you | have redeemed.

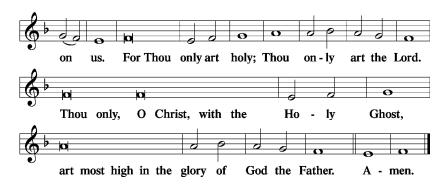
And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all | the day long,* for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to | do me hurt.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may contin- ually come;*

you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.





Salutation and Collect of the Day



- P O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

following their own devices;

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name. I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good,

a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; who sit in tombs. and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels: who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills. I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds."

Thus says the LORD:

"As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual Rom. 10:8b, 10



The word is near you, in your mouth and | in your heart,*

the word of faith that | we proclaim.

For with the heart one believes and is | justified,*
and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.

Epistle: Galatians 3:23—4:7

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.



Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life

→ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

Sermon

"Justified by Faith"

Text: See the Epistle Reading

Stand

Offertory



Psalm 51:10-12



Sit

Offering

(Please add your name to the red fellowship book and pass it to your fellow worshipers.)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

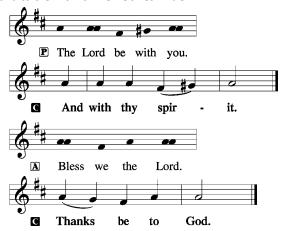
Closing Collect

A Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love for us in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

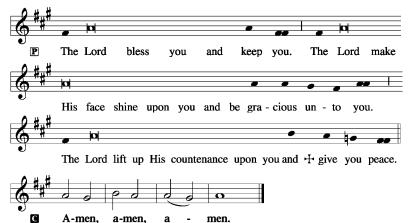
C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus



Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



825 Rise, Shine, You People



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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