#### **HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Divine Service One** 

## **The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

August 16, 2020



Great is thy faith.



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8:00 and 10:30 AM

#### **Prayer for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy God, keep us from emptying Your Word of its power by twisting its meaning and thus thwarting Your intended purpose for it in our lives. Grant that we never, by outwardly trying to obey Your law, think that we can earn Your favor and a place in heaven. May we always, when reading Your law, see there our sin and our need for a Savior. May we heed Jesus when He points out our sins of rebelliousness and what we deserve for those sins. Help us continue to look to Jesus, who also points to Himself as our only hope and only Savior, who has rescued us from our sins and made us pleasing to You by His own righteous life and sacrificial death on our behalf. Make Your Word a living force in our lives, O God, to Your glory. In our Savior's name. Amen.



**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to

eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

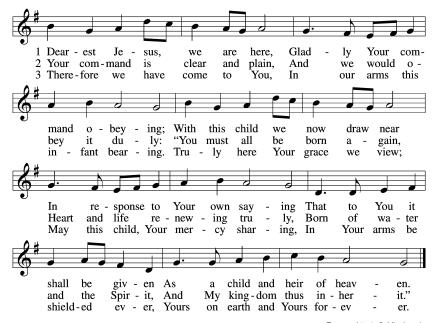
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



#### **Confession and Absolution**

#### 8 a.m. - Baptism of Fiona Covert

#### 592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here



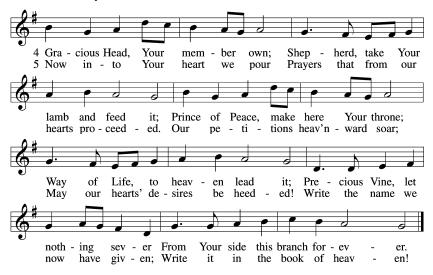
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#### **Rite of Holy Baptism**

Fiona Joy Covert

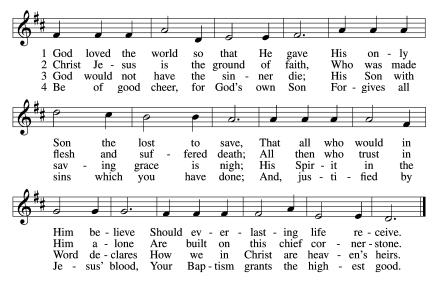
#### 592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here



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#### 10:30 a.m.

#### 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



- 5. If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

**Invocation** *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20* 

P In the name of the Father and of the 

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

**Exhortation** 1 John 1:8–9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

#### **Confession of Sins**

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**Absolution** [John 20:19–23]

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.



#### Service of the Word

#### Introit



The LORD is the strength of his | people;\*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\* lest, if you be silent to me,

I become like those who go down | to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,\* when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

Mark 10:47

Blessèd | be the LORD!\*

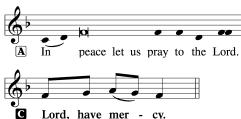
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

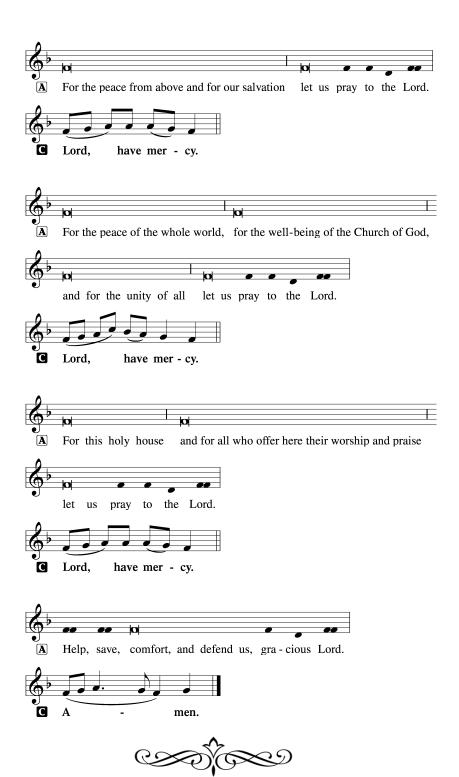
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;\* my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

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.

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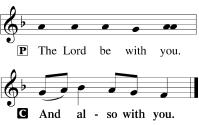
#### Kyrie







#### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**



P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

#### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:
"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed....

"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."
The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

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

#### Gradual



Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

#### Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew....

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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

Stand

#### **Alleluia and Verse**

John 6:68



#### Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.



Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

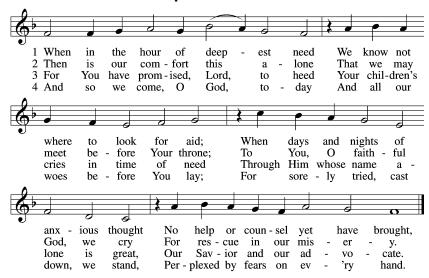
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit



#### 615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need



- O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;
   Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
   Be with us in our anguish still;
   Free us at last from ev'ry ill.
- So we with all our hearts each day
   To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
   Then walk obedient to Your Word,
   And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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#### Sermon

#### "A Persistent Faith"

Text: See the Holy Gospel Reading

Stand



#### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 

→ of the world to come. Amen.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.



#### Offering

There is an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary where you can deposit your offerings.

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#### Service of the Sacrament

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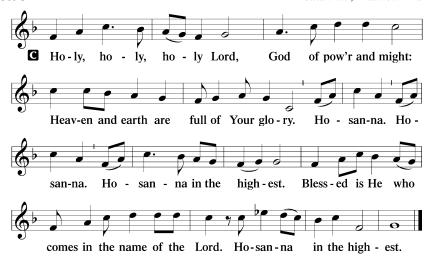
Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.



#### **Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:





#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.



Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

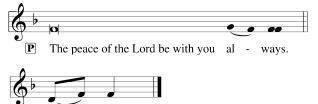
#### The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

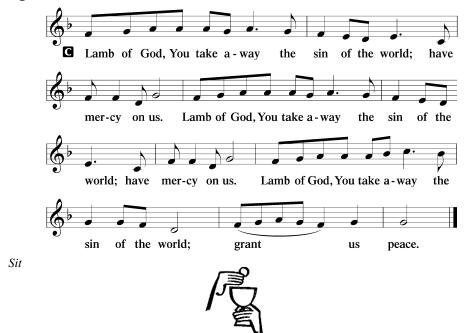
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19





Agnus Dei John 1:29



#### Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

#### Distribution

Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26



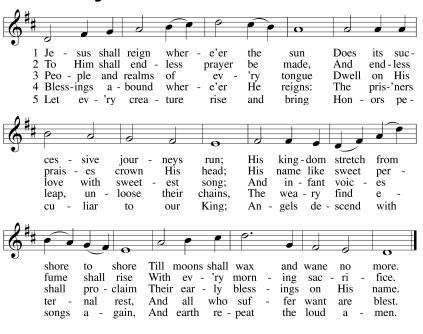
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



#### 832 Jesus Shall Reign





### Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

#### Acknowledgments

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This morning we welcome into our Holy Cross family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism **Fiona Joy Covert**, infant daughter of Marcus and Kelsey Covert. We pray that God will keep Fiona forever in her baptismal grace.

#### **Baptism Connects us to Christ!**

Baptism is more than a ritual or a ceremony. Baptism is not a mere tradition of men. Baptism is a clear teaching of God in His Word. In baptism God is at work, bringing us into the family of God. Through baptism God miraculously unites us with Christ. Baptism is part of God's ongoing creating and re-creating power that He used to create the whole world. In baptism we become "in Christ," and "if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV).

Excerpted from the editorial of the third issue of *Good News*, which is published by Concordia Mission Society. The third issue studied the topic of Christian Baptism.



The Altar Guild is now accepting flower donations beginning September 6. If you are interested in donating flowers to adorn the chancel, please sign up on the flower calendar located on the bulletin board in the narthex. The price for the floral arrangement is \$30. Please leave a check or cash in an envelope marked as "flowers" in the offering plate. Orders need to be placed by the previous Sunday.

#### "Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life August 16, 2020

"Christianity proclaims a God who valued humanity so much that in Jesus God took on flesh, becoming human. He took on His own jar of clay and in so doing gifted all of humanity with immeasurable treasure."

Margaret Manning Shull, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries A Life
Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

**Petitions and Prayers:** We confidently call upon God through prayer by first knowing and confessing that we are unworthy to be heard by Him.



#### **Health concerns:**

Gracious Father, grant these people healing as best suits Your will for their lives. Help them to pray, "If it be Your will," and so let them place themselves in Your care forever. You have shown Your love to all who suffer by sending Jesus, who bore all for us in His life and death. We pray in His name. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

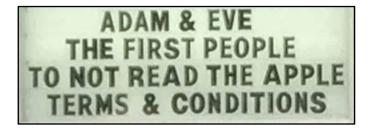
- Theresa Kingham cancer
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's brother) cancer
- Frank Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's father) recovering from emergency surgery
- Julie Ann Zamora injuries from recent fall
- Fred Boehne and family at the loss of his mother.

#### Prayer of intercession:

\*Heavenly Father, thank You for granting us the privilege of coming to You with our sorrows, troubles, and needs, with our questions, doubts, and weaknesses. You promise to hear our prayers and to answer them in Your wisdom and love. Enable us to pray earnestly and trustingly. Lead us to read, listen, and learn from Your Holy Word that we may grow in Christian faith and in joyful service to You. Bring us to repentance, shower us with forgiveness, and renew us with the promise of eternal life. Give us courage to witness to the Gospel truth so that faith may go from faith to faith. We pray in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Savior. Amen.



Find Pastor Skelton's Bible Study based on First Samuel posted on facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch and click on videos to see the Bible Study and worship services.





# ELC Back to School Supply List

Holy Cross' Early Learning Center's school year begins Wednesday, August 12, 2020

A collection box will be in the narthex Sunday, July 26 through Sunday, August 30 for the items listed below.

#### Help our ELC have a great year!!

- Lysol Wipes
- Pom Poms assorted colors and sizes
- White Construction Paper
- Assorted Stickers
- Play-Doh brand playdough
- Skinny Markers
- Masking Tape
- Coloring Books
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Pipe Cleaners (chenille sticks)
  - assorted colors

Director Kristen Foss and staff sincerely appreciate your donations for the up-coming school year 2020 - 2021. "Blessings and Thank You"





# For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**Romans 10:13** 

#### **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

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Sunday Worship Services	8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Bible Classes and Sunday School	9:25 a.m.
Rev. Bruce Skelton, Pastor, Office	303-683-1300
Kristen Foss, Director, Early Learning Cen	iter303-683-1311
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Counting sheep?
Talk to the shepherd.

