

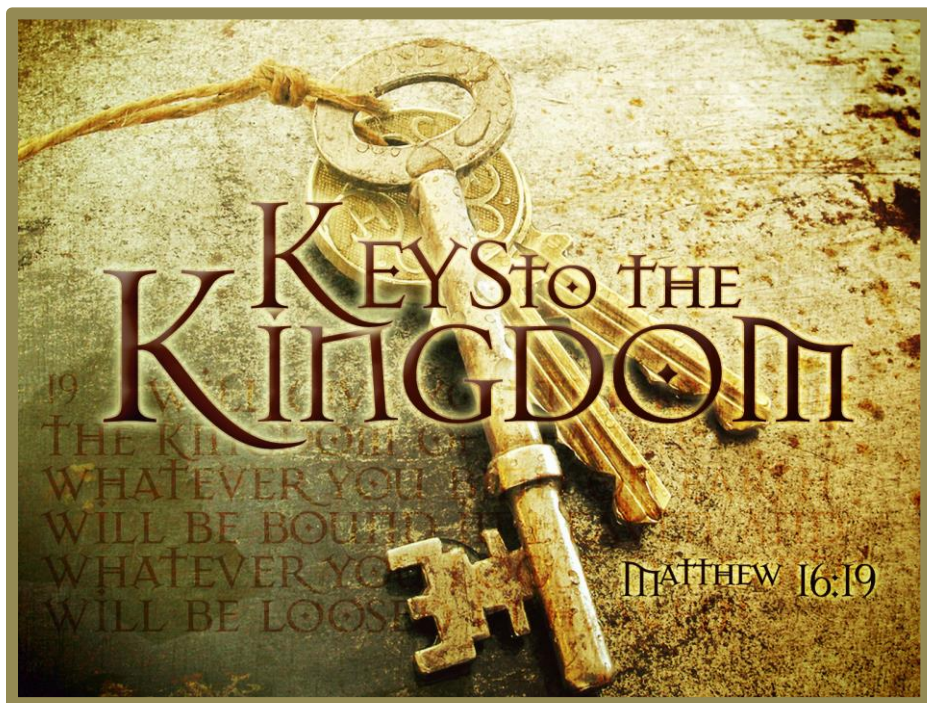
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Divine Service One

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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:
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Prayer for the Twelve Sunday after Pentecost

Heavenly Father, Your Word reveals both Your and Jesus' great love for us. If it were not for Your Son, we would be under the complete domination of the sinful nature with which we were born. And without Him we would be living for ourselves and dead in sin. But Christ by His death has redeemed us from sin. John's words in his first letter, "The blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin," (1:7) give us peace of heart and peace of mind. No longer does our sin control and condemn us. We have been freed from the curse of sin; now we can live for You. Your Son's death has given us a new life now and an eternal life in heaven; we have been freed from spiritual and eternal death. O may our hearts ever be the dwelling place of Christ, Your Son, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

818 In Thee Is Gladness

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

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

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

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **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.
- C** **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.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit



But we will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

**As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill.**

I will tell of | the decree:*
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have be- | gotten you."

**Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!**

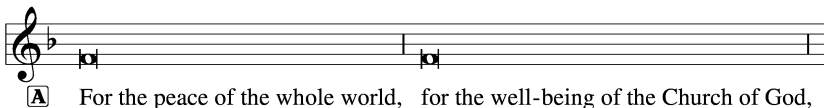
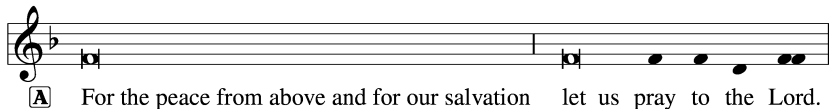
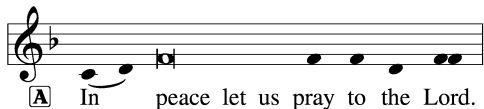
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD
endures forever. | Praise the LORD!

**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.**

But we will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

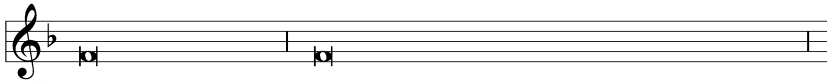




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



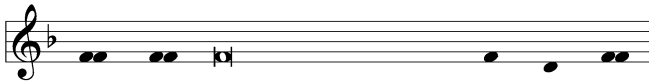
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

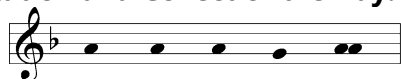


You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day: Proper 16 (Year A)



P The Lord be with you.



G And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:1–6

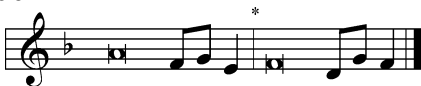
"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
"Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C 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 11:33—12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

"Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13–20

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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



C Praise to You, O Christ.

645 Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



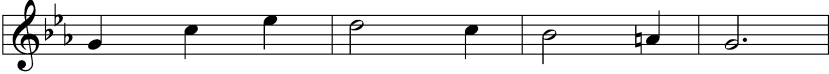
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
Choos - es to live with us in love,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
With all His grace and His fa - vor.
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
My peace I leave with you. A - men."

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Sermon

"The Keys of the Kingdom"

Text: See the Holy Gospel Reading

576 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup -
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,
 Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -
 own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!
Refrain
 On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is
 sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.
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Stand

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.**

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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



Offering

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

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

A musical score for the Offertory, featuring six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are from Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19.

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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

C **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

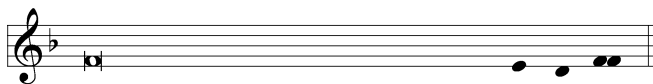
P Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



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.



C A - men.



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

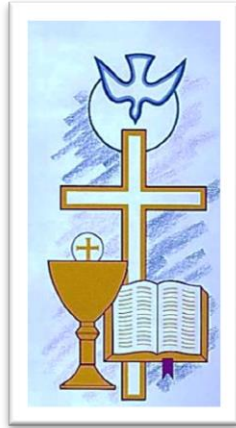
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Holy Cross Lutheran Church Highlands Ranch, Colorado

August 23, 2020

**We state the following from
Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism:**

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is the rite by which a baptized person renews his baptismal vows, publicly confesses his faith, and is received into communicant membership by the congregation.

WHAT SHOULD BE THE PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION ON THE DAY OF CONFIRMATION?

On the day of confirmation, the congregation should pray for the catechumens that they may grow in grace, be steadfast in the profession of their faith, become fruitful in every good work, and in the end receive the crown of life.

Confirmation

Confirmed today at the 10:30 a.m. service is Matthew Kitch.

Lord God, heavenly Father, thank You for bringing these young people to this point of the confirmation of their faith. Thank You for giving them the opportunity to study Your Word in depth. Keep them strong in their faith and close to Your Word. Let Your Spirit continue to work in their lives so that they remain active in Your church, enabling others to see the light of Your love. Help them to regard this day as the beginning of their growth in Your Word rather than an ending. Grant that their lives be filled with the joy of Your presence. Let them praise You all the days of their lives. We pray in the name of Your holy Son Jesus. Amen.



Matthew David Kitch

Matthew David Kitch is the son of Mike and Barb Kitch. Matthew was baptized in Christ on April 13, 2008.

Matthew's confirmation verse is: *"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you (Matthew 6:33).*

Matthew enjoys playing basketball, camping and playing video games. His favorite Bible story is from Matthew chapter fourteen, "Jesus Walks on the Water".

Matthew is interested in going to college to study Information Technology (IT).

Petitions and Prayers: Through His Word, God teaches us **how** to pray, **what** to pray for, and what we can **expect** in prayer.



Health concerns:

Lord Jesus, lift the spirits and strengthen the faith of those people who are ill, helping them to look beyond this present affliction. Remind them that You are near, even in this time of pain and suffering. Heal them if it be Your will; if not, give them the strength to endure in faith. We pray in Your name, our only Lord and Savior. 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:

A Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

**O Lord of Life who formed us from the womb, keep us from the sin of becoming comfortable with the idea that people, from the womb, are not created instantly at conception but gradually evolve. Help us to see that if we permit the evil of evolution to enter the back door of our minds, we become more susceptible to lowering our views on the sanctity of life, and then the evil of abortion will quickly follow. In the name of Jesus, whose life gave us life. Amen.*

Bible Study



Find Pastor Skelton's Bible Study based on First Samuel posted on [facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch) and click on videos to see the Bible Study and worship services.



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.

The Altar Guild is also looking for volunteers to assist with duties during the 10:30 service. Please contact Angie Otto at 303-798-9799 if you are able to help out.



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 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"



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**Having gifts that differ according
to the grace given to us, let us use them.**

Romans 12:6

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