

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Matins

January 24, 2021

Time is Limited





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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.....9:25 a.m.
Rev. Bruce Skelton, Pastor, Office.....303-683-1300
Kristen Foss, Director, Early Learning Center.....303-683-1311
Fax..... 303-470-0165

***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

Prayer for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Lord Jesus Christ, You came bringing light and life and hope to a world that lies in spiritual darkness and under the shadow of eternal death. As the Gentile men knelt and adored You, so we bow our hearts in praise to You, our Savior and King. Praise be also to the Father in heaven who, by sending You to be our Savior, has commanded the light of the hope of everlasting life to shine into a sin-darkened world. O Jesus, Savior of the nations, Light of the Gentiles, and the Glory of Israel, shine Your bright beam of life and salvation into the farthest corners of the world and into the darkest recesses of human hearts, that people everywhere will be drawn to You. And lead us at last out of this evil world of darkness to heaven where we will enjoy, with all the saints and angels, a life that will never end. We ask this in Your name, O Christ, the Light who shines in us. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with

those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to

hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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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

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- 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,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **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.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

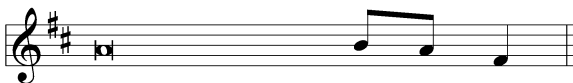
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Common Versicles

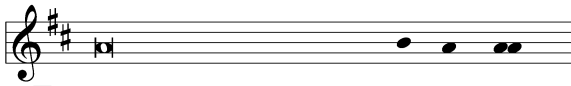
Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



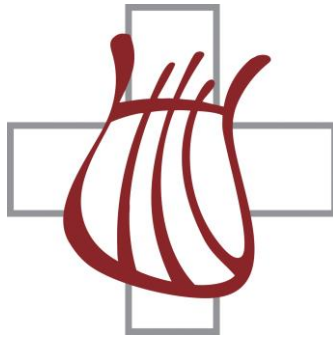
C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



Psalmody

Antiphon



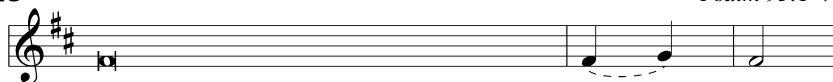
L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

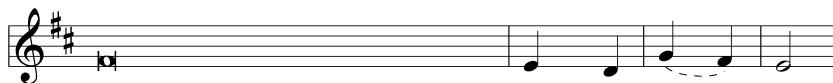
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Psalm 95:1-7



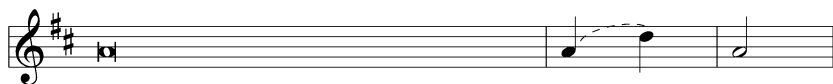
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

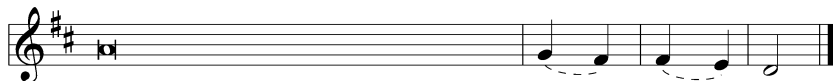


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Sit



856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To
 5 O Christ, the a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The

sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
 broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:

Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
 In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
 Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
 Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
 Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our

bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
 help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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Readings

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29–31

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Responsoy

Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sit

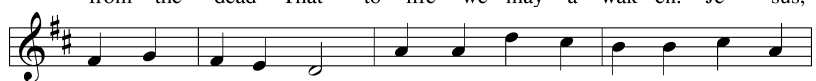
685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



- 1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



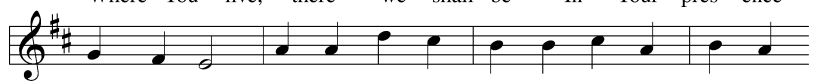
am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



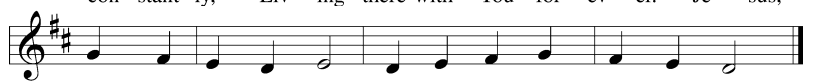
sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Sermon

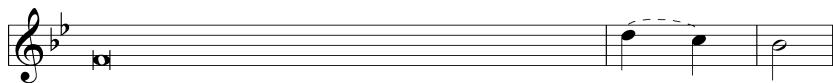
"Time is Limited"

Text: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

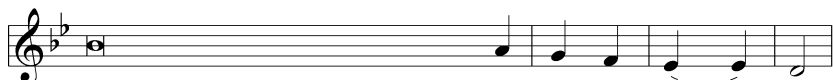
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Canticle

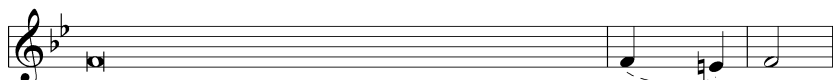
Te Deum



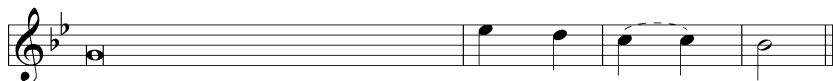
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



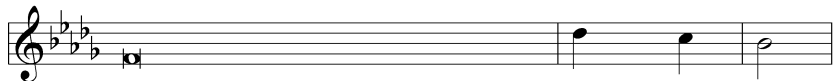
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



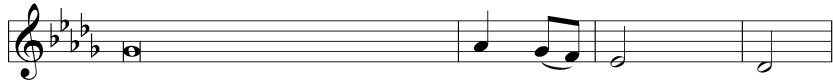
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



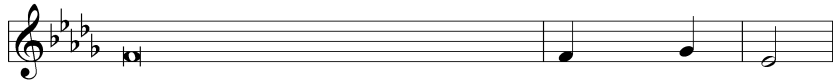
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



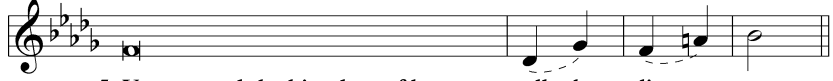
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



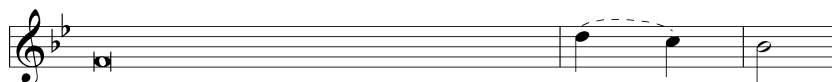
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



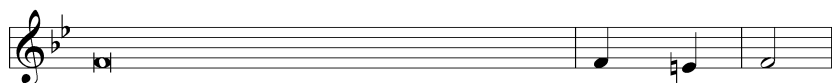
- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be — our — judge.



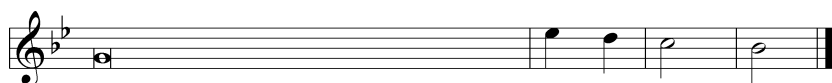
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out _____ sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on _____ us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.



Offering

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

Prayer

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Psalm 102:1



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



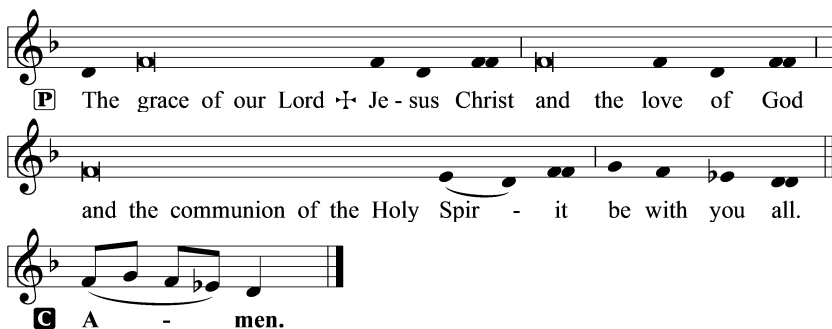
Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]



Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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836 O God of Light

1 O God of light, Your Word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
4 To all the world Your sum - mons You are send - ing,

Shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
Though we re - belled, You gent - ly sought a - gain
To sin - ful hearts Your jus - tice and Your grace;
Through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,

And show Your grace, Your plan for us un - veil - ing,
And spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
And quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for Your heal - ing,
That myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,

And guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
Who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
See Your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
May praise and cel - e - brate Your gift of grace.

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Announcements



Assisting Elders: 8 a.m. – Steve White
10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



*The flowers today are given to the glory
of God by Steve and Becky White.*

Our dear family members Dave and Helga Weiss are moving to Arizona to be nearer to their son. We will miss your presence here at Holy Cross. God's blessings to you in your new home.

Dave and Helga Weiss
3333 W. Morrison Ranch Pkwy. #205
Gilbert, AZ 85296

New Small Group Bible Study



There is a new small group Bible Study beginning on Friday, January 15, at 7 p.m., held over ZOOM. It will be led by Rachel Ruetz and will be geared towards college aged/young adults but open to everyone. It will be loosely based on Ken Ham's book *How Could a Loving God ...?*. Since it will be a small group and virtual for the time being, please contact Rachel at rmruetz@me.com or see her after service for more information and to get the Zoom link.



HCLC FAMILY BOARD NEEDS NEW PICTURES!

The Evangelism Board is asking for your help to update the Church Family picture board in the Narthex.

Three options:

1. Email a current picture of you and your family to the church at holycrosshrco@aol.com.
2. Send a 4x6 picture by US mail.
3. Have one of us take your picture at church.

4th possible option: If you don't send us a current picture, we will draw what we think you look like!



Thank you for your cooperation.

The Evangelism Committee,

Josh Christian
Marie McQuarrie,
Lynne Rodefeld
Becky White

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

Member Greeting Card Ministry



Please watch for new greeting cards addressed to some of our members on a table in the narthex at the beginning of each month. The envelopes are addressed and have postage. Our goal is to connect with our members who have been unable to attend regularly. It's great for different families to reach out to a different member each month. It only takes a moment to write a simple message or include a favorite Bible passage. Thank you for caring!



We are raising funds to support seminarian, Camille Cox, who is attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. We have a goal of \$5,000 and you can keep track of our progress on the thermometer in the narthex.



If you would like to send a card of encouragement or support to Camille you can send it to:

Camille Cox
6600 N. Clinton St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46825



Love doesn't just "live and let live." God has put love and power together (Psalm 62:11-12). Love won't settle for "personal choice" or "public opinion" or "political controversy." Remaining silent about sins like abortion and assisted suicide may avoid one kind of offense. But it perpetrates a greater one by refraining from showing love. Real compassion acts with courage. It means words of warning as much as words of winning over.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year by Lutherans for Life



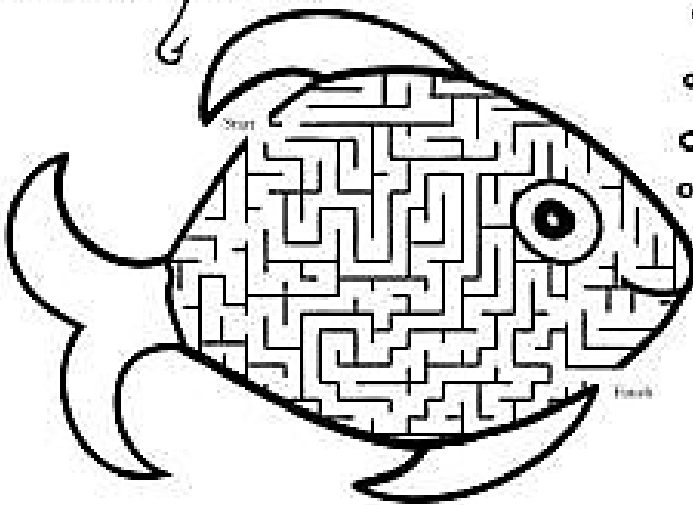
**LWML – Women of the Cross is collecting
peanut butter and jelly to be donated to the
Douglas County Task Force Food Pantry
in Castle Rock, CO.**

These items will be distributed
to families in need.

**Look for a donation box in the narthex
Sunday, February 7 - Sunday, March 28**

***Thank you for your
generous donation!***

FISHERS of MEN



And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you
become fishers of men." **Mark 1:17**

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Petitions and Prayers: Nothing will be denied us in prayer if our desire is to do the will of our heavenly Father.



Health concerns:

Dear Jesus, Great Physician of body and soul, hear our prayers for those who are ill. Help them to see their suffering as a reminder not only of our mortality, but also a blessed remembrance of how You “took our illnesses and bore our diseases” (Matthew 8:17) to the cross of Calvary. If it be Your will, bring healing to these people as we anticipate the ultimate freedom from pain in the joys of heaven. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Joyce Hansen - cancer
- Theresa Kingham – cancer
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's brother) – cancer
- Reuben Sironen – mild strokes
- Julie Ann Zamora – having oral surgery

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

**O Lord God, how long will the wicked triumph? The ongoing evil of abortion or infanticide has one again been exposed for all to see. Give us the courage to speak out against it. May the truth of the depravity of abortion touch people's consciences, cause them to repent of it, and turn to Jesus for forgiveness. Remove this evil from our midst. Through Your Spirit strengthen our faith to follow Your precepts, knowing that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We pray in His name. Amen.*

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life January 24, 2021

“Today we don't confess that we are against abortion. We are, of course. But that's not quite it. Today we don't confess that we are pro-life. We are, of course. But that's not quite it, either. Today we confess that God gives life to all things. God makes, and we are made. He makes life, and we leave alive.”

*Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia A
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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.



[Jesus said] "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:15

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.....9:25 a.m.

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it is hardest to pray.