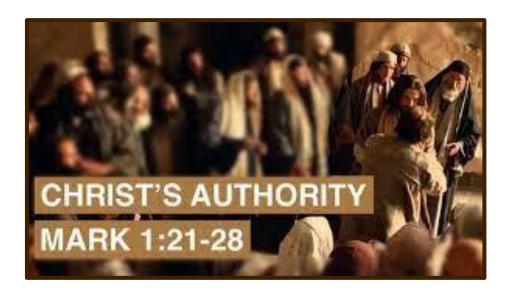
Holy Cross Lutheran Church The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Divine Service Three January 31, 2021





The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31, 2021

8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy God, thank You for unfolding Jesus' saving purpose on earth in Your holy Word. In the pages of Scripture, Jesus is revealed as the One whose suffering and death paid the price for our sins, bringing us the promise of forgiveness of sins and life eternal with You. May the biblical accounts that we have been privileged to focus on in this season of Epiphany reassure us that Jesus came into the world for each of us as individuals as well as for all people. Help us so to treasure the exciting Epiphany message of faith and joy that we are emboldened to show and tell it to those whose lives are touched by ours. In Your Son's saving 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

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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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,
- **G** 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.

Confession of Sins

- 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.

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.



Service of the Word

Introit



Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,*

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,* whose sin is | covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,* and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;* I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

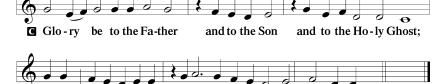
Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;* surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;* you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

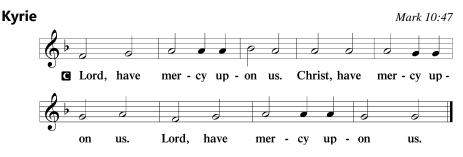
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,*
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Gloria Patri



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.







Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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: Deuteronomy 18:15–20

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die."

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

Gradual



Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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

Alleluia



Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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



They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.







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,

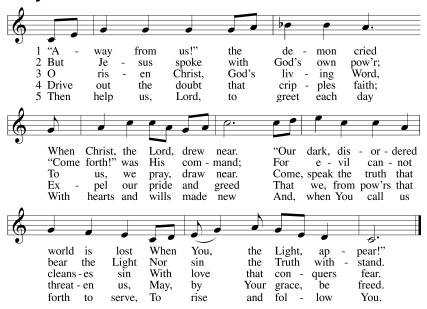
who spoke by the prophets.

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.

541 "Away from Us!" the Demon Cried



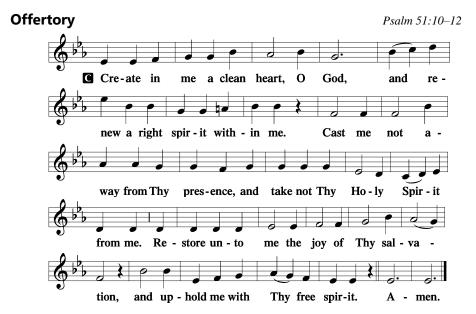
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Sermon

"Putting Your Money Where Your Mouth Is"

Text: Mark 1:21-28

Stand





Offering

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

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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



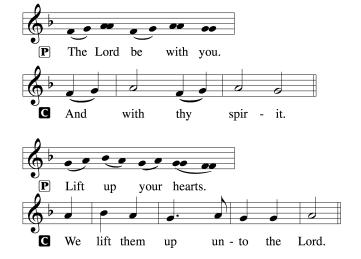
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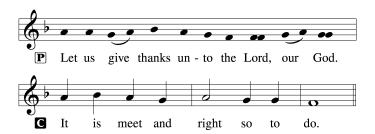
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Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]





Proper Preface

It is truly meet, 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:





Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

P 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.



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 ⅓ 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."

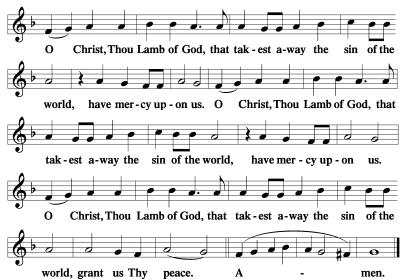
Pax Domini John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei John 1:29



Sit

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

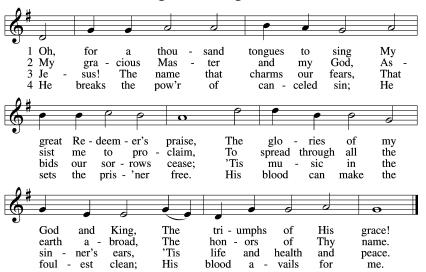


Distribution

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.

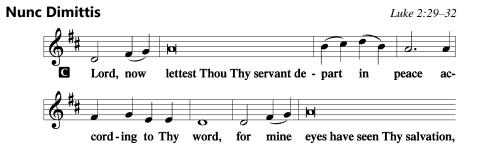
528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- Look unto Him, ye nations; own
 Your God, ye fallen race.
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 Be justified by grace.
- See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an off'ring made
 For ev'ry soul of man.
- To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

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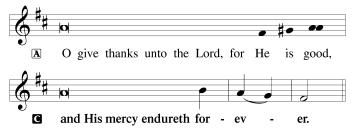
Stand





Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



Post-Communion Collect

P 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.

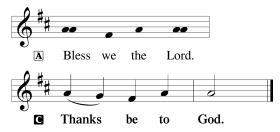


Salutation 2 Timothy 4:22



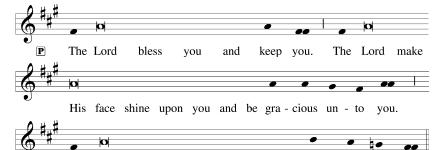
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Psalm 103:1



Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



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842 Son of God, Eternal Savior



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Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

Announcements



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

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 E. Morrison Ranch Pkwy. #205 Gilbert, AZ 85296



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.

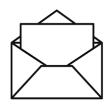
4th possible option: If you don't send us a current picture, we will draw what we think you look like!



Thank you for your cooperation.

The Evangelism Committee, Josh Christian, Marie McQuarrie, Lynne Rodefeld, Becky White

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



LWML – Women of the Cross is collecting standard family size peanut butter and jelly to be donated to the

Douglas County's "Help & Hope Center" in Castle Rock, CO.

(previously known as Douglas/Elbert Task Force)

These items will be distributed to families in need.

We will be collecting donations Sunday, February 7 - Sunday, March 28

(All Sundays in February and March)

Thank you for your generous donation!



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Petitions and Prayers: When we pray in Jesus' name, we can be confident that God will give us all things so that our joy "may be full."



Health concerns:

Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ, bore our sicknesses and infirmities and "with His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). Give Your Holy Spirit to those who are sick so that they have confidence that You hear them when they cry out to You. If it be Your will, ease their pain and heal them. Assure them of Your love for them. 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 multiple health issues

Prayer of intercession:

*Jesus, our Teacher in age as in youth, keep all students and teachers involved in our Lutheran schools (pre-school through college) safe from the evil one lest in the midst of enlightenment they do not see You, the Light; in the world of ideas they lose ideals; and in the pursuit of wisdom they are imprudent. We ask that as **Lutheran Schools Week** is acknowledged January 24-30, You bless all involved with an awareness of Your presence so that their efforts glorify Your name. Amen.

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life January 31, 2021

"We've shown up to celebrate and safeguard each one from the unborn to the elderly and everywhere in between ... We're leaning in to bring joy to the desperate and hope to the endangered. We're reaching out to take community and opportunity even amid adversity. We're marching forth to give courage and compassion. We've united today not simply to leave a sordid past behind but to leap ahead into a splendid future."

Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director
Mission and Ministry, Lutherans For Life
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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.



You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

Psalm 4:1

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It's hard to get in shape spiritually if you only work out on Sundays.