

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Divine Service Four

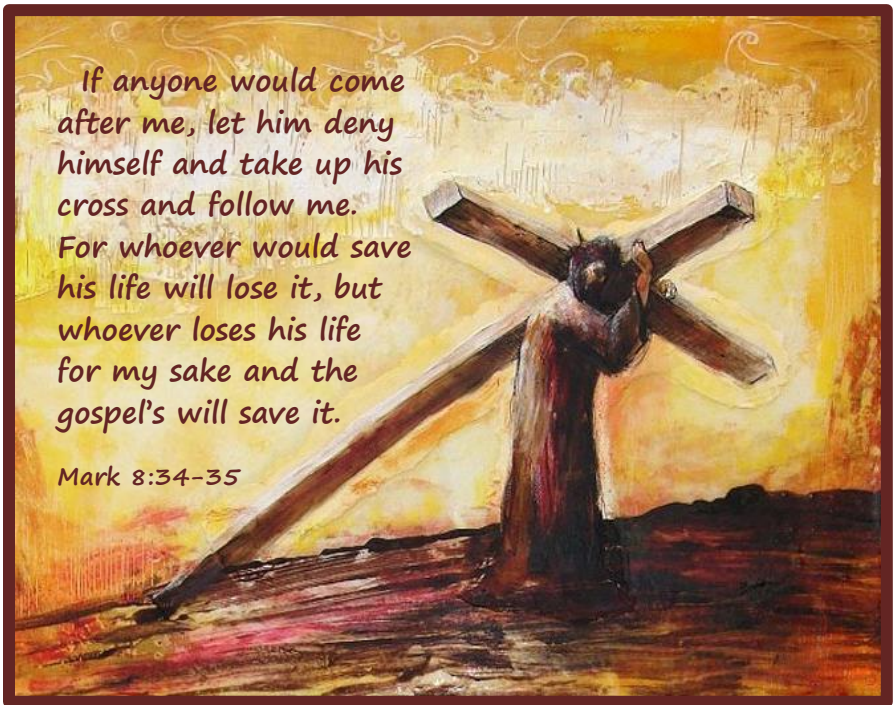
The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

*If anyone would come
after me, let him deny
himself and take up his
cross and follow me.*

*For whoever would save
his life will lose it, but
whoever loses his life
for my sake and the
gospel's will save it.*

Mark 8:34-35





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February 28, 2021

8:00 and 10:30 AM

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

Prayer for the Second Sunday in Lent

Lord Jesus, we have sinned grievously against Your holy will as given in the commandments, but You have kept the Law in our stead. Give us a spirit of true repentance so that our hearts are filled with thanksgiving that our sins are forgiven for Your sake. Grant that especially during this sacred season the story of Your wondrous love for us draw us closer to You so that in gratitude for Your great love we may rejoice in our redemption, walk with You in willing obedience, and follow Your example of love and sacrifice. May our journey to the cross this Lenten season be a time of deepened faith and renewed commitment to You and God's Word. Hear our prayer, Lord Jesus! Amen.



Confession and Absolution

832 Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc-
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with

shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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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

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
- L** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- L** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Prayer for Forgiveness

- L** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**



Service of the Word

Introit



Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*
He is their help | and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;*
he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of | Aaron;

**he will bless those who | fear the LORD,*
both the small | and the great.**

We will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | 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.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

547 The Lamb



1 The Lamb, the Lamb,	O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb,	One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb,	As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies,	He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose,	My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves	God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb,	Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will	On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives,	He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long	Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Gradual



**[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

Epistle: Romans 5:1–11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27–38

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

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

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Apostles' Creed

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

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

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

783 Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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| 5. Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne. | 6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee. |
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Sermon

"Losing Your Life"

Text: Mark 8:27-38

763 When Peace, like a River



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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Offering

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



Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

Psalm 103:1

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Numbers 6:24-26

L 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 Amen.



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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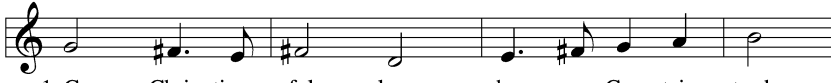


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till

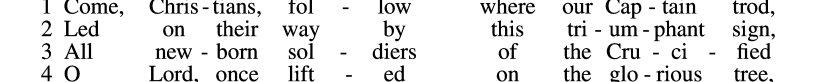


all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.


1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious



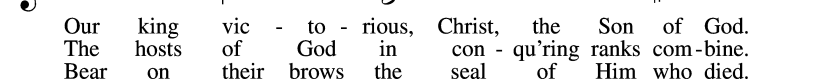
Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.



The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.



Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.



As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

Refrain

5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
6. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Announcements

***Thank you to Curt Oliver, our Head Elder,
for leading us in worship this morning.***

***Thank you to Scott Schlapkohl, Elder, for
leading Bible Study this morning.***



Assisting Elders: 8 a.m. – Steve White
10:30 a.m. – Gary Bartels



**Thank you to our Early Learning Center
children for the Valentine decorations on the
bulletin board in the narthex.**



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



**Women of the Cross LWML
is in need of a Treasurer!
ASAP!**



**If you can help us out, please contact Marie McQuarrie at
303-719-1685 or 720-525-8713.**



**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!

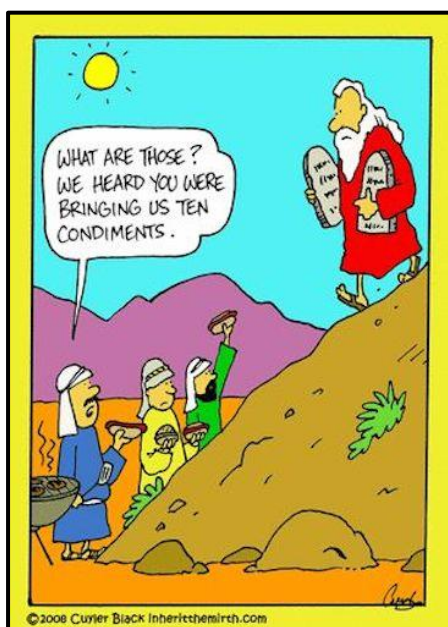
HEART² HEART

We have been working with this neighborhood group for a few years. **Heart 2 Heart** provides start-up goods for the homeless who are moving into their own housing. This includes Veterans, sheltered families and battered women, and young people transitioning from foster care. Other organizations find the housing and basic furniture, we provide the start-up needs.

Needed donations include lightly used bedding, towels, books, toys, kitchen items such as pots, pans, dishes, cups, mugs, glasses, silverware, coffeemakers (each Veteran gets one), plastic storage like Glad or Tupperware, baking dishes, spatulas, etc. We do not deal with food, furniture, or clothing. However, we do purchase outfits for newborns, as no baby should leave the hospital in hand-me-down clothing.

If you have something that you no longer need, you can bring your items to church (the table outside the office door) and we will get them to **Heart 2 Heart**. If you have any questions, please call me, Becky White, at 303-506-8417. Thank you.

Steve and Becky White – 303-979-5978



Petitions and Prayers: Through His Son Jesus Christ, our Intercessor, High Priest, and Friend, God promises to hear us, answer us, and help us when we pray.



Health concerns:

God of everlasting power, enable those people with illnesses to bear them with a measure of forbearance. Stay with them, granting them Your peace. Bless the efforts of the doctors and nurses involved in caring for them. We pray in the name of Your Son who helps us keep our eyes of faith focused on our eternal home. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Joyce Hansen - cancer
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's brother) – cancer
- Pastor Skelton – recovering from heart surgery

Prayer of intercession:

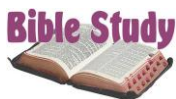
A Prayer for the Second Sunday in Lent

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“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life February 28, 2021

“Christians are to show no partiality whatsoever. My brother in Christ who happens to have more melanin than I have in the paper-thin upper level of our skin—while all the skin below the paper is the same—is not of a different race than I. So-called ‘race’ is not even skin deep! That’s mere upper-skin coloring, not race. Varying levels of mere melanin indicate that we’re all coffee beans—some are blonde roast, some are medium or dark or espresso roast, but we’re all coffee, we’re all colored people.”

*James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James
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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.



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Romans 5:1

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**Sin is still sin, even if
everyone does it.**