

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Divine Service Two

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021



Planting the Seed



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8:00 and 10:30 AM

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(Missouri Synod)

9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd.

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Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

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Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:

Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!

Prayer for the Third Sunday after Pentecost

Heavenly Father, help us to be on our guard each day lest we succumb to the devil's temptations and thus find ourselves alienated from Your fatherly love for us. May we turn to Your Word for guidance and strength when jealousy, ingratitude, resentment, and criticism crop up in our sinful hearts and minds and spill over into our actions and words, especially toward the lost and broken-hearted. Let us remember that the only reason any of us is a child of Yours is because of Your undeserved love for us in Christ; without Your grace we would all be lost eternally. As we remember Your grace to us, may our hearts be filled with the same forgiving and accepting love toward others that You have for us. Grant that, as we reflect on Your lavish forgiving love in Christ to all people, we find joy in every lost sinner who is found. In the name of Jesus, the name that saves. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

Installation of new Officers and Board Members

705 The Man Is Ever Blessed

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.

G Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit



It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

**The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.**

They are planted in the house | of the LORD;*
they flourish in the courts | of our God.

**They still bear fruit in | old age;*
they are ever full of | sap and green,**

to declare that the LORD is | upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in him.

**Glorry 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.**

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



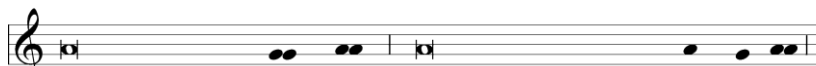
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



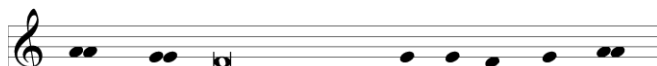
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

A musical score for the Gloria in Excelsis, featuring a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words in all caps. The score is divided into two parts: Part A and Part C. Part A begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps, followed by the lyrics "Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth." Part C begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps, followed by the lyrics "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." The score is written in a single system, with the lyrics aligned with the notes.

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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
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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



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit



Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 17:22–24

Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual



**Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.
On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare your | greatness.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:1–10

We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

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

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26–34

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



[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

Sermon

"Planting the Seed"

Text: Mark 4:26-34

577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

Stand



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.**

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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

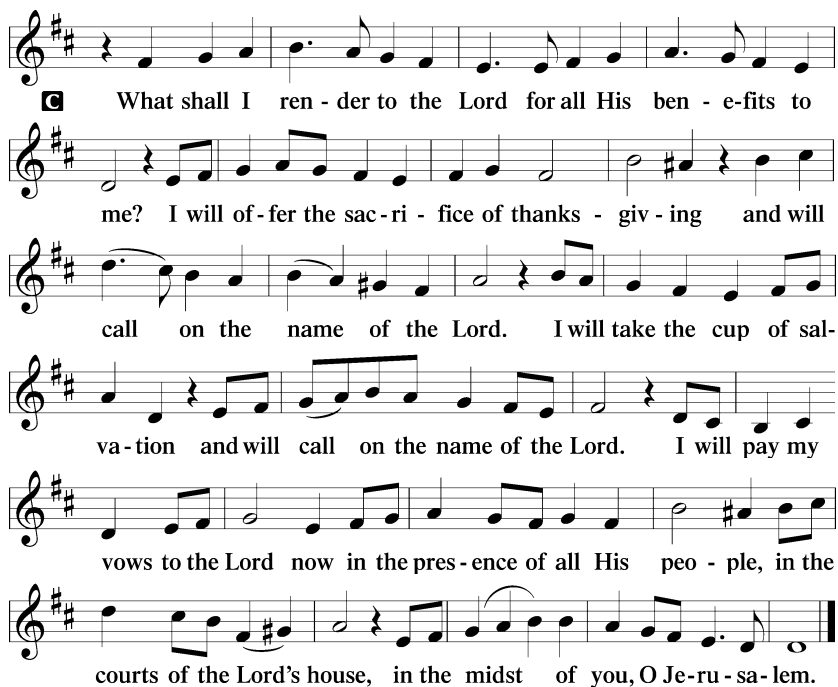


Offering

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

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



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.

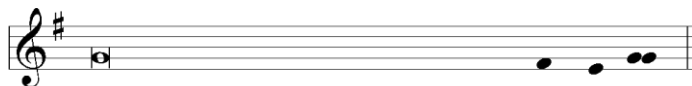
Closing Collect

- P** Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



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.



652 Father, We Thank Thee



Soli Deo Gloria!
(To God alone be the glory.)

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Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Scott Schlapkohl

10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



We are once again fellowshipping with snacks in between services on Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the mailboxes if you would like to provide goodies to share.



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

Choo Choo! With the return of regular hours for The Orphan Grain Train (Wednesdays and Saturdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m.) we postponed the day to help sort clothing to Saturday, June 26 from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Please contact Marie McQuarrie (720-525-8713) for more details.



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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.

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SOMETIMES I FORGOT TO WITNESS TO
PEOPLE ... NOW I'M COVERED

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life June 13, 2021

“It’s a terrible thing to see any life that is used and abused instead of being protected and cared for. The value of life should not be based on the benefits it can offer. So we pray to the Lord to move all people to value and appreciate all life as God’s gift.”

*Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

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Petitions and Prayers: When we pray, there is only one mediator (intercessor) between God and man: Jesus.



Health concerns:

Lord Jesus, great is Your love and great is Your mercy. Grant those who are sick hearts that trust in Your promise never to leave them nor forsake them. Whether or not removing their suffering and restoring their health is Your will for their lives now, keep them in Your grace and strengthen their faith. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris who is waiting to get on the heart transplant list.
- Sonja Bowles – Cancer
- Steve Hollis – healing from a bad case of Covid
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's brother) – cancer
- Harlan Kurtz (Lisa Oliver's father) – finding right medications and healing from infections
- Julie Ann Zamora – in rehab from fall

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for Stewardship

**O Lord our God, grace our time in Your Word and in prayer so that we are cleansed and empowered for service in Your kingdom. We ask Your Spirit to keep us from being disheartened and discouraged by bringing to our remembrance Your promise in 2 Kings 19:30, "and the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward" so that Satan cannot win in his attempts to derail our efforts in Your kingdom. May we be nourished in Your Word as we "take root below" so that we can "bear fruit above" as Your Spirit matures the fruit of faith in us. Thus our Lord Jesus strengthens and protects His saints, His chosen believing brothers and sisters, those who fear Him. Amen.*

**Dear Lord, we pray for Your Church and for the mission we have in this world. Help us to be united as You and the Father are one. May Your Holy Spirit give us faith and courage to proclaim the Gospel, show Your love, and make disciples of all nations. We hold on to Your promise that not even the doors of hell could prevail against Your Church. In Your powerful name, Jesus. Amen.*



**For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

Mark 10:45

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**God doesn't call the qualified,
He qualifies the called.**