

# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

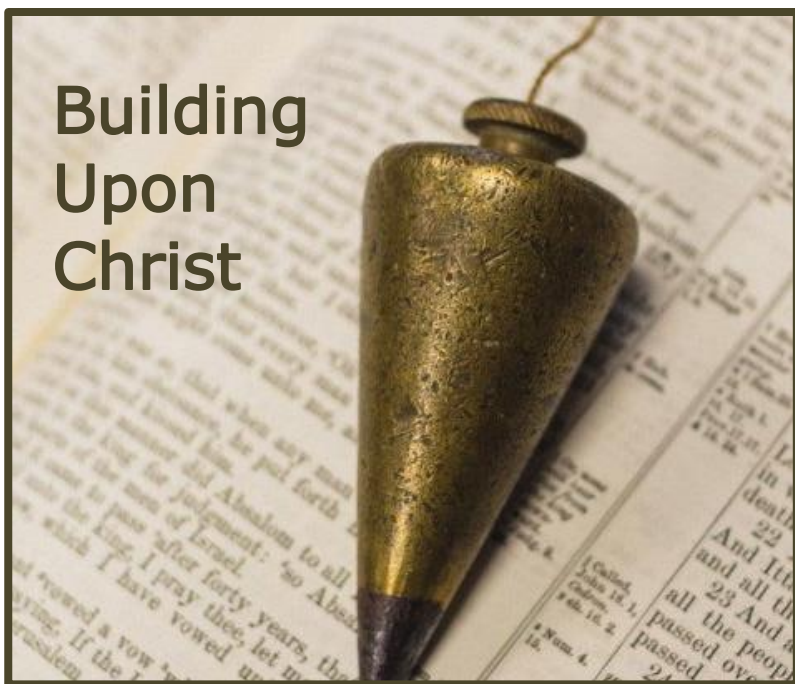
**(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)**

## **Divine Service Four**

**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 11, 2021**

**Building  
Upon  
Christ**





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### **Prayer for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy triune God, through Your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to understand that You, in giving the Church the Bible, were not confronting the Church with riddles for it to solve, but to make men wise unto salvation. Help us to trust that everything that directly pertains to salvation and eternal life is very clearly presented in the Scriptures. Grant that we read Your Word with a childlike faith so that we understand and learn what You are teaching us. May we hold to Your teachings and thus know the truth that will set us free from harmful error, sin, death, and hell. Grace us with the blessed liberty of being Your children and in Your care. We ask all of this in the Son's name. Amen.



# Confession and Absolution

## 713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

*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

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

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** 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.**
- P** 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.

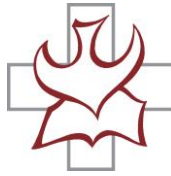
### Confession of Sins

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

### 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

*Psalm 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11*



For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

**Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\***

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

**Let me hear in the morning of your | steadfast love,\***

**for in | you I trust.**

**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.**

For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\*

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### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



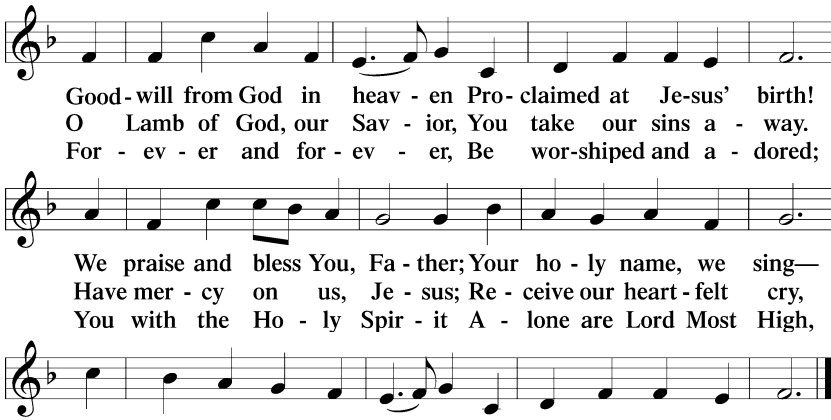
**☐** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**☐** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Amos 7:7–15

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line  
 in the midst of my people Israel;  
 I will never again pass by them;  
 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
 and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Romans 11:33, 36*



**How unsearchable are his judgments  
and how inscrutable | his ways!**

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ,

according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



*John 20:31*



### Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14–29

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

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

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

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





## **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.**

*Sit*

## **743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure**

### **Sermon**

**"Building Upon Christ"**

Text: Amos 7:7-15

## **777 Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord**

*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.

## 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.

## Closing Collect

- P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, 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** Amen.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

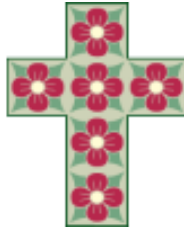
- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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** Amen.

## 317 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise



## ***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



*The flowers this morning were given to the glory of God by Jane Wheatley in memory of her husband Walt.*

**Please join us next Sunday, July 18 at 9:15 a.m. (between services, during the Bible Study hour) for a Missionary Presentation by Jana Inglehart. Jana serves the Lord as the LCMS regional communication specialist for the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. See flier inserted in the bulletin for more information.**

### ***Portals of Prayer for July-September 2021 are out!***

*Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex. We have digest size copies if you need larger print. These are a great resource to use in your daily devotions!*



# ELC Back to School Supply List

Holy Cross' Early Learning Center's school year begins Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

A collection box will be in the narthex Sunday, July 11 through Sunday, August 15 for the items listed below.

**Help our ELC have a great year!!**

- **Masking tape**
- **Clear packaging tape**
- **Coloring books**
- **Chalk – colored and white**
- **Clorox wipes**
- **Glitter and sequins**
- **Google eyes**
- **Adult scissors**
- **Colored sand**
- **Stickers of all kinds**
- **Foam sheets**

*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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***So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.***

***Hebrews 4:9***

## **Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise (LSB 917)**

I love the line "For dark and light are both alike to Thee." Children aren't the only ones afraid of the dark.

This hymn is a beautiful prayer for the close of the service, one last lifting of our voices to our Savior before leaving His house. I am reminded of how company lingers at the doorway at the end of a visit, reluctant to leave, having had the best of times together. So also with God's children leaving church. Leaving the fellowship of believers, going back out into the world, we want and receive assurances that God will be with us on our homeward way, through the night, and throughout our earthly life, in sorrow and stife.

Because of Christ Jesus and the salvation won for us on Calvary, we have the sure confidence to know that when our earthly life is over, His voice will call us out of this vale of tears to Himself and eternal peace at just the right time. We are told that when we are safe at home in heaven, "Night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5).

***Lord God, be the light in the dark days of my life.***

***In Jesus' name. Amen.***

*Taken from Portals of Prayer, Sunday, June 6, 2021*

*By Dr. James Freese, Germantown, WI*



Ascension Lutheran Church in Littleton is looking for a fulltime Administrative Assistant, to start early to mid-August, 2021. The Administrative Assistant serves the church by providing administrative and secretarial services to the Pastor, other support staff, boards and officers, volunteers and congregation. The position is 40 hours per week and reports to the pastor. Salary to be determined. If you're interested in this position, please contact the office (303-794-4636) or email [alutheran@aol.com](mailto:alutheran@aol.com) for a complete Job Description.

# HEART HEART - a Non-Profit

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.

The organization was founded by our neighbor, Linda Garrity, about 10 years ago. Caseworkers provide the names, ages, and needs of the families and a few of us “grandmas and grandpas” put together the orders for these families and load them into the cars for deliveries.

Donations come in from our neighbors and from those who have heard about Heart 2 Heart through word of mouth. Additionally, we scour thrift stores and purchase some new items, especially toys for the kids. One organization provides homemade quilts!

**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 and we will drop them off at Linda's. 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:** Prayer is continuously looking to God and relying on His strength.



### **Health concerns:**

*Precious Lord and Savior, You alone are able to help us. Be with those people who are physically sick and in need of Your healing touch. We ask You to guide their doctors so that they receive the best possible care. Heal and restore them to health as suits Your wisdom. 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
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's brother) – cancer and recovering from pneumonia
- Harlan Kurtz (Lisa Oliver's father) – finding right medications
- Julie Ann Zamora – healing from a fall

### **Prayer of intercession:**

#### ***A Prayer for Those Persecuted for the Faith***

*\*Holy Spirit, by whose power the children of God confess their faith even in the face of persecution, do not forsake our brothers and sister facing such tribulation. Give them the strength to carry the cross that is theirs and grant them certainty that theirs is the crown of life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

#### **“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life July 11, 2021**

“In this current darkness of confusion, fear, isolation, sickness, and death, the Gospel shines even more brightly ... Eternity tells you that you aren't cursed with less but guaranteed gloriously more than you could imagine. No matter what the next day brings, your future is bright because a victory has been won for you.”

*Paul David Tripp, pastor, author, and conference speaker  
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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.



**Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.  
Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able  
to stand against the schemes of the devil.**

*Ephesians 6:10-11*

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***Be kind whenever possible.***

***Pro tip –  
it's always possible.***