

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

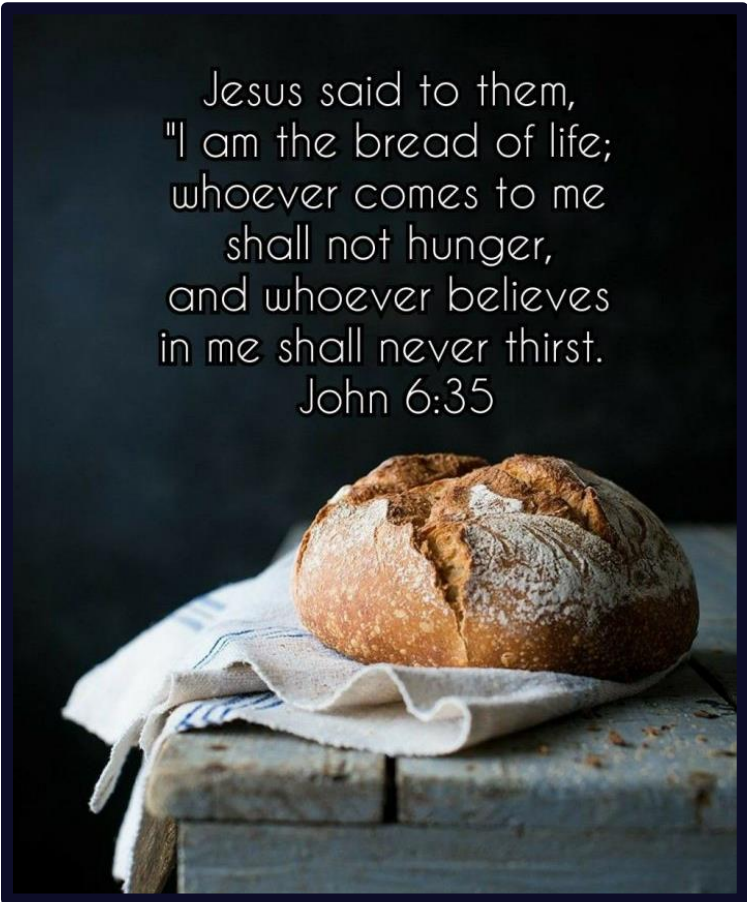
(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Four

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

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John 6:35





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

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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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy God, keep us from emptying Your Word of its power by twisting its meaning and thus thwarting Your intended purpose for it in our lives. Grant that we never, by outwardly trying to obey Your law, think that we can earn Your favor and a place in heaven. May we always, when reading Your law, see there our sin and our need for a Savior. May we heed Jesus when He points out our sins of rebelliousness and what we deserve for those sins. Help us continue to look to Jesus, who also points to Himself as our only hope and only Savior, who has rescued us from our sins and made us pleasing to You by His own righteous life and sacrificial death on our behalf. Make Your Word a living force in our lives, O God, to Your glory. In our Savior's name. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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

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.

G Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:8–10; antiphon: Psalm 145:16



You open | your hand;*
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

Oh, fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him | have no lack!

The young lions suffer want and | hunger;*
but those who seek the LORD lack | no good thing.

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.

You open | your hand;*
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



- C** 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.

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:1–8

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do

not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



**Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.**

Epistle: Ephesians 4:17—5:2

This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!—assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your

minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



John 20:31



Holy Gospel: John 6:35–51

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

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

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

P 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

534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Sermon

“Grumbling About the Truth”

Text: John 6:35-51

774 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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

Sit

Offering

Stand

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 Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.**

576 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



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

Holy Cross  **Early Learning Center**

Lutheran Preschool/Full-day Child Care in Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Dear members of Holy Cross,

As we begin an exciting new chapter in our school's ministry we are in need of some additional help. The ELC is looking for an Assistant Director and an afternoon teacher's aide. If you are interested or know of someone that might be interested, please email Mary at directorhclelc@gmail.com or call the school at 303-683-1311. Please also keep our school in your prayers. Thank you!

Mary Schmidt
ELC Director



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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If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Matthew 7:11

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (LSB 793)

Henry Francis Lyte, the fatherless author of "Abide with Me," in this hymn again finds a voice despite, or because of, the trauma of his childhood. He pictures a heavenly Father who is gentle, all-knowing, compassionate, slow to chide and swift to bless, and fiercely protective, rescuing His children from all their foes. Though Lyte was deprived of a father in his life, by faith he grasps the realization that God is the perfect Father.

What is our motivation for praising Him? We have been "Ransomed, healed, restored, and forgiven" by Christ Jesus with His holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death.

Lyte's overwhelming reaction to this great God is to praise Him in song, but he does not want to do it alone. He enjoins angels, sun, moon, and all who dwell in time and space to praise our God of grace for His goodness. We hear similar words in the Communion liturgy: "Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name" (LSB, p. 208). Indeed, all of creation can join in the praise of our God.

Heavenly Father, thank You for being a kind, wise, and caring Father to me. In Jesus' name. Amen

Taken from Portals of Prayer, Sunday, June 20, 2021

By Dr. James Freese, Germantown, WI



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.

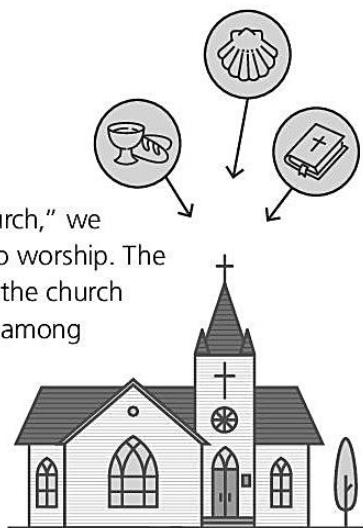
Thus say the Lord, ... "I am the first and I am the last; Besides Me there is no god."

Isaiah 44:6

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the “church”?

When someone says the word “church,” we usually think of a place people go to worship. The Lutheran Confessions teach us that the church is the “assembly of all the believers among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity and the Holy Sacraments are administered according to the Gospel.” Wow! The church is so much more than a building!



If the church is more than just the building, then why is the building and everything in it so important?

The church building, or the “sanctuary,” is a place where God is present. We know that our Lord has promised to come to us in His Sacraments. Since God is actually here with us in His house, we should be very reverent, or respectful. We don’t want anything in the church pulling us away from what God gives us in His Word and Sacraments. Everything should direct our attention toward Him.



Parents: Before or after the service, direct your children to the wonderfully Gospel-rich symbolism found in the sanctuary, including the on the altar, windows and banners. Remind them that the Lord truly comes to us here in His Word and Sacraments. He brings us what we really need: the forgiveness of sins.



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Petitions and Prayers: Knowing that the Spirit Himself helps us to pray, we have the assurance that for those who love God “all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”



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:

- 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
- Harlan Kurtz (Lisa Oliver’s father) – finding right medications

Prayer of intercession:

**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.*

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life August 8, 2021

“Let us recognize that the patterns of the past point not only to our need for a Savior, but also to the work Christ has accomplished for us. Let us live as For Life people, confident that our future is founded on promises that will be kept. And let us rejoice in the opportunities we have to share the message of LIFE with others!”

*Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life for Lutherans For Life
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**What's a miracle that can
be done by a complainer?
Turning anything into *whine*.**