

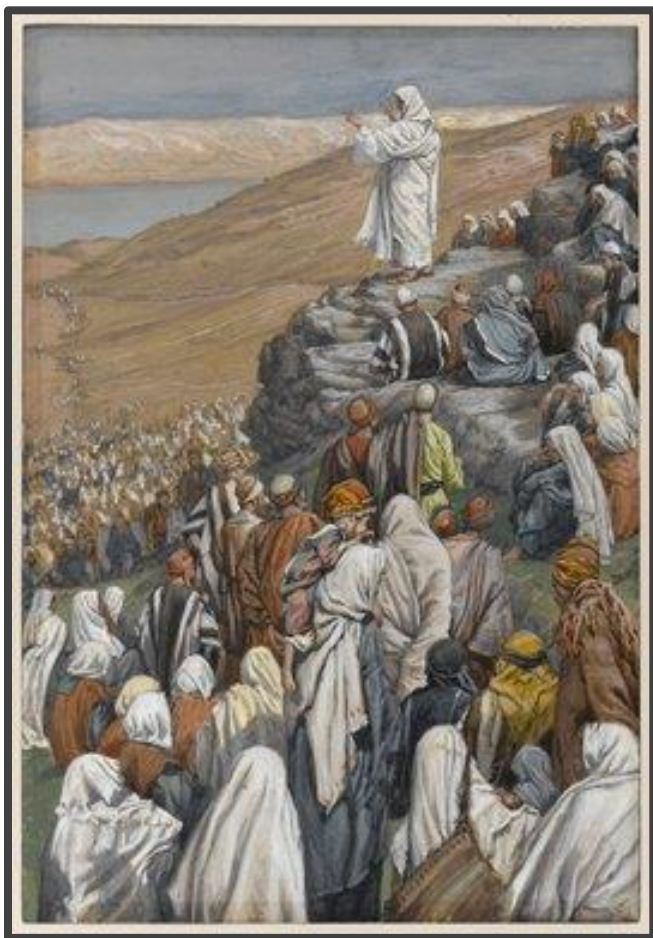
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Four

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

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

Prayer for the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to realize that we, as human beings, are in great and dire straits, physically and spiritually, temporally and eternally, and are in no way able to manage on our own, even if we think so. May we, through the power of the Holy Spirit, turn to You with humble and contrite hearts and acknowledge that You effected our redemption on the cross. Grant that we turn to Your Word, where You call, gather, and enlighten us in the true faith and maintain that faith. Let us spend time studying and hearing Your Word so that we may be healed and strengthened, may be and remain Your disciples. In Your name. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light

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.
- G** **Amen.**

Exhortation

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

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- G** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- G** **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

- G** **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 119:1–2, 4–5; antiphon: v. 7



I will praise you with an | upright heart,*
when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.

**Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the LORD!**

Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,*
who seek him with their | whole heart.

**You have commanded your | precepts*
to be kept dil- | igently.**

Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping your | statutes!

**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.**

I will praise you with an | upright heart,*
when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.

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-shiped 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, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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: Jeremiah 17:5–8

Thus says the LORD:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man

and makes flesh his strength,
 whose heart turns away from the LORD.
 He is like a shrub in the desert,
 and shall not see any good come.
 He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
 in an uninhabited salt land.
 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
 whose trust is the LORD.
 He is like a tree planted by water,
 that sends out its roots by the stream,
 and does not fear when heat comes,
 for its leaves remain green,
 and is not anxious in the year of drought,
 for it does not cease to bear fruit."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8



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 15:12–20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and

you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



John 20:31



Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17–26

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.



Apostles' Creed

G 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.

932 Jesus Sat with His Disciples

Sermon

"Power Was Coming From Him"

Text: Luke 6:17-26

705 The Man Is Ever Blessed

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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.**

Post-Communion 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

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.

904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



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 Lutheran is on Facebook.
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facebook.com/HolyCrossHighlandsRanch.



Women of the Cross ladies ... please see the sign-up sheet for the Prayer Service on Saturday, February 26th. Please sign up as your help is needed to make this an enjoyable event for the South Central Zone ladies attending.

Thank you, Marie

30th Anniversary of Pastor's Ordination



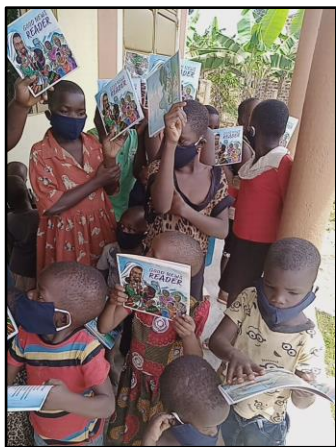
A brunch will be held to commemorate Pastor's 30th Anniversary of his ordination on February 27 from 9 AM to 10:15 AM (between services). Please look for the signup sheet to bring breakfast food. A cake will be provided. Please contact Lynne Rodefeld if you would be willing to put together a slideshow of photos covering Pastor's years in the ministry.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Romans 8:38-39

A REPORT ON PATHWAY TO HOPE MINISTRY OF MITYANA UGANDA



February the 4th of 2022 is date to remember. Solomy and her son Gerald and their 21 Orphan Children have taken possession of their new rental home. The rent is only \$150 per month as compared to \$145 for a much smaller place.

The move was possible by the help of Nicholas, from a Lutheran church, who traveled over 270 miles to help them get settled in. He brought face masks, children's Christian Readers and a copy of Luther's Small Catechism, for Gerald, plus a Bible.

We have been assisting them with rent and food since October of 2021.

This is the first time I have seen Solomy smile. She has a separate enclosure for cooking and can now do two pots at the same time.

Gerald now has his own copy of Luther's Small Catechism and the children have new Readers. They have cleaned the new home and Gerald has begun a search for a job. Please pray for his success.

There is still much to do. In the Home layout drawing, you can see that they have three class rooms and a large bedroom for Solomy and the children. Gerald will bunk in what was the garage. This is where they will also store all of the food supplies. The large central room will serve as a general meeting room and dining hall.

The plan is to build three level bunks and add foam mattresses. They have left behind all the old infested and crumbled foam mattresses and will sleep on Mats for now.

Toilet and bath facilities are in an attached building, in the back. The kitchen is a separate building.

I am encouraged at the progress made. Now we need to provide a funding base to take care of their physical and health needs into the future.

The need for education is important. They plan to hire three teachers that will cost much less than sending the children to local schools of which most are Roman Catholic. The cost to send the 19 of 21 children that should be in school, is $\$25 \times 19 = \475 per month. Using three teachers is only \$163.75 per month after startup costs. See details below.

The startup costs for school supplies and three black boards plus some sort of seating will be about \$500.

The following detail of costs is from Brother Mulero Paul Nicholas who was representing a Lutheran church 275 miles away.

School terms are 4 months long and three per year.

Hi brother Walter, have been communicating with Muwaya Gerald, here is a simple budget for the children's education for this year home schooling. I realized it needs three teachers to teach 6 classes as children are in different classes, first term, is as follow: sets-\$5, pencils-\$2, books-\$37, pens-\$11, Black board-\$88, chalk-\$6, ream of paper-\$5, chat-\$5, toilet paper-\$3, text books-\$270, black books for teachers-\$44, salary for teachers-\$530, exams-\$10, transport-\$58, total=\$1074 Divide that by 4 = **\$268.50 per month.**

Here will be second term: pencil-\$2, books-\$37, pens-\$11, chalk-\$5, exams-\$10, teachers salary-\$530, total=\$653 or **\$163.25 per each month following,**

Food costs per month for the whole family is as follows, from Gerald.

This is budget of food costs per month: Rice 210kg@\$220, Maize flour 240kg@\$180, Sugar 45kg@\$52, Beans 90kg@\$80, Water@\$15, Cooking oil 10litres@43, Firewood 1trip@\$60, Breads @ \$15, Meat@\$52, Spices@\$60.

That totals \$777 per month. About \$34 each or just over \$1.10 per day-per person.

So, rent \$150 per month

Food \$777 per month

School \$164 per month-After startup cost of \$500

\$1091 per month or \$45 per person.

The Sermon on the Plain

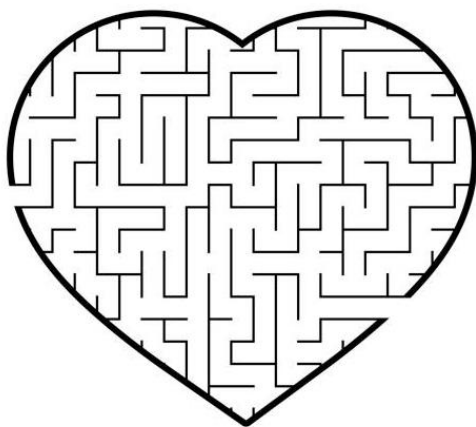
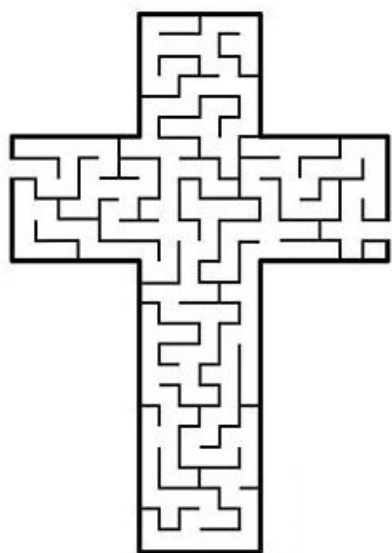
"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. Luke 6:23 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 6:17-26 (NIV).



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Petitions and Prayers: Through Jesus who justified us by His death and resurrection, we are assured that God will hear us and will “freely give us all things.”



Health concerns:

Gracious Father, grant these people healing as best suits Your will for their lives. Help them to pray, “If it be Your will,” and so let them place themselves in Your care forever. You have shown Your love to all who suffer by sending Jesus, who bore all for us in His life and death. We pray in His name. 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.
- Jamie and young daughter Jade (Jamie is missing and has mental health issues)
- Sonja Bowles – Cancer
- Julie Ann Zamora – on-going health issues

Prayer of intercession:

Father in heaven, forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. We pray You not to behold our sins or deny our prayer because of them. We are not worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them. But we ask that You would give them all to us by grace, for daily we sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. Grant us also to forgive others and readily do good to those who sin against us, for You have so richly forgiven us and showered blessings on us out of sheer grace and mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. In His name we pray. Amen.

The Colorado Springs Police Chief announced an arrest has been made in the murder of the taxi driver in Colorado Springs. The family thanks everyone for their prayers. Marie McQuarrie

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life February 13, 2022

“The Church can become a place of belonging for everyone. As much as a person feels invisible in their loneliness, the church has a place for them. Your Church can be a place where each person finds they are indispensable to the body of Christ.”

Mona Fuerstenau

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



***But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.***

Matthew 6:33

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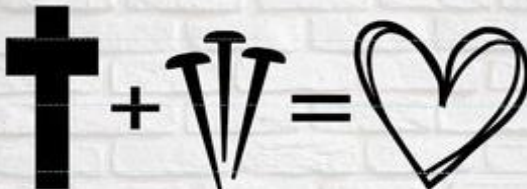
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