

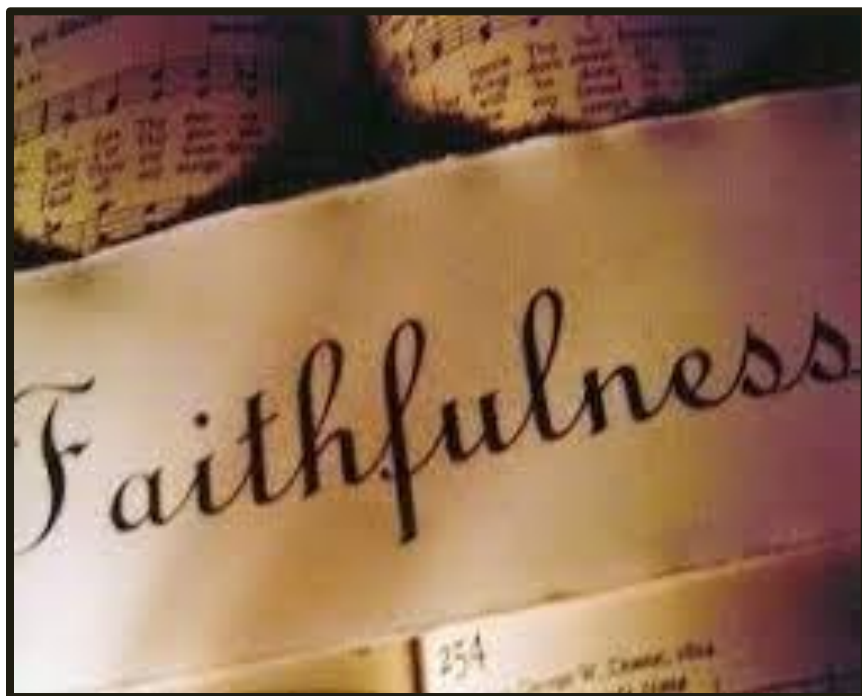
# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

**(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)**

**Divine Service**

**The Third Wednesday in Lent**

**March 16, 2022**





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7 PM

### Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(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 Third Wednesday in Lent

Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and also our dear Father, we thank You that You have permitted us to see another Lenten season, during which we are privileged to again meditate on the cross of Christ with its many spiritual blessings. Cause the message of the slain Lamb of God to impress upon our hearts and minds the awfulness of our sins so that we are led to the cross of Calvary for pardon and peace. Lead us to see that our sins caused His great agony in the garden; that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary; that He was forsaken by His own that we might not be forsaken by You; and that He died so that we might not die eternally. We ask this in His name, the sinless Lamb of God. Amen.



## 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

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### Opening Sentences

- P** Lord, You are in the midst of us, and we are called by Your name:
- C** **Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.**
- P** Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver us:
- C** **O Lord, come quickly to help us.**

**Be present, O Holy Spirit, and bless this time set apart for You so that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest upon Your eternal changelessness. Grant to each of us the fruit of patience, that we may trust Your loving will and be slow to anger and despair when life is not all we wish it to be. Fill us with hope through the sweet victory of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### The Confession

- P** Let us ask God's forgiveness for our sins and shortcomings this day.
- C** **Here and now, O Holy Lord, we bring our sins to You. We lie open in Your sight. We are sinful people, and through our own fault we have done wrong against You and others, in our actions and inaction. Be patient with us and forgive our sins, for the sake of our suffering Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### The Psalm of Absolution

*Psalm 103:1-13*

- P** Praise the Lord, my soul! All my being, praise His holy name!
- C** **Praise the Lord, my soul, and do not forget how kind He is.**
- P** He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases;
- C** **He saves me from the grave and blesses me with love and mercy.**

- P** He fills my life with good things, so that I stay young and strong like an eagle.
- C** **The Lord judges in favor of the oppressed and gives them their rights.**
- P** He told His plans to Moses and let the people of Israel see His mighty acts.
- C** **The Lord is merciful and loving, slow to become angry, and full of constant love.**
- P** He does not keep reprimanding; He is not angry forever.
- C** **He does not punish us as we deserve or repay us for our sins and wrongs.**
- P** As high as the sky is above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him.
- C** **As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our sins from us.**
- P** As kind as a father is to his children, so the Lord is kind to those who fear Him.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



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## The Scripture Readings

### Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you

out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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### **Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:47-56**

While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.” And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple

teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

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

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

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## 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart vs.1-2

### Sermon

#### "Faithfulness from the Passion of Christ"

Text: Matthew 26:47-56



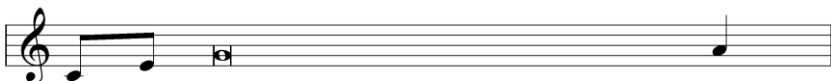
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### Magnificat

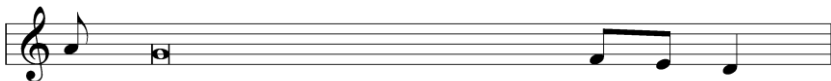
*Luke 1:46-55*

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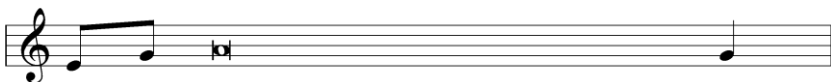
My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the  
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



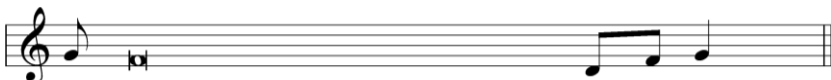
- 1 For \_\_\_\_\_ He has re - - - - - garded  
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,  
3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;  
4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,  
5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son



- 1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand - maiden.  
2 and holy . . . . . is His name;  
3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
4 and the rich He has sent emp - - - - - ty a - way.  
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;



- 1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day  
2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him  
3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones  
4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy  
5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,



- 1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessed.  
2 from generation to . . . . . gen - er - ation. *Refrain*  
3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.  
4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.  
5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . A - - - - - men. *Refrain*

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## Offering

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## The Litany on Faithfulness

- P** I look to the mountains; where will my help come from? My help will come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
- C** **Produce in us the fruit of faithfulness, O Holy Spirit.**
- P** He will not let you fall; your Protector is always awake.
- C** **Produce in us the fruit of faithfulness, O Holy Spirit.**

**P** But if God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O men of little faith?

**C Produce in us the fruit of faithfulness, O Holy Spirit.**

**P** God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**C Produce in us the fruit of faithfulness, O Holy Spirit.**

**P** The Lord is faithful; He will strengthen you and guard you from evil.

**C Produce in us the fruit of faithfulness, O Holy Spirit.**

**P** The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**C Produce in us the fruit of faithfulness, O Holy Spirit.**

**P** The saying is sure: If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him; if we endure, we shall also reign with Him.

**C Produce in us the fruit of faithfulness, O Holy Spirit.**

**P** If we deny Him, He also will deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.

**C Produce in us the fruit of faithfulness, O Holy Spirit.**

**P** Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

**C Produce in us the fruit of faithfulness, O Holy Spirit, as our Lord Jesus was faithful to us. Amen.**



## 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.

### The Closing Collect

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, out of Your tender love toward us sinners You have given us Your Son that, believing in Him, we might have everlasting life. Continue to grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may remain steadfast in this faith to the end and come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen



### 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.

**878 Abide with Me vs. 1, 5, 6**

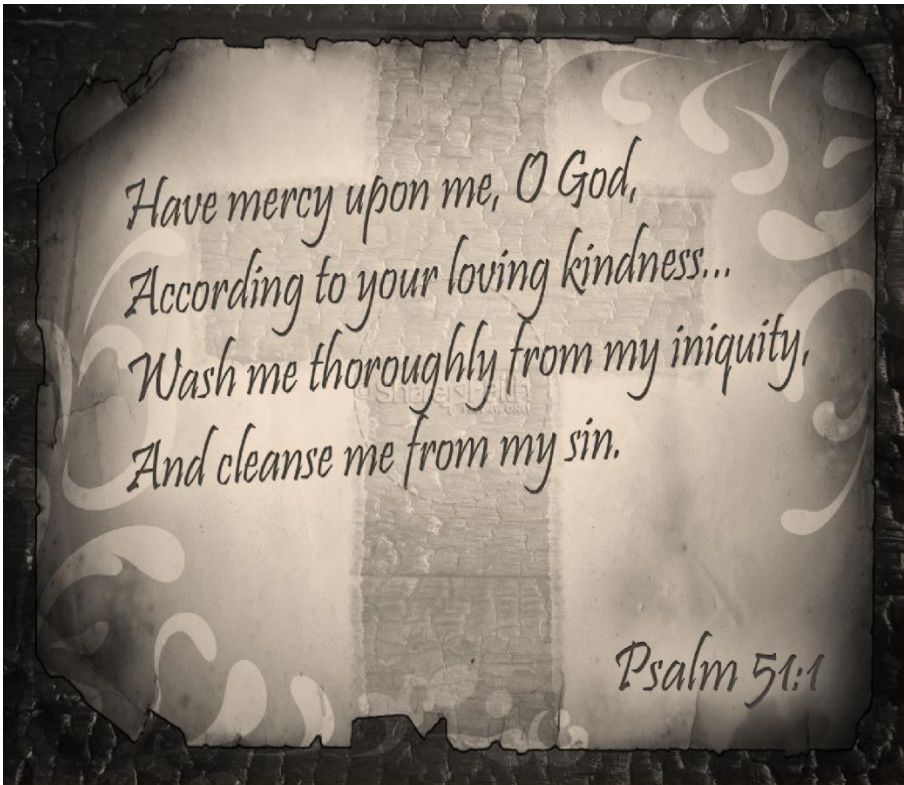


***Soli Deo Gloria!***  
*(To God alone be the glory.)*



*Heavenly Father, throughout these forty days of Lent, draw us ever closer to You. Help us lay aside the sins that cling so closely and run with endurance the race that is before us, looking to Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith. As we have been made one with Him through Baptism, empower us to share the good news of Your grace with others. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*





Have mercy upon me, O God,  
According to your loving kindness...  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
And cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51:1



RETURN  
to the  
LORD  
YOUR  
GOD