

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022





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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.

Rev. Bruce Skelton, Pastor, Office.....303-683-1300

Fax..... 303-470-0165

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

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Easter

O Lord, You are God in heaven and on the earth beneath; there is no other. These words of Moses assure us today as much as they did the Israelites that You are the only God and that there is no other God. You are life itself and the source of all that is good and perfect, of limitless and eternal abundance. O God, may You grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we become ever more desirous to read and study Your Word and thus know You better. Grant that the knowledge and insights gained fill our souls with that light that comes only from You. In this way we can and will be made wise in the saving faith. May we ever trust You for all our needs. In the name of Jesus, whom You sent to be the Savior of the world. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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

Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3



Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*

tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever;*

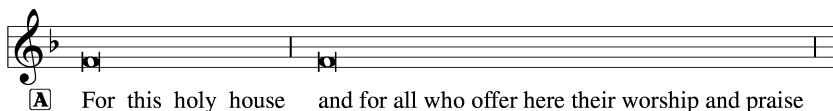
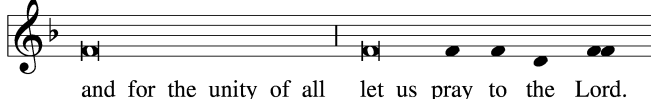
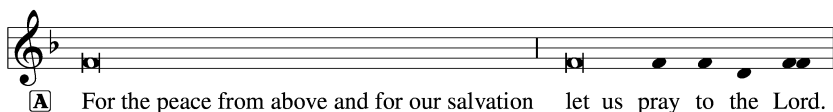
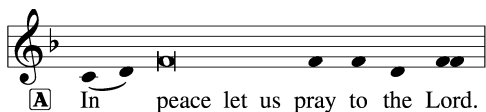
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

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.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you
 may grow up to sal- | vation—*
 if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

C A - men.

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

A Glory to God in the highest, 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 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

First Reading: Acts 5:12–32

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6



Christ has risen | from the dead.*

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands,*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

Epistle: Revelation 1:4–18

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

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Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



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

Holy Gospel: John 20:19–31

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

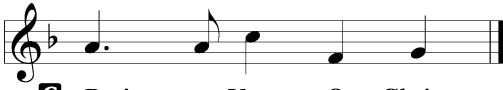
On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

Sermon

“Look Out for the Gospel”

Text: Acts 5:12-32

336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Stand



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.**

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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

Sit

Offering

*(Please add your name to the red fellowship
book and pass it to your fellow worshippers.)*

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



C 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

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.**

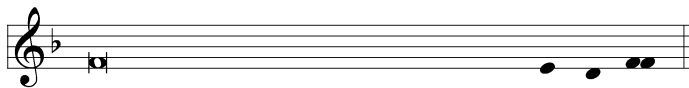
Closing Collect

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.





Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

Acknowledgments

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Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Scott Schlapkohl

10:30 a.m. – Gary Bartels

Class of

2022

We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, May 15 with a cake reception at 9:15 a.m. between services. Please call the church office, 303-683-1300, with the name of your high school or college graduate, date of graduation, school, and plans after graduation. Thank you.

Thank You!

By His Spirit in His revealed Word and the Sacraments, Jesus equips us to serve in His Kingdom. THANK YOU to those individuals and groups whose time, hard work, and love for their Savior enriched our Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter worship services:

Those who served in the music ministry as organist, instrumentalists, or cantors; members of the Altar Guild; those who ushered; the elders; the members who brought food for the Lenten suppers; those who brought food and set up for the Easter breakfast; and those who recorded the offerings.

Remember the work of your church and its workers in your prayers. May God continue to encourage, strengthen, and use the members of Holy Cross in furthering His kingdom in the Highlands Ranch area.



As one of our chosen LWML Mission Projects for 2022 we wish to enlist

the assistance of the congregation to help fulfill the needs of the Alternatives Pregnancy Center (Denver). Below is a list of requested items that they need. For your convenience, place your items in the container on the table near the office door.

Note from Alternatives: "Thanks so much for your interest and support in Alternatives. We so appreciate your generosity."

Their new Mom/Baby Program can use the following:

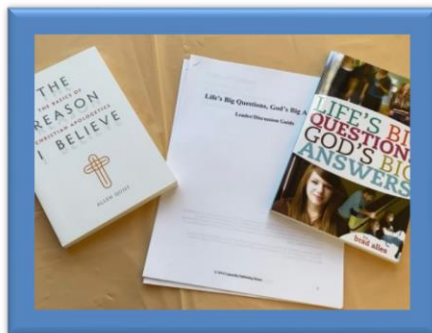
- 3 – 12 month Boys Onesies**
- 6 – 12 month Girls Onesies**
- 6 – 12 month Boys and Girls Sleepers**
- 3 – 12 month Boys Outfits**
- 6 – 12 month Girls Outfits**
- Pacifiers**
- Baby Hats (mostly boys)**
- Baby Washcloths**
- Baby Toiletries**
- Burp Cloths**
- Baby Socks/Hand Mittens**



Gift Cards for Moms - \$25 Walmart/King Soopers/Target

"Learning About Your Faith"

Independent Book Study Groups



Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers

by Brad Alles

&

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The Basics of Christian Apologetics

by Allen Quist

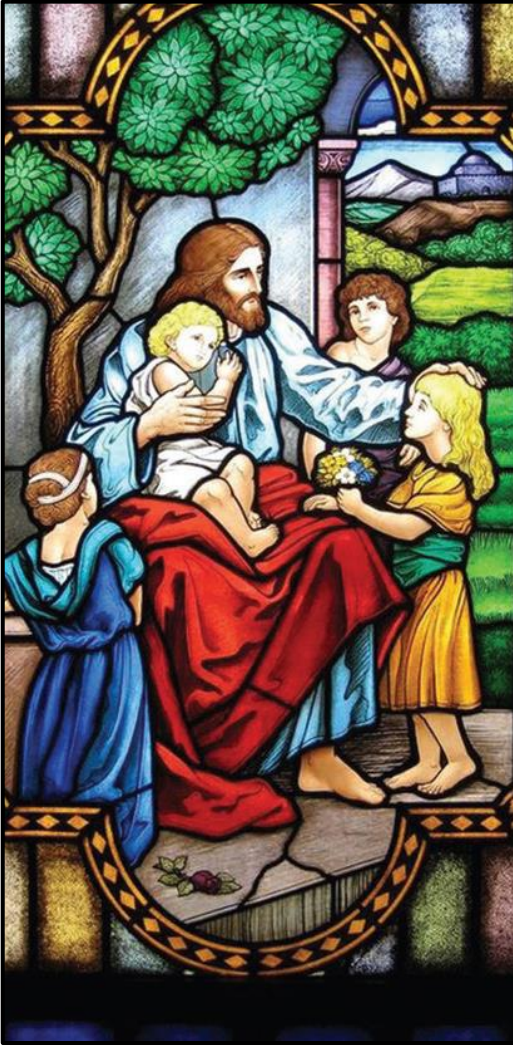
We have multiple copies of the above titles that are available for use in Book Study Groups. They are on display in the Narthex for preview.

You do not need to purchase any of the materials as they will be checked out to you so that future groups can use them. If you really want your own copy, please go to <http://cph.org> to order one. Type the title in the search box.

If interested, sign up and join others to decide a day, time, and meeting place that will work for all.

Each book has been read and recommended by at least two members of the Evangelism Board.

FREE CONCERTS



Family Concert

The Beauty of Our Lord

**Sunday,
May 15, 2022
2:30pm**

**Holy Cross
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9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd.
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**Sunday,
May 15, 2022
6:30pm**

**Wheat Ridge
Evangelical
Lutheran Church**
8600 W. 38th Ave.
Wheatridge, CO
(303) 423-5654



The Lutheran Choral

We are not selling tickets but
appreciate your free will offerings.

Visit www.thelutheranchorage.org
for more information.

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: Even when we are weak and lacking the right words, God the Holy Spirit helps us to pray.



Health concerns:

Dear Lord Jesus, Your promises are ever before our eyes. Bring healing to those who are ill if it be Your will for their lives. Stay with them in this time of infirmity, blessing them with Your peace. Thank You that we can pray in Your 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 (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)
- Sonja Bowles – Cancer
- Julie Ann Zamora – on-going health issues
- Praise be to God our Father for healing Garry Fuller of his liver cancer.

O Comforter of priceless worth, grant a measure of Your presence to **Eugene Lass and those who loved his wife **Phyllis Lass** who fell asleep in Jesus April 19. May knowing that Jesus' death has undone the fear of death enable Gene and his family to look forward to the day when they shall be reunited with Phyllis in heaven. Amen.*

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for the Second Sunday of Easter

**Risen Savior, grant us the fullness of joy and peace that Your resurrection offers. By Your rising from the dead, You have confirmed our faith that You are the Son of God, that our many sins for which You died on the cross are all forgiven, and that our future is not in this dreary world but in the home in heaven You have prepared for us. By Your Spirit and Your Word, dispel our doubts and fears so that we are strengthened to live as those who have been redeemed by Your death on the cross. Amen.*

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life April 24, 2022

“Just as He did on the embryonic leg of your journey, the Lord is guiding you still. Just as He did when you cascaded down the fallopian tube, the Lord carries you still. You were created to listen to the words of the Lord. Listen to the One who knows you, who knows your entire journey.”

*Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, IL
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



"We must obey God rather than men."

Acts 5:29

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***The Gospel:
The only story where the
hero dies for the villain.***