

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Four

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

May 8, 2022





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

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.
Rev. Bruce Skelton, Pastor, Office.....303-683-1300
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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

O Jesus, our Good Shepherd, You see us, Your sheep, as frightened and alone, as tired and lonely. You became one of us. You, the Son of God, came to find us. You stood between us and Satan on the bloody hill of Calvary. As death clamped its jaws around Your heart, You suffered alone, abandoned by Your Father, so that we could live forever safe in the Father's family. Now You live to ever nourish and defend us. You, our Good Shepherd, care for us—soul and body—in Your Word, at Your altar, directly and through other people. We thank You for those who serve us in Your name: those people You use to touch, heal, restore, and strengthen us. We pray that all those who work in Your name remain faithful, having, by Your grace, hearts quick to hear and obey Your voice. Thank You, heavenly Father, for the comfort You have given us in "the Shepherd [who] dies for the sheep who love to wander." Amen.



Confession and Absolution

8 a.m.

710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

10:30 a.m. – Baptisms of Renee and Edgar Lowery

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It vs. 1-3



Rite of Holy Baptism

LSB p. 268

Renee Michielle Lowery

Edgar Andrew Lowery

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It vs. 4-5

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 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b



I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me,
and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

**He chose David his servant and took him
from the | sheepfolds;***

**from following the nursing ewes he brought him to
shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his in- | heritance.**

With upright heart he shep- | herded them*
and guided them with his | skillful hand.

**But we your people, the sheep of your pasture,
will give thanks to you for- | ever;***
from generation to generation
we will re- | count your praise.

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 am the good | shepherd.*
I know my own and my own know me,
and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

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



G 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.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Acts 20:17–35

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for

the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G 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 7:9–17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his
presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



John 20:31



Holy Gospel: John 10:22–30

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

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.**

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Sermon

"Are You Listening?"

Text: John 10:22-30

735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

Stand

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 worshipers.)

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.

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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Announcements



Assisting Elders:
8 a.m. – Steve White
10:30 a.m. – Gary Bartels



*This morning we welcome into our Holy Cross family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism **Renee Michielle Lowery and Edger Andrew Lowery** children of Scott and Andrea Lowery. We pray that God will keep Renee and Edger forever in their baptismal grace.*

Baptism Connects us to Christ!

Baptism is more than a ritual or a ceremony. Baptism is not a mere tradition of men. Baptism is a clear teaching of God in His Word. In baptism God is at work, bringing us into the family of God. Through baptism God miraculously unites us with Christ. Baptism is part of God's ongoing creating and re-creating power that He used to create the whole world. In baptism we become "in Christ," and "if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV).

Excerpted from the editorial of the third issue of **Good News**, which is published by Concordia Mission Society. The third issue studied the topic of Christian Baptism.



Heavenly Father, you created marriage in the Garden of Eden when you brought Adam and Eve together. Bless Joshua Christian and Ruth Larson with an ever-increasing love for one another that is rooted in your love for them. May their love for you and for each other be a blessing for their children for generations to come. Prayed in Jesus' name. Amen.

Joshua and Ruth were married Wednesday, May 4, 2022 in California.



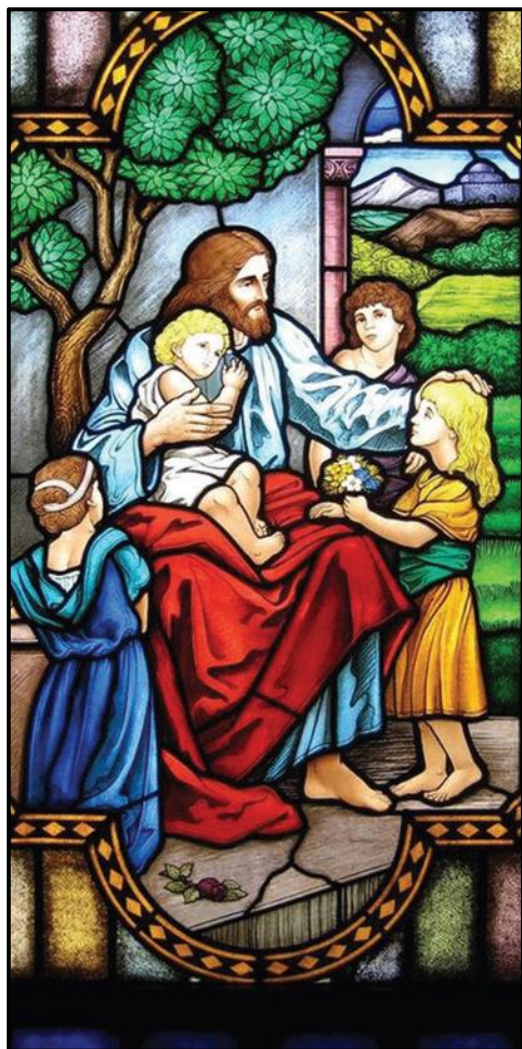
We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, May 15. Please call the church office, 303-683-1300, with the name of your high school or college graduate, date of graduation, school, and plans after graduation. Thank you.

...a woman who
fears the LORD,
she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:30



FREE CONCERTS



Family Concert

The Beauty of Our Lord

Sunday,
May 15, 2022
2:30pm

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd.
Highlands Ranch, CO
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Sunday,
May 15, 2022
6:30pm

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Wheatridge, CO
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The Lutheran Choral

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

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WE WILL, WE WILL ROCK YOU!



From the Evangelism Committee: Matthew 16: 18, Christ tells Peter that “upon this rock I will build my church...” Peter’s solid confession of faith represents the solid foundation of our church.

Since we are the Rocks of Holy Cross, we ask that all – men, women, children, and friends – bring your own personal rock to place in our “Rock Garden.” Feel free to decorate/sign your rock, if you want!

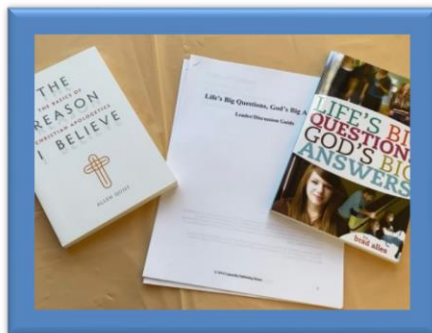
Deadline: Sunday, May 29th. Bring your rock to the church and we will keep it safe until we are ready to build the Rock Garden.

HEART HEART

Thank you to all those who have donated to Heart2Heart. Currently, we are in pretty good shape but do have a need for dinnerware knives. We have plenty of spoons and forks, but for some reason, we lack knives.

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ALTERNATIVES
PREGNANCY CENTER

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



Petitions and Prayers: We confidently call upon God through prayer by first knowing and confessing that we are unworthy to be heard by Him.



Health concerns:

Dear Jesus, You are the Great Physician. You took our flesh upon Yourself: You know our weaknesses because You bore them on the cross. We pray that You would deliver those with illnesses and afflictions. Likewise, enable them to believe that Your grace is sufficient for them in all circumstances. Thank You that we can look to You for hope and healing. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Mary (relative of Tabris') pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- 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
- Linda Schedler (Marie McQuarrie's niece) recovery from abdominal surgery

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for Good Shepherd Sunday

Heavenly Father, thank You for having wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep. Grant us an eagerness to read the Scriptures, given by inspiration of God, and profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness so that we may ever know the voice of our Shepherd, Jesus. Also grant us the zeal and the willingness to follow Him all our days so that sin and death not pluck us out of Your hand. Amen.

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life May 8, 2022

“Remember, it is your INDISPENSABLE hands that gather up all the coins from baby bottles, the diapers from diaper drives, and the layettes and baby clothes that keep pregnancy resource center shelves stocked and able to provide much needed support for a pregnant mother and father to choose life!”

*Jeff Duncan, Lutherans For Life
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My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
John 10:27

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**Thank the Father
for your mother on
Mother's Day!**

