Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Four

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 15, 2022





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Heavenly Father, may we in genuine faith always firmly cling to the truth that Jesus Christ is not only the world's Savior but also our dear Savior. Help us to trust Jesus quite apart from what our eyes might see or what the opinions and emotions of our sinful hearts might be. You favor us for the sake of Jesus, and therefore we are your dear children. Let not Satan convince us that we are lost souls because of our many sins. Rather, let us cling in faith to the assurance of our Savior that You will be merciful to us for His sake. May we in eternal joy behold the reality of what we have believed. In Your Son's precious name. Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body

and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

905 Come, Thou Almighty King

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.
- Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.
- 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.

C Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 98:2–6; antiphon: v. 1



Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;* he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

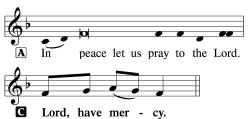
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;* break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

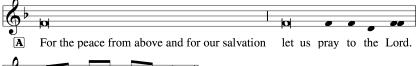
Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre,* with the lyre and the sound of | melody!

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn* make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!

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. Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

Kyrie Mark 10:47

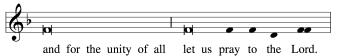




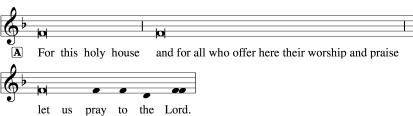




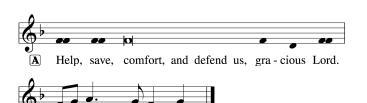
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,











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This Is the Feast





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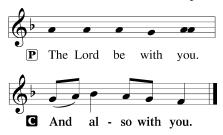
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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading: Acts 11:1–18

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." But Peter began and explained it to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- 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 21:1–7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I

am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel: John 16:12-22

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



[Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said

to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Sermon

"I Am Making Everything New"

Text: Revelation 21:1-7

Stand



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

→ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

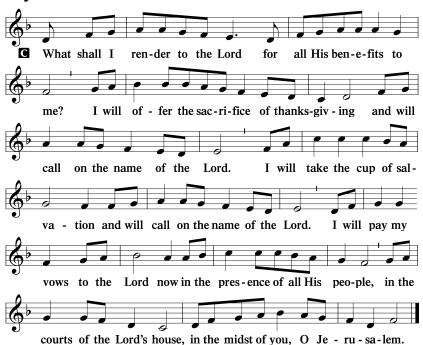
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Offering

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

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19





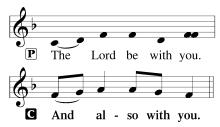
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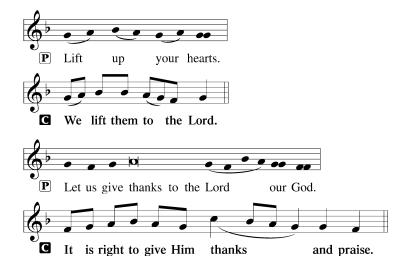
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Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.

Preface

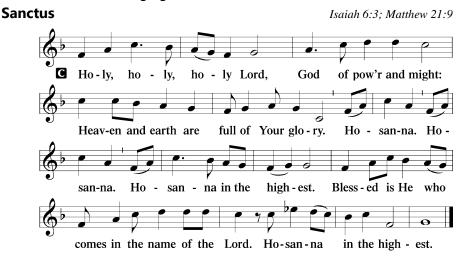
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]





Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your onlybegotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

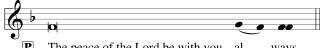
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took \mathbf{P} bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19



The peace of the Lord be with you







Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



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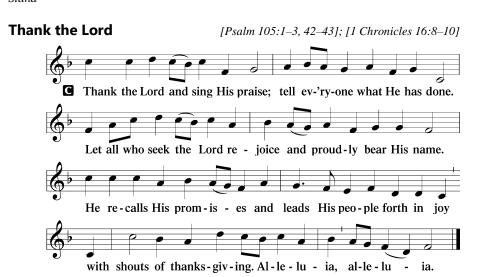
Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

629 What Is This Bread

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

Stand



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

Acknowledgments

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Announcements



Assisting Elders: 8 a.m. – Steve White 10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



Heavenly Father, at the foundation of the world, You gave us the gift of marriage as you created our first parents, Adam and Eve. Bless **Erik Ritch** and **Gretel Skelton** 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.

Gretel is the daughter of Pastor and Debbie Skelton. Erik and Gretel will be married this Saturday, May 21, 2022.





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 or 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



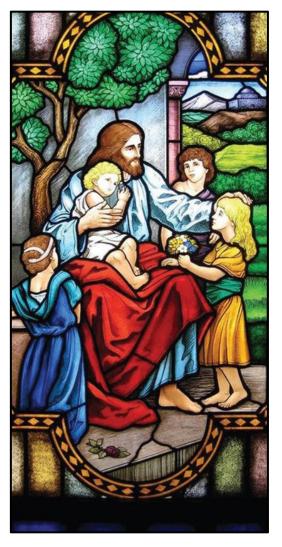
Heavenly Father, You have led our graduates through days and years of study to commencement. Bless them with true discernment so that, even as they take pride in their achievements, they also have the humility to understand and believe that the benefits of education are gifts from You, to be used to serve others. Keep their faith in You and their love for You strong so that they are kept safe from the evil one. Amen



Congratulations to our 2022 Graduates!

- **Megan Bartels** is graduating from The Highlands Ranch High School on May 18, 2022. This fall she will be attending the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN where she will swim on their swim team and study Exercise Science and Nutrition.
- Hannah Christian graduated from Concordia University Irvine, California on May 7, 2022. She majored in Liberal studies and Lutheran Elementary Education. She will be doing two 8 week student teaching assignments in California during the fall. (one in a kindergarten in a public school in Irvine and one in a Lutheran School in Orange County) After these she will be eligible for a call to a Lutheran school.
- **Katelyn DesMarteau** is graduating from Chatfield Senior High School on May 20, 2022. This fall she will be attending the University of Tulsa to study Art and Elementary Education.
- Mary Kitch, is graduating from Columbine High School on Friday, May 20, 2022. She played varsity softball all 4 years of high school and is a member of the National Honor Society. She will attend Colorado State University in the Honors Program studying Chemistry and Biology.
- **Sydney Sowl** is graduating from Mountain Vista High School on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. She will be attending Colorado University Boulder studying business.

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 (303) 683-1300

Sunday, May 15, 2022 6:30pm

Wheat Ridge Evangelical Lutheran Church

> 8600 W. 38th Ave. Wheatridge, CO (303) 423-5654



The Lutheran Chorale

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

Visit <u>www.thelutheranchorale.org</u> for more information.

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.

"Learning About Your Faith" Independent Book Study Groups



<u>Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers</u> by Brad Alles

&

The Reason I Believe; 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.

Petitions and Prayers: Through His Word, God teaches us **how** to pray, **what** to pray for, and what we can **expect** in prayer.



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:

- 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:

*Heavenly Father, You are our haven. Thank You for having led our **graduates** through days and years of study to commencement. Bless them with true discernment so that, even as they take pride in their achievements, they also have the humility to understand and believe that the benefits of an education are a gift from You, to be used to serve others. Keep their faith in You and their love for You strong so that the evil one is confounded in his attempts to snatch them out of Your hand. Amen.

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life May 15, 2022

"Christians are called to proclaim the truth, and that truth is clear: All life is valuable. Each member of the human race is vital. All lives are indispensable because of Christ."

Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life
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For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

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



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The Lutheran Hour
Sunday mornings at
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