

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

"These things I
have spoken to you,
so that in Me you
may have peace. In
the world you have
tribulation, but take
courage; I have
overcome the world."

- John 16:33





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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

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

Prayer for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dearest Jesus, as we anticipate the end of the Season of Easter, keep our thoughts turned to You so that we reflect on Your blessings:

Your incarnation when You appeared in human flesh to be our Savior;

Your life here on earth as our Brother. You deigned to come here to live in lowliness even though You created heaven and earth;

Your death wherein You came here as one of us to lay down Your life as a ransom for sinners;

Your resurrection from the dead for it proves that You are God's Son and seals Your sacrifice as the full payment for our sins;

Your promise to us in John 14:6: "No one comes to the Father except through Me." Your ascension to the right hand of our heavenly Father assures us that one day we too shall be in heaven in the presence of our Father.

We pray this for Your sake. You redeemed us that we might be justified by grace. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice vs. 1-6

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

- L** 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

- L** 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.**

Declaration of Grace

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: v. 22



Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you,*
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

My heart is in anguish with- | in me;*
the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.

But I | call to God,*
and the LORD will | save me.

Evening and morning and at noon
I utter my com- | plaint and moan,*
and he | hears my voice.

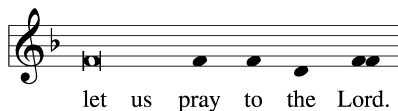
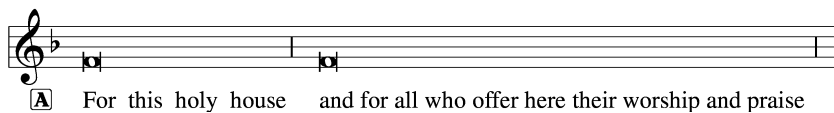
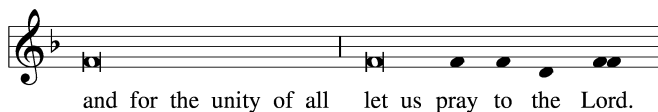
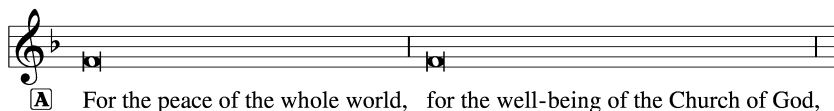
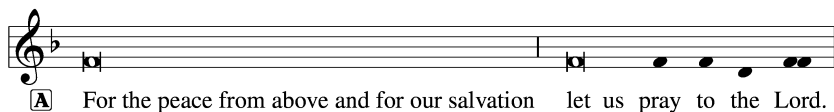
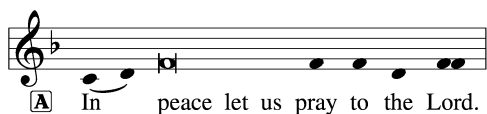
He redeems my soul in safety from the battle | that I wage,*
for many are arrayed a- | gainst me.

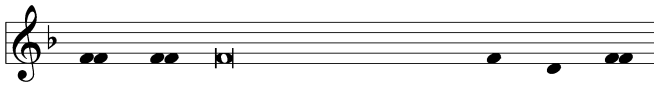
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you,*
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47





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



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

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.



G And al - so with you.

L Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

First Reading: Acts 16:9–15

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you

have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

L 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 21:9–14, 21–27

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will

ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

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.

The image shows two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It contains a melody for the words "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody for "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." and ends with a double bar line.

Holy Gospel: John 16:23-33

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of music in G major (one sharp). It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It contains a melody for the words "Glo - ry to You, O Lord." and ends with a double bar line.

[Jesus said:] "In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone.

Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice vs. 7-10

Sermon

"I Have Overcome the World"

Text: John 16:23-33

488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

Stand



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.

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

- L** 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

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

Matthew 6:9–13

L 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.

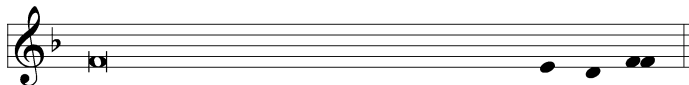
Closing Collect

L 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.



Benediction

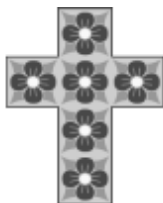
Numbers 6:24–26



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.



477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

Acknowledgments

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Announcements

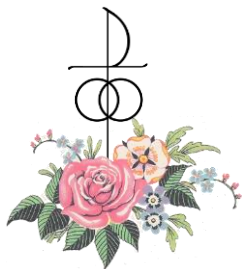


Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Steve White

10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver

Thank you to Curt Oliver for leading worship this morning while Pastor Skelton is gone.



*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 were married yesterday, Saturday, May 21, 2022.

Training Pastors to Pastor God's People



Since its founding in 1996, the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, has become recognized as a leading pastoral training school in Russia.

Keeping a great seminary operating can be just as challenging as building it. Besides normal operating expenses, the seminary also pays educational and living expenses while students pursue their studies. If the seminary closes, it is unlikely to reopen because of the financial burden

The 52nd Rocky Mountain District Convention will be held June 9-10. The Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors has selected the Siberian Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk, Russia to be this year's Convention offering recipient, and is asking each congregation to bring a special gift toward this offering.

Holy Cross will take up a special offering through June 5 that will be presented at the Convention and subsequently be given to the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Siberia. There is a basket at the back of the sanctuary to gather these offerings.

The District Board has been learning about the tremendous work being done through The Siberian Lutheran Seminary and is excited to propose to the Convention that our District congregations embrace this international mission throughout the next triennium. Through the Holy Spirit's power, this seminary and the pastors graduating from it, are once again evangelizing Russia, a place where God's light was nearly put out under communism in past decades. People are responding to the Gospel and hungry for God's Word and Sacrament. Our prayer is that Rocky Mountain District will make a difference in this seminary reaching financial self-sufficiency as it continues to educate, serve, and minister to the people of Eurasia. You can learn more about it at savetheseminary.org.

Thank you for remembering the seminary and the people of Russia in your prayers!



Looking for volunteers!

I am looking for one or more volunteers to help out once a week (1 hour) at church to straighten up the sanctuary from Sunday services and prepare it for the next Sunday. This would include cleaning out the pews, gathering the attendance sheets and refilling them. Please call Karlee at the church office (303-683-1300) for more information.



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



***The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.***

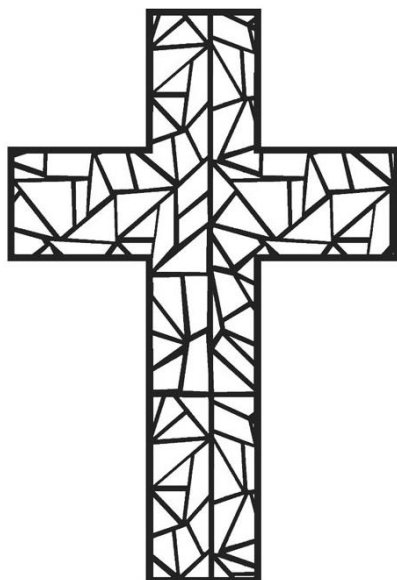
Psalm 145:18

John 16:33

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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!

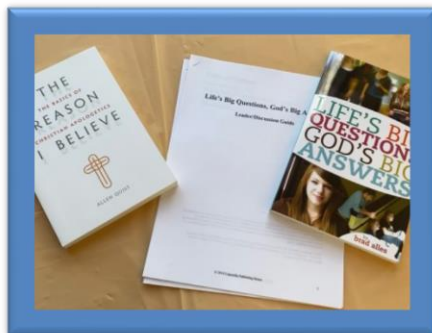
Deadline: Sunday, May 29th. Bring your rock to the church and we will keep it safe until we are ready to build the Rock Garden.

HEART²HEART

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



Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers

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 you are assured that God hears your prayer, even when you can't find the right words to express what is in your heart.



Health concerns:

Lord Jesus, lift the spirits and strengthen the faith of those people who are ill, helping them to look beyond this present affliction. Remind them that You are near, even in this time of pain and suffering. Heal them if it be Your will; if not, give them the strength to endure in faith. We pray in Your name, our only Lord and Savior. 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 surgery
- Margo Wiebelhaus (mother of Mark Wiebelhaus) is having surgery

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

O living Lord Jesus, You are risen; You are risen indeed! By Your resurrection from the dead You crushed the head of Satan, You broke the back of death, and You destroyed the power of sin. Today You make the impossible true: sinners are forgiven and the dead live. In Your resurrection, help us see our forgiveness, our victory, and Your certain promise that we too will rise. You live—that is the heart of all our hope. Alleluia!

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life May 22, 2022

“Your ascended Jesus goes with you. When you have doubts and struggles, take them to Jesus. When you’re conflicted and troubled by sin and guilt, take it to Jesus and the cross. Together we lift each other up and grow up in Jesus! You are gifted! You are equipped! Know you are serving Jesus! Now and to eternity.”

*Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

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***Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.***

Proverbs 3:5

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