Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Three

The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 29, 2022





The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

O Triune God, may we be kept in the faith by hearing and studying Your Word where we learn the good news of our forgiveness in Christ and by receiving the Lord's Supper. Grant that our faith be thus strengthened so that the questions that lie heavy on our hearts and in the back of our minds no longer cause us anxious moments: How can we be sure that we won't fall away from our faith in Jesus? How can we be sure that our faith won't become so weak that we reject Your Son when the going "gets tough"? How can we be sure that our faith won't be swallowed up with the cares of this life? Thank You, O God, that Jesus prayed thus for us, "... I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail." May Your Spirit keep us faithful until we are called home. 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

463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

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

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 61:3, 5-8; antiphon: v. 1



Hear my cry, O God,*
listen to my prayer;

for you have been my | refuge,*
a strong tower against the | enemy.

For you, O God, have heard my vows;*
you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

Prolong the life of the king;*
may his years endure to all gener- ations!

May he be enthroned forever be- | fore God;* appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch | over him!

So will I ever sing praises | to your name,* as I perform my vows day | after day.

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.

Hear my cry, O God,* listen to my prayer.

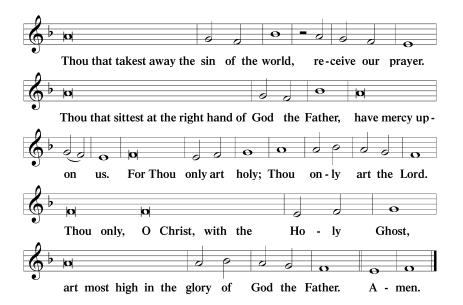
Gloria Patri











Salutation and Collect of the Day



P O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading: Acts 1:12-26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"'Let another take his office.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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



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 22:1-6, 12-20

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." . . .

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





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.

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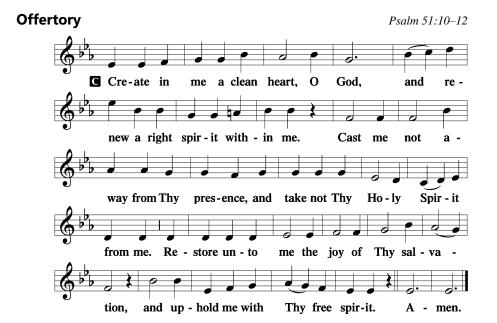
539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

Sermon

"A Witness to the Gospel"

Text: Acts 1:12-26

Stand



Offering

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

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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



Service of the Sacrament

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

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Preface

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



Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.



The Words of Our Lord

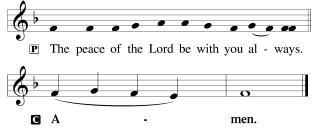
Matthew 26:26-28: Mark 14:22-24: Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

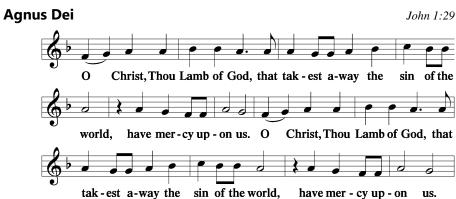
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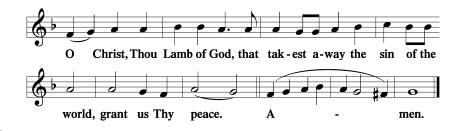
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took \mathbf{P} bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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







Sit

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



Distribution

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.

480 He's Risen, He's Risen

495 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

Stand



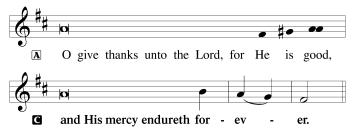
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



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.



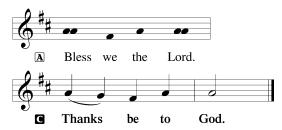
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2 Timothy 4:22



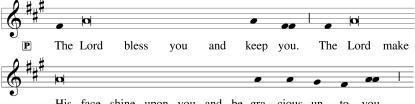
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Psalm 103:1



Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and \pm give you peace.





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. – Curt Oliver



Congregational **Voters' Meeting** Sunday, June 12 at 9 a.m.

(between services)

The main item on the agenda is the election of officers and new board members. If you are a

member of Holy Cross, please prayerfully consider serving on a board or as an officer. Contact Chad Otto if you would like to volunteer or if you would like to nominate an individual to serve.

Kids Rock Painting



June 12 between services

On the landing by the downstairs doors

Rocks, stencils, paint and brushes are provided!

You can also bring your own favorite rock.



WE WILL, WE WILL ROCK YOU!



From the Evangelism Committee: Matthew 16: 18, Christ tells Peter that "upon this rock | 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.

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.



God bless our men and women in the armed forces!

By this we know love, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

1 John 3:16

God's Eyewitness News

 $\overline{\ }^{\rm I}$ I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." John 1:34 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 1:29-34 (NIV).





John 1:29

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Acts 1

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Andrew God Jesus Matthias

Prayer witnesses apostles Holy Spirit John Mount of Olives Peter Scripture

Judas Theophilus

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Thomas

And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Acts 1:10-11

Petitions and Prayers: The wonderful assurance for you in prayer is grounded in and motivated by hearing and learning God's Word.



Health concerns:

God of everlasting power, enable those people with illnesses to bear them with a measure of forbearance. Stay with them, granting them Your peace. Bless the efforts of the doctors and nurses involved in caring for them. We pray in the name of Your Son who helps us keep our eyes of faith focused on our eternal home. 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
- Frank Koessel Covid

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Eternal and everlasting God, by Your grace Jesus Christ won eternal salvation for us by His redemptive work. Jesus took our sins upon Himself, dying on the tree of the cross and rising, that those who believe in Him will eat from the tree of life forevermore. Amen

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life May 29, 2022

"Every child is created by God, in His image, on purpose—for His purpose! This is the wonderful thing about human babies: ALL of us share this exact same thing in common—each of us is planned!"

Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M.
Lutherans For Life regional director of Texas
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To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Acts 10:43

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| Sunday Worship Services | 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. |
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| Bible Classes and Sunday School | 9:25 a.m. |
| Rev. Bruce Skelton, Pastor, Office | 303-683-1300 |
| Fax | 303-470-0165 |

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Remember those who served.

All gave some, some gave all.