

# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

**Divine Service One**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**and**

**The Rite of Confirmation**

**(8 a.m.)**

**March 26, 2023**



**FLESH vs SPIRIT**

**For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.**

**Romans 8:5**



## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

8:00 and 10:30 AM

### Prayer for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Lord Jesus Christ, bring us closer to Your cross as we approach the end of this Lenten season so that we might know how much You loved us and gave Yourself for us. Enlighten us so that we may see by faith that You, the Holy One, were judged a criminal by unholy men for us: You suffered the whiplashes of angry men as our sinless Savior, You stumbled under the cross as our Suffering Servant, and You died as the Lamb of God in our stead and for our sake. Help us to hear in Your prayer on the cross the single purpose for which You endured pain, suffering, and death; "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." 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

### 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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

#### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

#### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

#### Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.



## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15*



Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*  
is the death | of his saints.

**I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.**

Because he inclined his | ear to me,\*  
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

**The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*  
I suffered distress and | anguish.**

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:\*  
"O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"

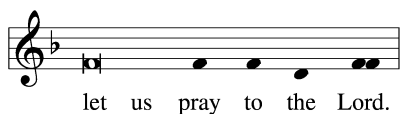
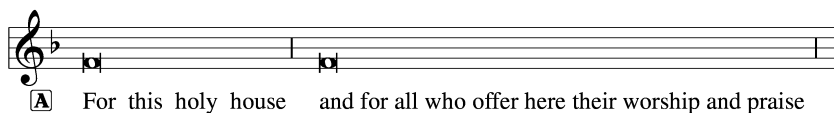
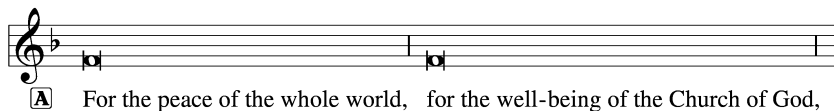
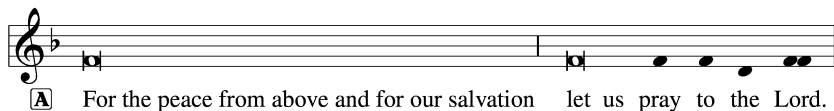
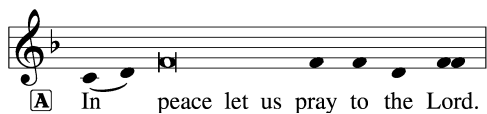
**For you have delivered my | soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.**

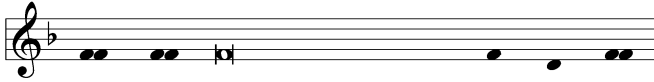
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*  
is the death | of his saints.

# Kyrie

Mark 10:47





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



**C** A - men.

## Hymn of Praise

During Lent the Hymn of Praise is omitted.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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*



## 8 a.m. Service - Confirmand Addresses

McKinley Ford

Ben Koter

Kelly Schlager

## Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1–14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.





**[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\***  
**the founder and perfecter | of our faith,**  
**who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,**  
**despis- | ing the shame,\***  
**and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

### Epistle: Romans 8:1–11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*





## Alleluia and Verse

Joel 2:13



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Holy Gospel: John 11:17–27, 38–53

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



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." . . .

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his

eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

### Sermon

#### "Two Minds"

Text: Romans 8:1-11

*Stand*





**10:30 a.m. Service: Nicene Creed**

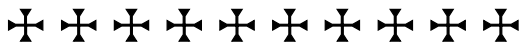
**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**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.**

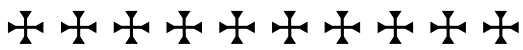
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

**8 a.m. Service: Continues with the Rite of Confirmation**

**10:30 a.m. Service: Skip to Prayer of the Church**



**8 a.m. The Rite of Confirmation: pg. 272 LSB**



**Prayer of the Church**

*After each portion of the prayer:*

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

*Sit*

**Offering**

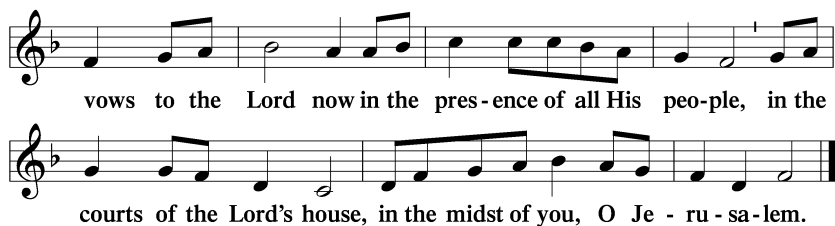
*(Please add your name to the red fellowship book and pass it to your fellow worshippers.)*

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



## Service of the Sacrament

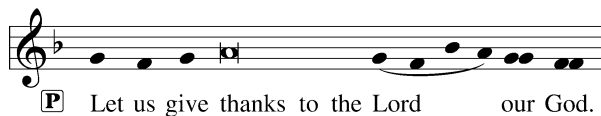
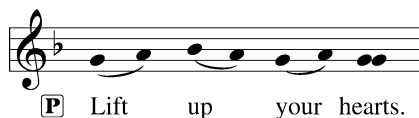


*Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the  
inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.*



### Preface

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

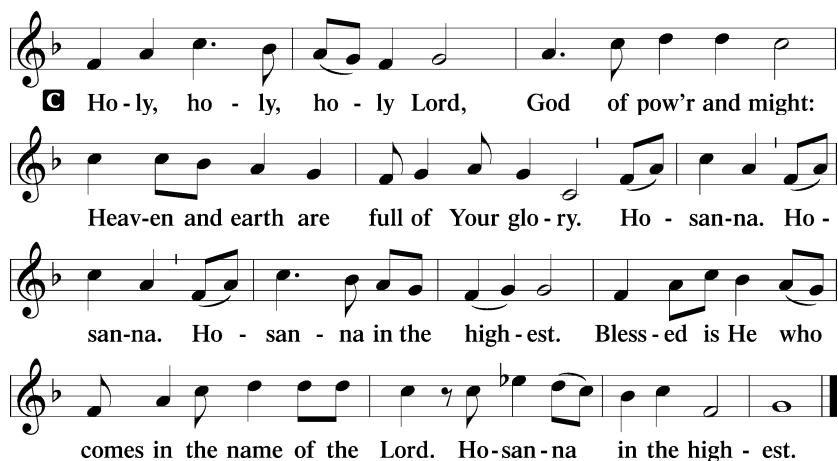


## Proper Preface

- 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten 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:

**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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;*

*Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

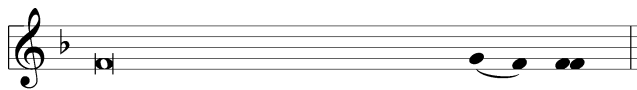
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

**Confirmands will Commune first.**

### ***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.*

## **729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus**

## **631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face**

*Stand*



## **Nunc Dimittis**

*Luke 2:29–32*

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

The musical score is written on six staves of five lines each. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The notes are primarily eighth and sixteenth notes, with some quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The final note of the sixth staff is a double bar line.

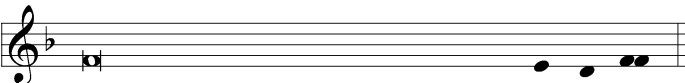
# Post-Communion Collect

**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.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



# 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



***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. – Andy Olson

### *Confirmation*

***Confirmed today at the 8 a.m. service are McKinley Ford, Ben Koter and Kelly Schlager.***

*Lord God, heavenly Father, thank You for bringing these young people to this point of the confirmation of their faith. Thank You for giving them the opportunity to study Your Word in depth. Keep them strong in their faith and close to Your Word. Let Your Spirit continue to work in their lives so that they remain active in Your church, enabling others to see the light of Your love. Help them to regard this day as the beginning of their growth in Your Word rather than an ending. Grant that their lives be filled with the joy of Your presence. Let them praise You all the days of their lives. We pray in the name of Your holy Son Jesus. Amen.*

### **March Mission Project!**

LWML Women of the Cross is collecting



**Peanut Butter and Jelly  
(or Sunflower Butter or  
any nut or seed butter)**

For the Douglas County Food Bank

There will be a collection bin in the narthex

**Sunday, March 5 – Sunday, March 26.**

Thank you!

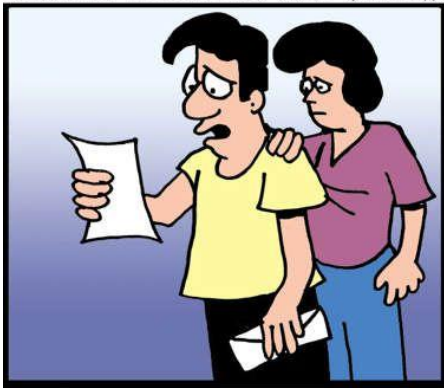


If you wish to beautify the Lord's sanctuary Easter morning by donating an Easter lily, please sign up at the table in the narthex by **Sunday, April 2**. If you wish to purchase one in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one, please note that next to your name.

Please pay for your plants by placing a check for \$10 in the offering plate, **made payable to Holy Cross**. Note in the memo section that the check is for an Easter lily. Or place cash in the offering plate noted for Easter lily.

**Plants can be taken home after the second service Easter morning.**

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

**Sin is  
expensive.  
Who's paying  
for yours?**



Please check the **Sunday Greeter schedule**, posted on the bulletin board, to find out when you're scheduled to serve. Thank you!

***Portals of Prayer for  
April-June 2023 are out!***

*Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex. We have digest size copies if you need larger print. These are a great resource to use in your daily devotions!*

# The Sign of the Cross



"Pastor, I don't know how to pray; there isn't a single word that comes to my head." Alice's son lay dying. Dread and tears were the only things that came easily to her right now.

"Alice," the pastor answered, "what you need then is a wordless prayer. When you don't know what to pray, make the sign of the cross."

Her eyes opened as wide as her grief-swollen lids would allow. "I've never really done that. I don't think I know how."

The Pastor's hand traced a cross in the air, touching his forehead, heart and shoulders. "The person who makes the sign of the cross is simply saying, 'I am God's child. My baptism makes that sure. Whatever happens, I will rest securely knowing my heavenly Father is watching over me. Even if I cannot pray, Christ my Savior is interceding for me, and the Holy Spirit will keep me safe by His grace.'"

"But isn't that a Catholic thing?" Alice asked.

"No," said the Pastor, "it comes from a time before there were Lutherans and Catholics. People have been doing this in the church since at least the second century. Some people think it was even done during the time of the apostles."

Alice looked puzzled. "Then why don't Lutherans do it?"

The Pastor laughed. "They do! At every service I make the sign of the cross over the congregation at the Invocation and Benediction. It's even in the *Small Catechism*. Luther taught that, in the morning, when you rise up, make the sign of the holy cross and say, 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' That reminds us that, in spite of our sin, God will hear our prayers because Jesus has died for us."

Alice stood, and made the sign of the cross. Then, she reached over and signed the cross in the air above her son. "He is baptized, too, Pastor. The promise is for both him and for me. His Father will take care of him."

The Pastor laughed again, but this time to hold back tears. "Alice, you are very wise."

# Romans 8 v1-11

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 JESUS  
 WEAKENED  
 GUILT  
 SUBMIT



## LAZARUS

Discover the hidden words.



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 LAZARUS  
 JESUS  
 LIFE  
 DEATH  
 MARY  
 MARTHA  
 BROTHER  
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 TOMB  
 SAD

**Petitions and Prayers:** When we come to God in prayer through Jesus' intercessory name, we have assurance that, in confidence, "we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in (our) time of need."



### **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:

- Devon Hanson (grandson of Connie and Terry Mitchell) – mental health issues
- Roger Frank (brother of Connie Mitchell) cancer
- Mary (relative of Tabris') pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris –waiting for heart transplant
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)

### **Prayer of intercession:**

*\*O heavenly Father, as we reflect this Lenten season on Your Son's rejection, suffering, and death, strengthen our faith by Your means of grace so that we not lose hope when confronted by suffering and affliction in our lives. As we anticipate the arrival of Easter, grant that we look with glad confidence toward the resurrection of the body and life eternal, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

### **"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life March 26, 2023**

"The God who chose to give us life at the moment of fertilization is the same God who chose to rescue us and redeem us and give us salvation. And He did it by sending His Son, Jesus, to experience every stage of human life so we could be forgiven and given life everlasting with Him!"

*Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church,  
Las Vegas, Nevada*

*A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



**Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."**

*John 11:25-26*

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