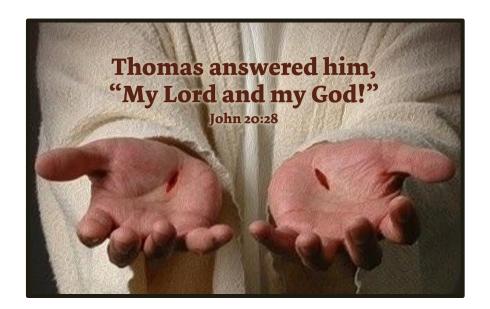
## **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

**Divine Service One** 

The Second Sunday of Easter April 16, 2023





## The Second Sunday of Easter

March 16, 2023

8:00 and 10:30 AM

#### **Prayer for the Second Sunday of Easter**

O Lord, You are God in heaven and on the earth beneath; there is no other. These words of Moses assure us today as much as they did the Israelites that You are the only God and that there is no other God. You are life itself and the source of all that is good and perfect, of limitless and eternal abundance. O God, may You grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we become ever more desirous to read and study Your Word and thus know You better. Grant that the knowledge and insights gained fill our souls with that light that comes only from You. In this way we can and will be made wise in the saving faith. May we ever trust You for all our needs. In the name of Jesus, whom You sent to be the Savior of the world. 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**

#### **482 This Joyful Eastertide**

Stand

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

#### Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

**Exhortation** 

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 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3



Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—\* if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- on his name;\* make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- es to him;\* tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;\*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength;\* seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\* his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

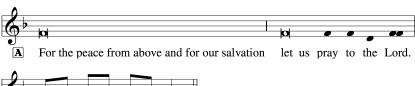
He remembers his covenant for- | ever,\* the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

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.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—\*
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

**Kyrie** Mark 10:47









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



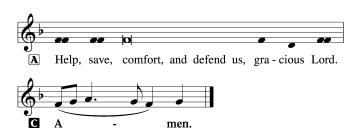




For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







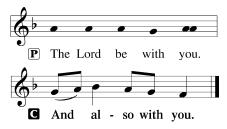
#### This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



#### P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

#### First Reading: Acts 5:29-42

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if

it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

- 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: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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



#### Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

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



On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that

you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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



Sit

#### 470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

#### Sermon

"My Lord and My God"

Text: John 20:19-31

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#### **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.

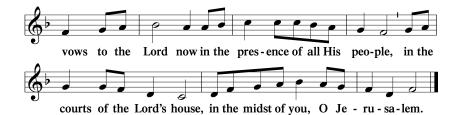
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### Offering

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

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### **Service of the Sacrament**

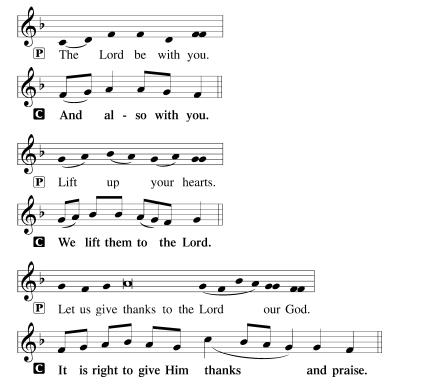
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Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.

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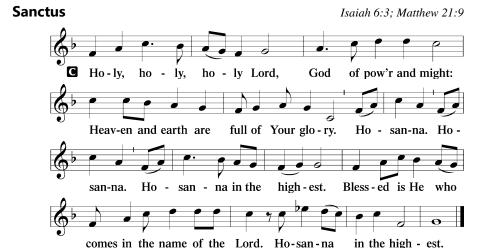
#### **Preface**

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



#### **Proper Preface**

It is truly 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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

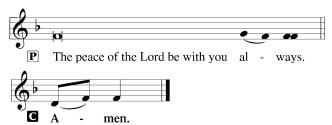
Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

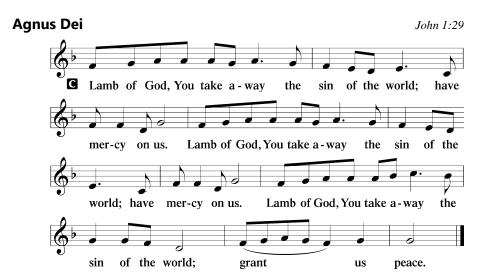
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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





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



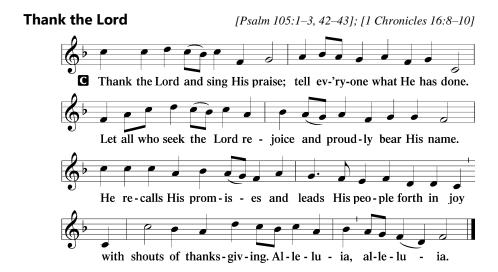
#### Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

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.

#### 553 O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire

#### 472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

Stand



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** 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



The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



#### 480 He's Risen, He's Risen



## Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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#### **Announcements**



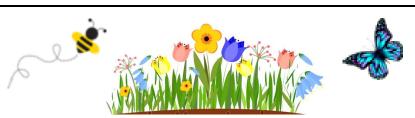
Assisting Elders: 8 a.m. – Steve White 10:30 a.m. – Andy Olson

## **Fellowship Committee**



We have a new Fellowship Committee that is looking for members! We will organize, plan, and execute providing snacks for special occasions, fun activities, and social events. If you are interested in participating in the planning of Christian fellowship, please contact Kathy Harrington at 1-209-352-6893.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:20)



Spring is almost here and maybe you too are excited to do some gardening in the fresh air. Here at Holy Cross we have flower beds that would love some tender loving care. Whether you have gardening experience or not, please consider adopting one of the flower beds. You might prefer the quiet time to garden alone or perhaps you would enjoy tending a bed with a friend, your spouse, children, or grandchildren. All are welcome. You would be able to choose the plantings and tend the bed on your schedule. Some funding is available if cost is an issue. Please contact Debbie Skelton at 720-470-1706 to volunteer and to pick out your flower bed. Thank you for making Holy Cross more beautiful!

The Ladies of Christ Lutheran Church and the Ruth Guild of University Hills Lutheran Church are hosting the

## **SPRING LWML RALLY**

at Christ Lutheran Church located at 2695 S. Franklin St., Denver, CO 80210



# on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

We will have pastries and fruit for breakfast. Lunch will be provided.

## The Bethesda Craft Sale will be present.

We will be collecting shoes in any condition for Soles for Souls.

We will be collecting canned vegetables for the Community Food Bank.

We will be collecting newborn baby items – diapers, wipes, clothes.

We hope to see you there!



A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible: Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Ricky was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the psalm. After much practice, he still could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite the psalm in front of the congregation, Ricky was nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."







Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 3-5



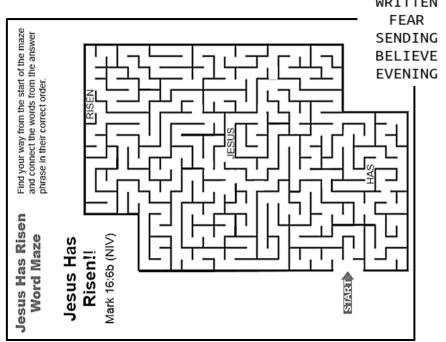
Please check the **Sunday Greeter schedule**, posted on the bulletin board, to find out when you're scheduled to serve. Thank you!

## Jesus Appears To The Disciples

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## **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." Luke 24:36 (NIV)

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

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PEACE HANDS DOUBTS BONES FEET FRIGHTENED JESUS GHOST FLESH FISH

**Petitions and Prayers:** Prayer is continuously looking to God and relying on His strength.



#### **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:

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:

\*\*Risen Savior, grant us the fullness of joy and peace that Your resurrection offers. By Your rising from the dead, You have confirmed our faith that You are the Son of God, that our many sins for which You died on the cross are all forgiven, and that our future is not in this dreary world but in the home in heaven You have prepared for us. By Your Spirit and Your Word, dispel our doubts and fears so that we are strengthened to live as those who have been redeemed by Your death on the cross. Amen.

#### "Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life April 16, 2023

"Today, we often find lines, divisions, and hate, but we hope to spread a little love and hope. Life is a valuable gift at all ages and all stages of life, and it should be protected."

Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life
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## For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 6:5

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Jesus had his palms red so we could know our future.