



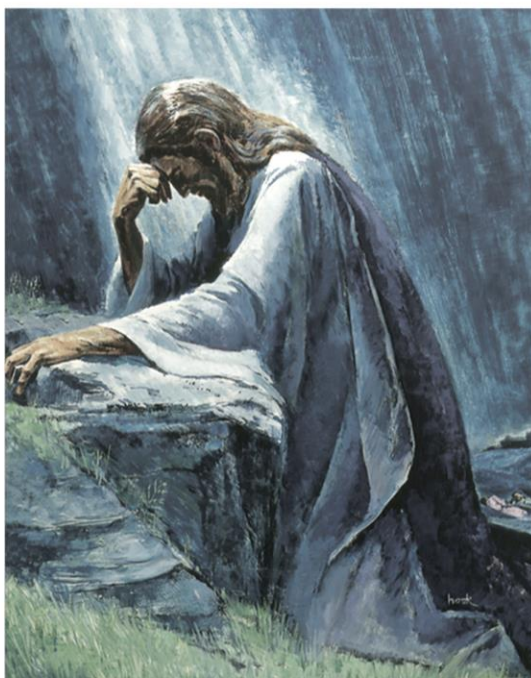
# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

**(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)**

## **Divine Service One**

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 21, 2023**





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8 AM and 10:30 AM

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

### 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.



## Confession and Absolution

### 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

*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 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1*



I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;\*  
to you, O LORD, I will make | music.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!\***

**Serve the LORD with gladness!**

**Come into his presence with | singing!**

Know that the LORD, | he is God!\*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people,  
and the sheep of his | pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**

**and his | courts with praise!\***

**Give thanks to him; | bless his name!**

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,\*  
and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

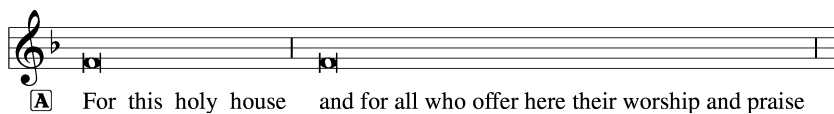
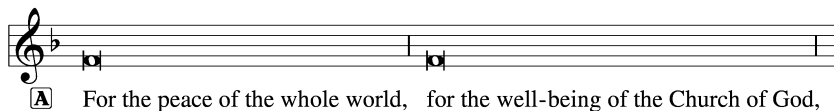
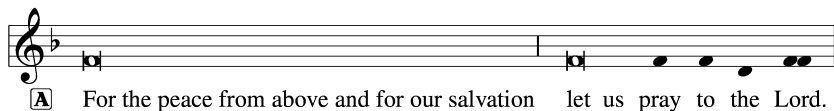
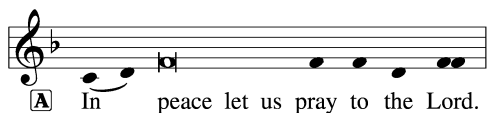
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;\*  
to you, O LORD, I will make | music.

# 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.



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

**P** Let us pray.

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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## 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.

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

**C** 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 4:12–19; 5:6–11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as



a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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

**C** **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 musical notation consists of two staves 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 series of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Holy Gospel: John 17:1–11

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The musical notation consists of a single staff 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 series of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

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



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

*Sit*

## **564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand**

### **Sermon**

"The Prayer of Jesus for Unity"

Text: John 17:1-11

## **496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine**

*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*



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.**

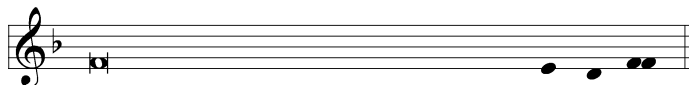
## Closing Collect

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*



## 664 Fight the Good Fight



***Soli Deo Gloria!***  
*(To God alone be the glory.)*

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## **Announcements**



Assisting Elders:  
8 a.m. – Scott Schlapkohl  
10:30 a.m. – Andy Olson



***Thank you to Curt Oliver for leading worship this morning!***

**Housing for intern student needed** – Breana Downs, a student at Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland, WA is looking for housing for June, July and August while she internships for Rocky Mountain Wildlife Alliance in Sedalia. If you are interested, please call Breana at 360-591-8950 as soon as possible.

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**ALTERNATIVES**  
PREGNANCY CENTER

As one of our chosen Mission Projects for May and June 2023 we are collecting items for the Alternatives Pregnancy Center (Denver). Below is a list of requested items that they need. Place your items in the container on the table in the narthex.

### **ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW**

#### **\* Items needed the most**

- \* Toiletries—baby shampoo, body wash and lotion
- \* 3 – 12 month Onesies
- \* 6 – 12 month Outfits
- \* Hooded towels
- \* Baby wash cloths
- \* Baby wipes
- \* Burp cloths
- \* Bibs
- \* Teethers/rattles
- \* Baby toys
- \* Baby books
- Infant mittens
- Baby hats (knit of cotton)
- Pacifiers
- Bottles



## *Singles Mixer!*

*30-50? Single? Join us for a singles mixer in the narthex on Saturday, June 3rd from 12-2pm. Sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a side, dessert, or non-alcoholic drink to share. RSVP to Carol Skelton at 720-697-4676 by June 1.*

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Free Will Offering



## Denver Lutheran High School Class of 1973 Class Reunion

We are planning a 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion at Parker Lutheran High School on Saturday, August 19, 2023. If you are a part of the Class of 1973 please contact Mr. John Rinks at Parker LHS at [john.rinks@lhsparker.org](mailto:john.rinks@lhsparker.org) to give him your contact information. Members can also check out our Facebook page, HLSH Class of 73 – 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

Thank you,  
Lou Anne (Hu) Yee and Julie (Ikenberry) Crandall

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Hi, we are looking for a couple of hosts for a high school exchange student who is Lutheran and wants to study in Colorado for a semester or for a school year.

We are looking for a family to welcome an international high school student into their home this August 2023 for one semester or for a full school year.

Our hosts have a broad range of backgrounds, interests, and experiences, providing students with a real flavor for the diversity that America is proud of. Retirees and empty nesters serve as great hosts!

Students come with comprehensive medical insurance and their own spending money for activities and personal needs. Host families provide a room, meals and encouragement to be a part of their family. Assigning chores and setting guidelines is expected.

Please message me if you are interested. Also here is a link to our website if you would like to learn more about us!

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## Jesus Prays for His Disciples

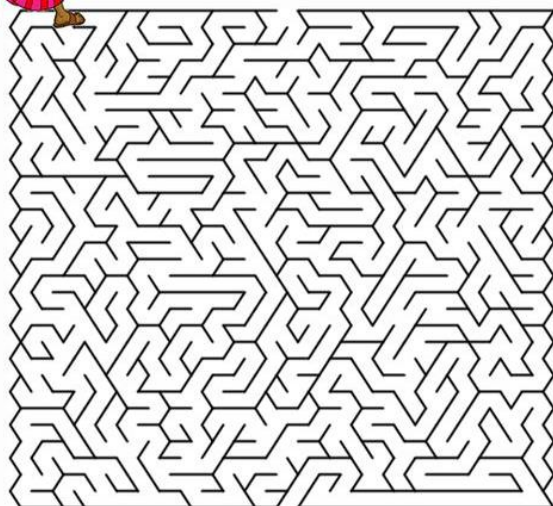
I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.

John 17:9



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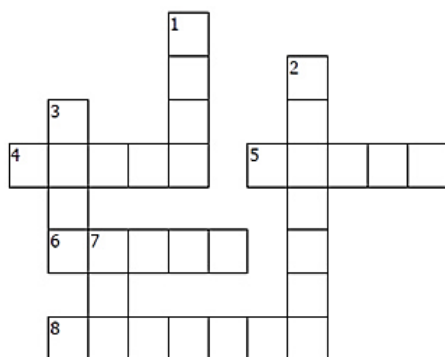
# Jesus Prays for All Believers



THAT ALL  
MAY BE  
ONE

"May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:23 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 17:20-23 (NIV)



## ACROSS

4. Joined together as a group; the state of being in agreement
5. Great admiration, honor and praise
6. The earth and its inhabitants
8. A written or spoken statement

## DOWN

1. To speak to God
2. To think that something is true or correct
3. To be acquainted with someone or something
7. A single thing; to be undivided

pray  
believe

message  
world

glory  
unity

know  
one



Upcoming

**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

**Voters' Meeting  
Sunday  
June 25, at 9 am  
(between services)**

Prayerfully consider  
serving on a board or  
as an officer. Contact  
Greg Allan.

**Petitions and Prayers:** Nothing will be denied us in prayer if our desire is to do the will of our heavenly Father.



### **Health concerns:**

*Dearest Jesus, You suffered and died on the cross in our place, You have compassion on us in all of our difficulties. Grant peace of mind and strength of body to those who are ill so that they trust in You above all else. Amen.*

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Devon Hanson (grandson of Connie and Terry Mitchell) – mental health issues
- Dillon (grandson of Connie and Terry Mitchell - 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:**

*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 21, 2023**

“God has chosen each one of us from the beginning of creation. God has also chosen our body to be a temple. He gave us the beautiful gift of a body, and we are called to be stewards of that body, to take care of it and be aware of what we do with it. God also chooses each one of us to belong. We all have a spot and purpose in God’s family—and not one of us is useless or random. God chose us with a purpose. Nothing He does is random.”

*Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life  
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***Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.***

***John 17:17***

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