


Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Divine Service Four

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023



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Lord; for he
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that he may
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will bind us
up.

Hosea 6:1-2



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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

**9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd.
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129**

Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.
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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

Prayer for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

Heavenly Father, we give You praise and thanks that You have created the world for our use and as a setting for mankind, the jewel of Your creation. You who brought forth the light of the sun, moon, and stars, keep us in the light of Your Son, Jesus. O precious Savior, we give You praise and thanks that You awaken in our souls the desire to live lives freed from the burden of sin. Help us to trust that though Satan has desired to have us that he may sift us as wheat, You have prayed for us that our faith fail not. O blessed Spirit, we give You praise and thanks that You are the Comforter sent to us from Christ on high. You confer Your gifts of love, joy, and peace on us. By You we are enlightened, sanctified, and kept in the one true faith. We come before You, the triune God, not because of our righteousness, but because of Your mercy. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

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

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 50:7–10; antiphon: v. 1



The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and sum- | mons the earth*
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak;

O Israel, I will testify a- | gainst you.*

I am | God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I re- | buke you,*
your burnt offerings are continually be- | fore me.

**I will not accept a bull | from your house*
or goats | from your folds.**

For every beast of the for- | est is mine,*
the cattle on a | thousand hills.

**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.**

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from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6

I will return again to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

"Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth."

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;

I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b



Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.

On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare your | greatness.

Epistle: Romans 4:13–25

The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are

to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



John 20:31



Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



Apostles' Creed

G **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.**

Sit

765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Sermon

“God Will Heal Us”

Text: Hosea 5:15—6:6

689 Let Me Be Thine Forever

Stand

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 worshipers.)*

Stand

Lord's Prayer

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

P Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

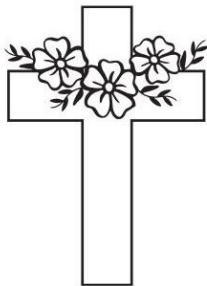
Benediction

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.

G Amen.

688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake



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



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.



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





The LWML is having "Mite Box Sunday" TODAY and the second Sunday of every month. On these Sundays they have the big Mite Box in the narthex to gather free will offerings to support the mission projects they have selected to provide for this year.



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

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed.*

1 Peter 2:24

Why wouldn't
the Pharaoh let
the Hebrews go?

He was in
de-Nile

What is a
mathematician's
favorite book
of the Bible?

Numbers.

How do we know
Peter was a
successful
fisherman?

By his net
income.

**CHURCH IS NOT A MUSEUM
FOR SAINTS, IT'S A
HOSPITAL FOR SINNERS.**

***Portals of Prayer for
July-September 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!

Romans Word Search

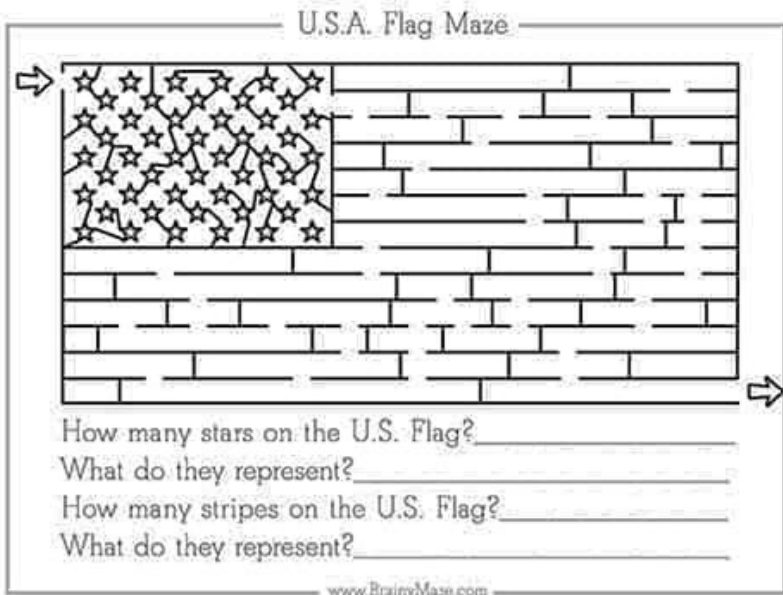
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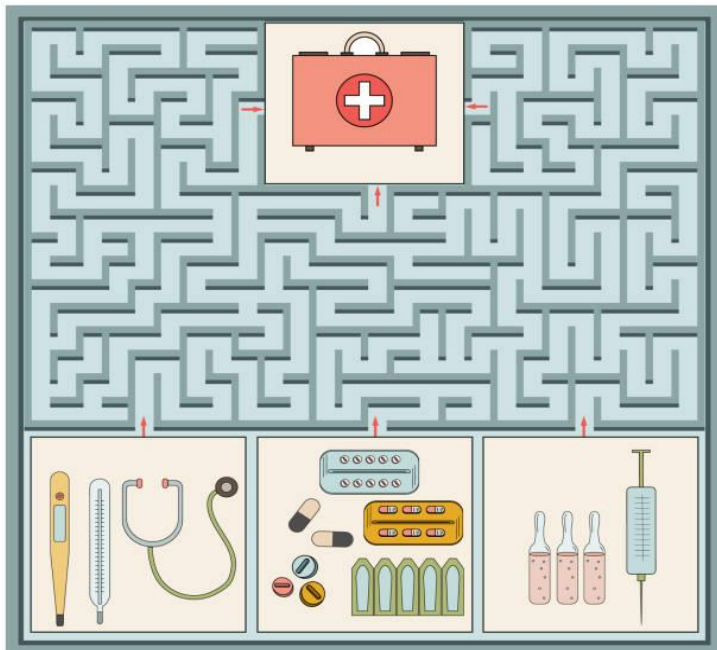
Matthew 9:9-13

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*For you were called to freedom, brothers.
Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity
for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*

Galatians 5:13



Petitions and Prayers: With one heart, mind, and purpose, the early church continually prayed, making their petitions known to God.



Health concerns:

Dear Jesus, Great Physician of body and soul, hear our prayers for those who are ill. Help them to see their suffering as a reminder not only of our mortality, but also a blessed remembrance of how You “took our illnesses and bore our diseases” (Matthew 8:17) to the cross of Calvary. If it be Your will, bring healing to these people as we anticipate the ultimate freedom from pain in the joys of heaven. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Jenny, Paul and unborn daughter Ivy who has a heart defect and will need surgery upon birth (family friends of Marie McQuarrie)
- 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:

Dear Lord, we pray for Your Church and for the mission we have in this world. Help us to be united as You and the Father are one. May Your Holy Spirit give us faith and courage to proclaim the Gospel, show Your love, and make disciples of all nations. We hold on to Your promise that not even the doors of hell could prevail against Your Church. In Your powerful name, Jesus. Amen.

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life

June 11, 2023

“The God who created us and redeemed us and lives in us has put His seal of ownership on us! He has chosen us and appointed us for a purpose—to live as Jesus’ disciples by bearing fruit for His kingdom. By God’s grace, and with His help, may we bear good fruit and make God-pleasing choices that glorify God who chose to create us and save us!”

*Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas,
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***Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
for I believe in your commandments.***

Psalm 119:66

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**Sin is the disease.
Jesus is the cure.**