

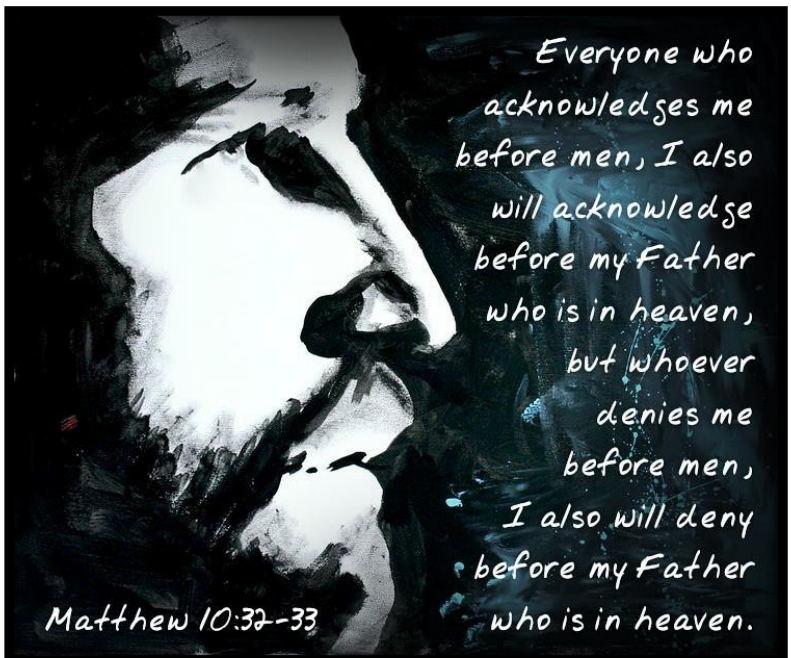
# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

## Divine Service One

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023



*Everyone who  
acknowledges me  
before men, I also  
will acknowledge  
before my Father  
who is in heaven,  
but whoever  
denies me  
before men,  
I also will deny  
before my Father  
who is in heaven.*

*Matthew 10:32-33*



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8 AM and 10:30 AM

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### Prayer for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

God of all mercies, we thank You for Your wonderful promises—You keep Your word. You remember Your promises and act on what You have said: our sins are forgiven, You love us with an everlasting love, You have adopted us into Your family of believers, we are Your children, and we are heirs of eternal life. You are with us every day to protect us from harm and danger, to guide us when we need to make decisions, and to bless us and our loved ones. May we always search Your written Word so that we receive strength and remain faithful to our Lord Jesus who is our salvation and in whose name we pray. Amen.



## Confession and Absolution

### 750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

*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

*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 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13*



For you have delivered my soul from death,  
yes, my feet from | falling,\*  
that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

**When I | am afraid,\***  
**I put my | trust in you.**

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.\*  
What can flesh | do to me?

**In God, whose | word I praise,\***  
**in the LORD, whose | word I praise,**

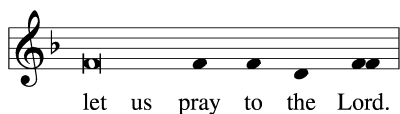
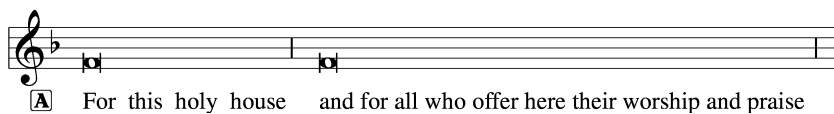
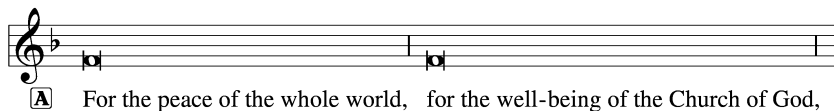
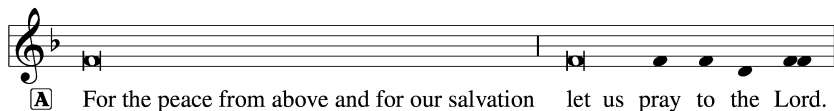
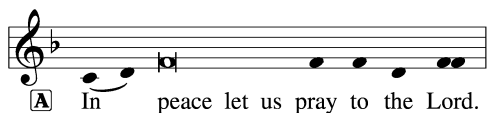
in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.\*  
What can man | do to me?

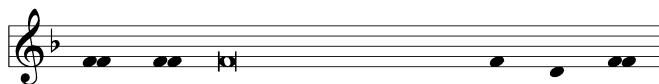
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

For you have delivered my soul from death,  
yes, my feet from | falling,\*  
that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

# 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 God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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*

## Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 20:7–13

O LORD, you have deceived me,  
and I was deceived;  
you are stronger than I,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all the day;  
everyone mocks me.  
For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.  
If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.  
For I hear many whispering.  
Terror is on every side!

"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall.

"Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we can overcome him  
and take our revenge on him."

But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

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

**G** 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 6:12–23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your

members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

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

*Stand*



## Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*

**C** 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 common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues the melody with 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

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



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

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

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



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

*Sit*

## Sermon

### **"Members of His Household"**

Text: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

## 752 Be Still, My Soul

*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*

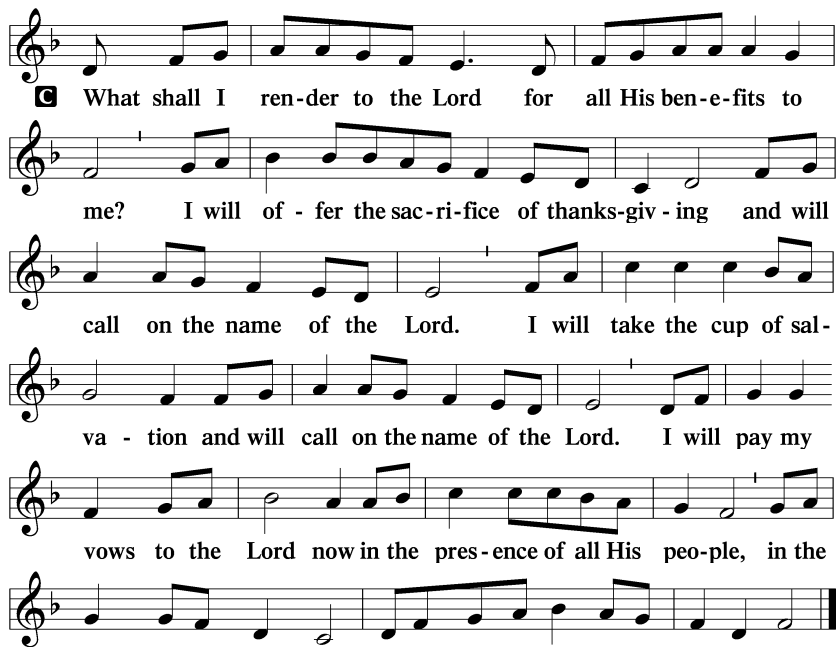
## Offering

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

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalms 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  
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*

**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.**

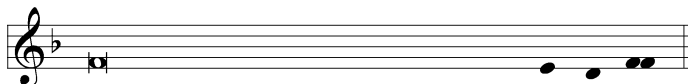
## Closing Collect

- P** 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*



- 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.



## 728 How Firm a Foundation

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## ***Soli Deo Gloria!***

*(To God alone be the glory.)*

### **Announcements**



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Scott Schlapkohl

10:30 a.m. – Andy Olson



**ALTERNATIVES**  
PREGNANCY CENTER

## **This is the last week to donate to the 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

### ***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!*

**Petitions and Prayers:** Through His Son Jesus Christ, our Intercessor, High Priest, and Friend, God promises to hear us, answer us, and help us when we pray.



### **Health concerns:**

*Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ, bore our sicknesses and infirmities and “with His wounds we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5). Give Your Holy Spirit to those who are sick so that they have confidence that You hear them when they cry out to You. If it be Your will, ease their pain and heal them. Assure them of Your love for them. 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 Jesus, Your words are words of eternal life that feed our hungry soul and in which we find the light that illuminates our path. May Your Word be our daily bread, and may we have Your daily blessing through Your Word. Give us the courage to share Your Word with those who do not know You, so that they may receive faith and eternal life, in Your name we pray. Amen*

### **“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life June 25, 2023**

“We need campfires and cookouts and picnic lunches filled with laughter. Yet, as members of the household of God, we also need conversation and consolation and prayer. We need to gather, in person, at the Communion rail. Surrounded by our eternal family, we need to hear God’s promises and rejoice in His forgiveness.”

*Michelle Bauman, Y4Life*

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***Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!  
Psalm 80:7***

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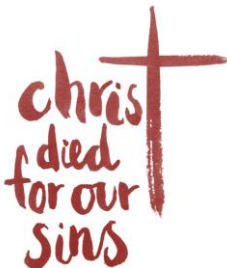


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to say, what  
we should  
live to tell!**

