

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Divine Service Four
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2023

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Where were you when I laid
the earth's foundation?
Tell me, if you have
understanding.

JOB 38: 4



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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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy God, keep us from emptying Your Word of its power by twisting its meaning and thus thwarting Your intended purpose for it in our lives. Grant that we never, by outwardly trying to obey Your law, think that we can earn Your favor and a place in heaven. May we always, when reading Your law, see there our sin and our need for a Savior. May we heed Jesus when He points out our sins of rebelliousness and what we deserve for those sins. Help us continue to look to Jesus, who also points to Himself as our only hope and only Savior, who has rescued us from our sins and made us pleasing to You by His own righteous life and sacrificial death on our behalf. Make Your Word a living force in our lives, O God, to Your glory. In our Savior's name. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

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.

G Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1



I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

**I sought the LORD, and he | answered me*
and delivered me from | all my fears.**

Those who look to him are | radiant,*
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.

**This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him*
and saved him out of all his | troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,*
and de- | livers them.

**Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!**

**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 bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

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-shipped 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, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Job 38:1–18

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

It is changed like clay under the seal,

and its features stand out like a garment.

From the wicked their light is withheld,

and their uplifted arm is broken.

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,

or walked in the recesses of the deep?

Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



**Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.**

Epistle: Romans 10:5–17

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



John 20:31



Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22–33

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



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.

Sit

752 Be Still, My Soul

Sermon

"Where Were You?"

Text: Job 38:4-18

729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

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.)

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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C 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.

C Amen.

831 “How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard



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



July/August Mission Project

For the months of July
and August, we are
introducing a local Denver

based organization formerly known as Street's Hope. They are now
called Voluntad (/bolun'tad/ - referring to free will.)

Voluntad: The ability to choose with freedom and dignity

Street's Hope/Voluntad provides survivor-informed services to support and empower survivors of all forms of human trafficking. Street's Hope/Voluntad works to bring awareness and education to our community in the fight against exploitation and human trafficking. We envision a world where all people can choose the direction of their own lives, free from exploitation.

**Pick up a card from the table in the narthex
for more information.**

Voluntad.org | 720-420-9951 | Admin@Voluntad.org

Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them,
walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



G E V E N I N G R P B C Y P O
S S C P Q N T S D U R O O A W
C I V D O U B T K O X A A M C
U D N W A L K I N G F F Y T E
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R H A N D A N D Q Y N H W X H

EVENING
COURAGE
LAKE
PRAY

HAND
AFRAID
WALKING
COME

DOUBT
SAVE
BOAT
WATER

WAVES
SINK
WIND
ALONE



WE WANT YOU!

**Sing the National Anthem
with The Lutheran Choral
on Rockies Faith Day 2023!**

Sunday, August 20th at noon.

Hillsong performs after the game.

- Buy your ticket
- Sing the Anthem
- Watch the game
- Enjoy Hillsong UNITED

**Mandatory practice - ALL SINGERS
Monday, Aug 14th at 6:30pm
Concordia Lutheran Church, Lakewood.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THELUTHERANCHORALE.ORG
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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.

The Book of Job

T M I Y R R X K L I S B S Z L S K T H J X C I I
 G M L A U F H V O A O C C I N T P N V K S W B N
 J N T V F H G H C R A H P O Z Q G C P O J J D F
 E S M M L T I K Y T I R G E T N I W O E K F F C
 J O B Y A N C L F U U S C T Z K V E M T P S M S
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 C M H Q E Y U N L C O M F O R T T T B N E L J G
 Q Q T M H N U R B W V F C A A H J B R Q R D E L
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 H T N D B Z D U G H A L B C A V C P A H U W L L
 P J H P U Q J V T C G L W Z P F E T J D H A I N
 I J Y R U G H Y E K L J D P D A H W T C M O I L
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 W R E Y A R P L C H C B Q C Y N D E T I H U H S
 Z H V R K X P J T W W E S L E G N A S S N I L F

purified	daughters	three	sons	seven
upright	blameless	Uz	cursed	trust
faith	comfort	silence	sackcloth	dust
ashes	Naamathite	Zophar	Shuhite	Bildad
Temanite	Eliphaz	integrity	prayer	feasting
angels	adversity	Satan	Elihu	Job

Petitions and Prayers: In its simplest form, prayer is “calling upon the name of the Lord.”



Health concerns:

Dear Jesus, Great Physician of body and soul, hear our prayer for those who are sick. Be for them the grace sufficient for them in this time of suffering. Remind them that in their weakness Your power is being brought to perfection. If it be Your will, bring healing to these people, even as we anticipate the ultimate healing in the joys of heaven. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- **Joy Pinkston** is recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **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)

** Eternal God, gracious Lord even though we were brought forth in iniquity, conceived in sin, You have elected us to salvation in Christ Jesus. Grant us the wisdom to recognize the value of all human life, from tiny beginning to blessed end. Open our hearts to hear the cries of those who will never celebrate their first birthday because they were aborted as if they were not created in Your image. Help us to realize that these “throw away” little ones will likewise never have a second birthday: God-given spiritual life in that You gave them faith in Christ on the day of their baptism. Use us to create a world that gives value to the lives You redeemed by the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus. Amen.*

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life August 13, 2023

“In Jesus there is healing; there is forgiveness. You, dear brother and sister in Christ, need not fear His wrath. For you, the words ‘Christ is risen’ are good words, they are the best words. They are words so good they should not be contained but shared with the world. They are pure Gospel.”

Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

Psalm 18:3

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**No God,
No hope
Know God!
Know hope!**