

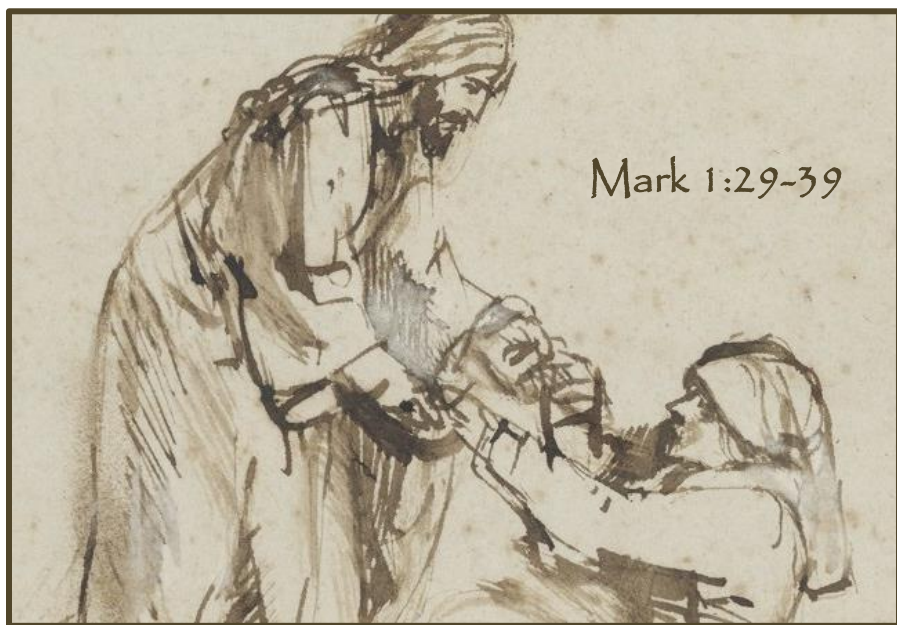
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Four

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to realize that we, as human beings, are in great and dire straits, physically and spiritually, temporally and eternally, and are in no way able to manage on our own, even if we think so. May we, through the power of the Holy Spirit, turn to You with humble and contrite hearts and acknowledge that You effected our redemption on the cross. Grant that we turn to Your Word, where You call, gather, and enlighten us in the true faith and maintain that faith. Let us spend time studying and hearing Your Word so that we may be healed and strengthened, may be and remain Your disciples. In Your name. 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

797 Praise the Almighty

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

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

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
G **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
G **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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

- G** **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 13:3–5; antiphon: v. 6



I will sing | to the LORD,*
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;*
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"*
lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.

But I have trusted in your | steadfast love;*
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

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 | to the LORD,*
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

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.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21–31

Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations
of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows on them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8



Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name,*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16–27

If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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

Alleluia and Verse



John 20:31



Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



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.**

398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Sermon

"What Did Jesus Do"

Text: Mark 1:29-39

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 worshippers.)



Service of the Sacrament



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



Stand

Preface

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

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

**☩ 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*

☐ 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

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
☩ Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a five-line staff. Below the staff, the lyrics are provided in two parts: Part 1 and Part 2. The lyrics are: 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God, 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a - way; You take the sin of the world a - way; O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God, Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ, Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray. And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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



Distribution

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.

632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

578 Thy Strong Word

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P 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.

G Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- 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.

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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



Holy Cross Lutheran Church Lent Worship Schedule

Wednesday, February 14	11:15 am	Ash Wednesday Worship
	12 noon	Lunch (provided)
	6 pm	Soup & Salad Potluck
	7 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Wednesday, March 6	11:15 am	Lent Worship
	12 noon	Lunch (provided)
	6 pm	Soup & Salad Potluck
	7 pm	Lent Worship
Thursday, March 28	7 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, March 29	11:15 am	Good Friday Worship
	7 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae
Sunday, March 31	8 am	Easter Worship
	9 am	Continental Breakfast
	10:30 am	Easter Worship

He is Risen

MATTHEW 28:6

Lutheran Hour Ministries Lent Devotions



The Lutheran Hour Ministries Lent Devotions are available now. There are printed copies (both regular and large print) on the table by the front door.

In *Lamb of God*, we have God's Son come to earth as the eternal Word, Jesus Christ. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus is made known to us as both God and Man, full of grace and truth. He has come into the world to seek us out—you and me—to rescue us from the power of evil, and to make us His beloved children forever.

Jesus was born for sacrifice and servanthood. As God's beloved Lamb, He intimately joined our lives in the flesh, compassionately healing, teaching, and loving us as our Good Shepherd. On the cross, He gave His life for our transgressions, and three days later He rose triumphant in victory over sin, death, and the devil.

Jesus Ministers in Galilee

So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. Mark 1:39

Based on Mark 1:29-39



V S H Z X U C N P N O D N J S
I I Z J C R R T Q E M K K J I
L M V J E H D B E D O C G F C
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SUNSET ANDREW
JOHN DEMONS
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SIMON SICK
VILLAGES
SYNAGOGUE
TOWN
HAND
PREACH
PEOPLE
EVENING
DOOR
BED
JESUS

"Remember: You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Genesis 3:19

After attending the Ash Wednesday service at our church, I ran into one of my students at the supermarket. Of course, little kids have no filter and he said to me: "Hey, do you know you got dirt on your forehead?"

I replied, "Yep! And thanks for noticing. I got it at church. It's like a stickie note (I used those things all over the classroom) to remind me that God loves me and wants me to be in Heaven with him someday."

I left it at that because I figured his parents might want to continue the conversation. And, I was sure he would bring it up!

It also dawned on me, that others, seeing those ashes, might be reminded of our God's love for us, of his grace, and of his promise – the gift of redemption received in the life and death of Christ. So, wear those ashes proudly – it might just remind others of the free gift that God has given to us.

Lent - a time to re-dedicate ourselves to Christ and to grow in Christ. We are sinful, we are mortal, and we are redeemed. All the glory to God.

*Psalms 51:10: Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit.*

Acts 3:19: Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Evangelism Moment 2024

Sponsor for Piano Recital

Wanted: There is a local piano teacher who would like to hold a piano recital here at Holy Cross. Our policy is that there needs to be a member sponsor – someone to give access, to be there during the event and lock up following the event. The recital would be a Sunday evening, April 14 or 21. If you would be willing to sponsor this, please contact the church office for contact information.

Petitions and Prayers: God desires that we continually set aside a quiet time and private place to talk with our Father in prayer.



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:

- **Jean Means** (mother of **Becky White**) Congestive Heart Failure
- **McKinley Ford**, daughter of **Erica** and **Andy Olson**, Is waiting on results from a bone marrow biopsy to address some bloodwork concerns.
- **Roger Frank** (brother of **Connie Mitchell**) healed from infection. Pray that the chemotherapy treatment he is starting for his cancer works
- **Devon Hanson** (grandson of **Connie and Terry Mitchell**) – mental health issues
- **Dillon** (grandson of **Connie and Terry Mitchell** - health issues
- **Kathy**, daughter of **Helen** and **Joe Tabris**, is recovering from surgery. Pray for healing and restored faith.
- **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** who has been adopted by family. Pray for the family’s salvation.

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life February 4, 2024

“Please rejoice in knowing prayer works and keep praying for the states who still haven’t banned abortions and for those states trying to ward off those who want to bring it back. We are not done praying and never will be. God is on our side, and He has a plan. We need to stand firm and with faith never give up praying. God controls the power of prayer, and He is amazing.”

Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life

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**The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

Psalm 147:11

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what we should live to tell!**