

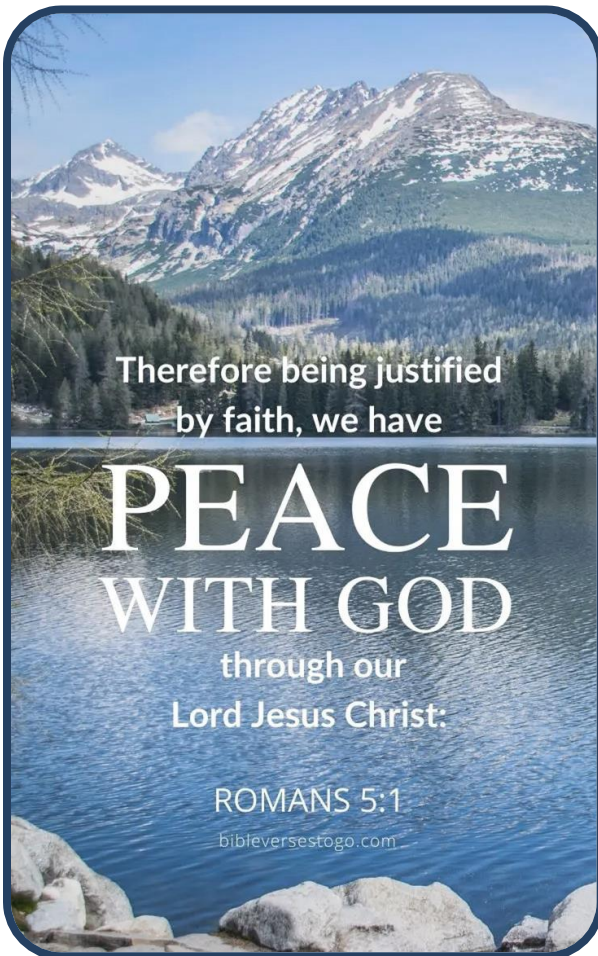
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024



Therefore being justified
by faith, we have

PEACE
WITH GOD

through our
Lord Jesus Christ:

ROMANS 5:1

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The Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Second Sunday in Lent

Lord Jesus, we have sinned grievously against Your holy will as given in the commandments, but You have kept the Law in our stead. Give us a spirit of true repentance so that our hearts are filled with thanksgiving that our sins are forgiven for Your sake. Grant that especially during this sacred season the story of Your wondrous love for us draw us closer to You so that in gratitude for Your great love we may rejoice in our redemption, walk with You in willing obedience, and follow Your example of love and sacrifice. May our journey to the cross this Lenten season be a time of deepened faith and renewed commitment to You and God's Word. Hear our prayer, Lord Jesus! 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

756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

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.
- G** 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.
- G** 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.
- G** 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 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6



Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*
He is their help | and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;*
he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of | Aaron;

he will bless those who | fear the LORD,*
both the small | and the great.

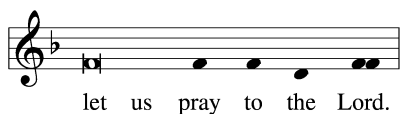
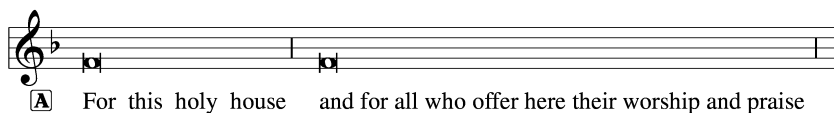
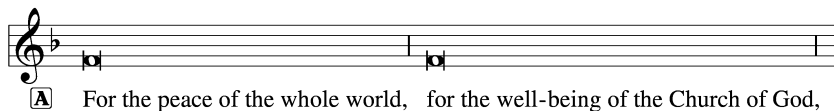
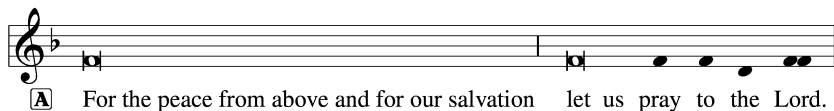
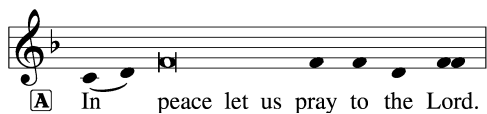
We will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

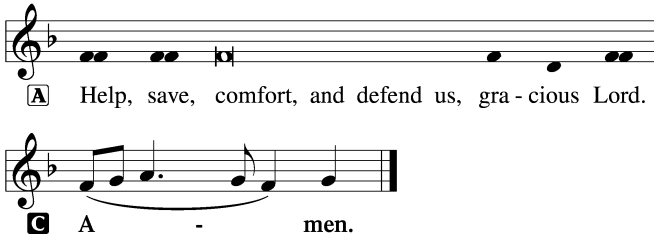
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

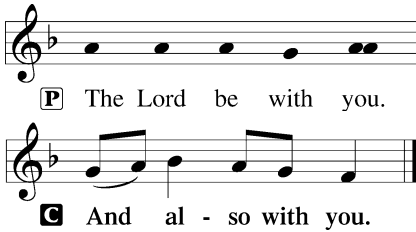




Gloria in Excelsis

During Lent the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made

you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2



[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle: Romans 5:1–11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood,

much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

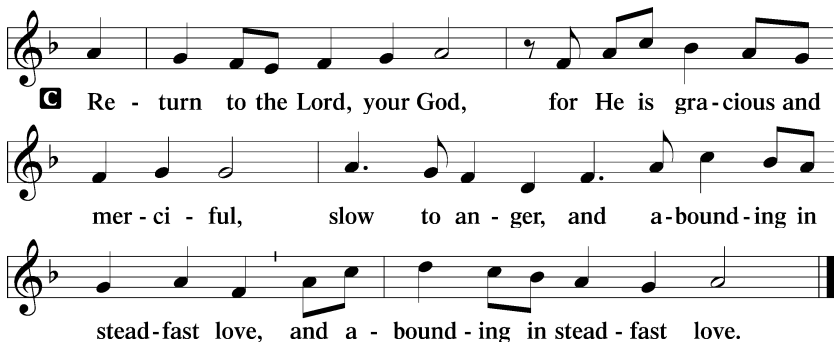
A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

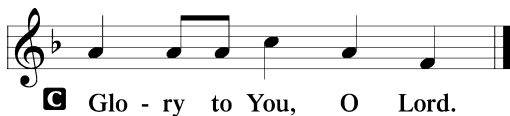
Joel 2:13



G Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27–38

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and

said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart vv.1,2

Sermon

"Justified by Faith"

Text: Romans 5:1-11

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart v. 3

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:

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.)*

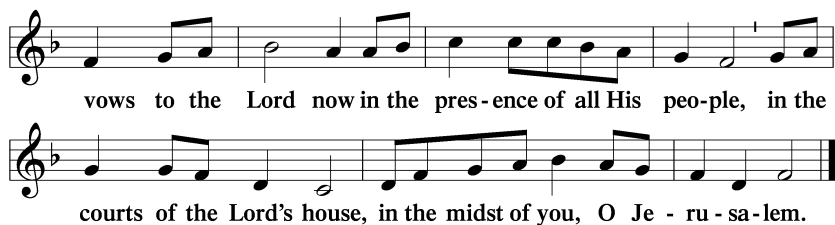
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Offertory

Psalm 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



Service of the Sacrament



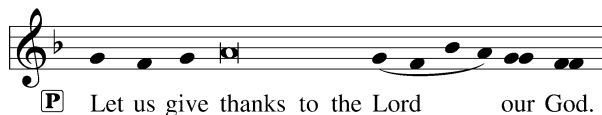
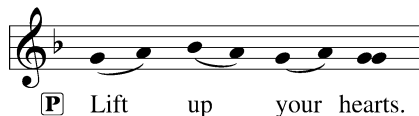
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inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.*



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Preface

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

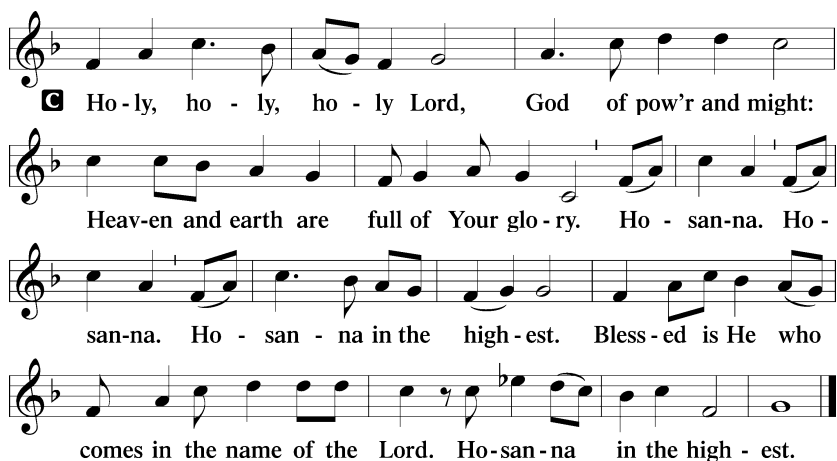


Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His

kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;

Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

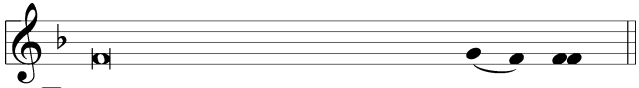
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

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.

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

569 In Adam We Have All Been One

Stand



Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

- ☐ Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

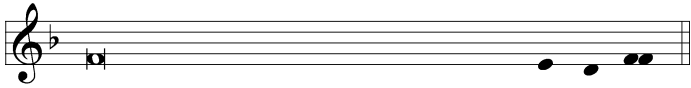
Post-Communion Collect

- ☐** 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.



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 A - men.

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



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, 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

LWML Greenback Sunday: March 10, 2024 All about LWML mites



Mite money is used to further God's kingdom through the mission projects selected by delegates at district and national conventions.



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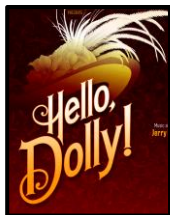
Lutheran Hour Ministries Lent Devotions



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.



Join us as Lutheran High School presents the musical *Hello, Dolly!* at the PACE Center in Parker, March 8-10 and 15-17, 2024. Tickets are available through the PACE Center's website at parkerarts.org or by calling the PACE Center box office at 303-805-6800.



We hope to see you there!

Lutheran Chorale Concert: Hymns Triumphant



The Lutheran Chorale is pleased to announce the upcoming March concerts. We will be singing familiar hymns which encompass The Lord's Prayer.

In addition, we will once again host a choral workshop on Saturday, March 9, 9:00 a.m. to noon at Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, 6337 S. Robb Way, Littleton, CO. All singers are invited to join us.



Sunday, March 10, 2024
2:30 pm

Abiding Hope Church (6337 S. Robb Way, Littleton, CO 80127)

Sunday, March 10, 2024
6:30 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
(2100 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80214)

Petitions and Prayers: Through His Word you are assured that God hears your prayer, even when you can't find the right words to express what is in your heart.



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:

- Comfort **Greg, Amanda, Henry** and **Declan Allan**, at the death of Greg's father, **Ed Allan**. Dear Lord, surround those who loved Ed with your peace and may they feel Your loving presence in their grief in the hope we have in Christ Jesus. In His name. Amen.
- **Doris Antoniak** is recovering from a recent fall. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for her doctors.
- **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**) 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
- **Mary** (relative of **Tabris**) pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- **Angela** (single mother in Illinois) friend of **Helen Tabris** – pray that she can qualify for the heart transplant list.
- **Jamie** (is missing and has mental health issues) pray for her safety.

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life February 25, 2024

“Our Heavenly Father remains active and almighty, especially in the difficult circumstances that life issues involve. In joining Himself to us with His incarnation, wisdom, power, atonement, and resurrection, Jesus makes every human life blessed—and a blessing! He lovingly and ably handles decisions about welfare and affliction, life and death, so that we don't have to do it on our own.”

Pastor Michael Salemink

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



God shows his love for us in that
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

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Bible Classes and Sunday School..... 9:25 a.m.

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**Holy Cross
Lutheran Church**



*You are
sanctified
justified
glorified
redeemed*



*Faith is not
a result of works;
works are the
result of faith!*