

Holy Cross Lutheran
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 7, 2021 – 9 AM



AS WE GATHER

Today's Readings are a gracious reminder to us that, in His love for His people, God is willing to rescue and protect us; and as the almighty Lord over all, He is certainly able! The people in Isaiah's day were wondering about God's protection as they feared neighboring states, but the prophet reminds them that God is in control of all things, ready and able to help them. When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law and many others who were suffering from both sickness and demons, He demonstrated His power to save from opponents on every level. And when Paul became "all things to all people," he was bringing them Gospel, God's ultimate rescue from sin, death, and the devil. And now, the blessings of the Gospel come to us today through Word and Sacrament from our strong and loving God.

† IN DOMINE JESU †

(In the Name of Jesus)

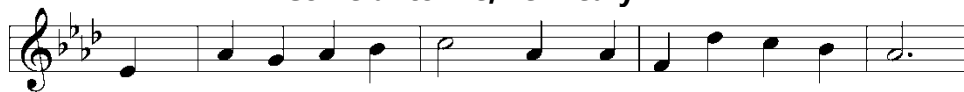
PRELUDE

WELCOME "This is the Day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Ps. 118:24*

GATHERING HYMN

"Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

LSB 684 vs 1-2



1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 40:21–22, 28; Psalm 147:3, 5

P: 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?

C: It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, . . . who stretches out the heavens like a curtain.

P: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

C: The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

P: He heals the brokenhearted

C: and binds up their wounds.

P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

C: His understanding is beyond measure.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 Corinthians 9:24–25

P: Lord God, You have come to call us to repentance and faith, to salvation and life. We come before You to confess and repent of our sins.

C: For the times we have tried to keep our faith a private concern, failing to be all things to all people for the sake of Your kingdom, instead seeking Your blessings only for ourselves. For the times we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have neglected prayer and concern for the community in need around us and for people throughout the world and for the many faults and failings that are known only to You. For Jesus sake forgive all our sins.

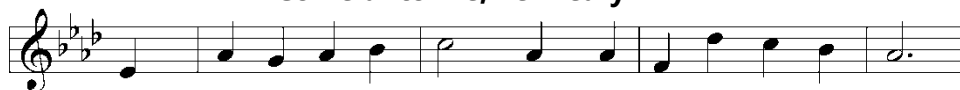
P: We hear today in God's Word, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." As we run to our Savior in repentance and rely on Him to receive the crown of life He alone has earned, and upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

LSB 684 vs 3-4



3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together. **Dear loving Father in heaven, as we run and grow weary and walk and feel faint in this earthly life of trials, troubles, and temptations, raise us up by Your grace that we be invigorated by Your Word and the hope affirmed through the Lord's, life, death, and resurrection; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† THE LIVING WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21–31

(The Lord's understanding is unsearchable.)

²¹Do 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? ²²It 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; ²³who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

²⁴Scarcely 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. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift 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. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have 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. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 9:16–27

(Sharing the Gospel with all people)

¹⁶For 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! ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸What 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.

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To 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. ²¹To 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. ²²To 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. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable

wreath, but we are imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE Mark 1:39
Alleluia, Jesus went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Alleluia

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:29–39

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

(Jesus, who came for all people, heals many.)

²⁹And immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And 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.

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And 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." ³⁹And 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY **On Eagles' Wings** LSB 727



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And
3 You need not fear the _____ ter - ror of the night, Nor the
4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
fam - ine will bring you no fear;
ar - row that flies _____ by day; Though
guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My _____ ref - uge,
Un - der His wings your _____ ref - uge,
thou - sands _____ fall a - bout you, My _____
on their _____ hands they will bear you up, His _____
Lest you

rock in whom I trust!
 faith - ful - ness your shield.
 Near you it shall not come.
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain

And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,
 Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the
 sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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SERMON **“Wings Like Eagles - God is in Control of All Things”** Isaiah 40:21-31
“He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength... but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles;”

THE 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(after petitions, Pastor prays “Lord in your mercy” please pray, “Hear our prayer”)*

(after all the petitions have been prayed, we commend all the prayers with these words)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In preparation for the Lord's supper, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us)*

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 PREPARATION *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord's Words of Institution)*

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 after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His 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 after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

ONE BODY IN CHRIST *(As brothers and sisters in Christ, as one body we communion with the invitation of the following words)*

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the one true faith, to life everlasting. Know that His peace, joy, love and forgiveness is yours now and forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together. **We praise You, almighty God, for having fed us with Your very body and blood, and for giving us the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Go with us, we pray, as we journey in the days ahead until we gather together in fellowship again. Protect us on our way, and let Your holy angels watch over us, that the evil enemy may have no power over us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 His favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SENDING

10,000 Reasons

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission! **C: Amen! We will! Amen!**

† SOLI DEO GLORIA †

(To God be the Glory)

POSTLUDE

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HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

February 7 – February 14, 2021

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS! Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – The OT book of Nahum led by Rev. Robert Nowak will resume today.

BASIC YOUTH GROUP – The BASIC Youth Group is doing a food shelf drive to benefit the CAP Agency. Please place your non-perishable food items in or near the designated boxes in the narthex by Sunday, February 14th. If you're not attending church but would like to donate, please email Kelly Kruse at kpjkruse@att.net to coordinate a contactless pick-up.

NIGHT TO SHINE – We have heard from the Tim Tebow Foundation that the Night to Shine will be held VIRTUALLY this year on Friday, Feb. 12, 2021. While this will be different for all of us, I STILL NEED YOU. We are required to provide SWAG BAGS for each of the honored guests. I am hoping for around 160 registered guests this year and that means we will need 160 swag bags. We are required to deliver or mail the bags to our guests by the Wednesday before the event. Here is what I need: **DONATIONS** - I am trying to purchase all items strictly out of monies donated this year. I want to save what money we have for our next in person event. Money donations, Gift Card donations, Connections to restaurants or businesses willing to provide a meal or coupon for our guests, donations for crowns and tiaras (required), donations for extra gifts in the bags, donations for corsages or boutonnieres (required). **PLEASE EMAIL ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MONEY OR A SPECIFIC ITEM. ANYTHING WILL HELP! Please mail donations to:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 14085 Pike Lake Trail NE, Prior Lake, MN 55372, memo: Night to Shine Attn: Shari Schulze

INFORMAL PRAYER TIME – We will continue the informal time of prayer at Holy Cross on Wednesday evenings starting @ 7:00 pm.

PRAY AND PLAY EVENT – WINTER FUN! SUNDAY, February 21

Sledding/Snowman Building/Snowball Battle/Snow Shoeing! First,...PREPARE! Are you prepared for winter fun in the outdoors? How do you prepare? What items do you need for safety and being smart outside in the cold temperatures? How did you gain this knowledge? Think about it and bring your list of being prepared to share and discuss and everything you need to have fun and be ready for this special Sunday Pray & Play event. * I challenge you to invite, and then bring, a friend along for winter fun at church during the SS time. (Big "kids at heart" are encouraged to participate as well!)

MCKENNA VISITING UPDATE - If interested in visiting Lohart, please call McKenna Crossing's office. Currently they have visiting on Thursday by appointment, two persons per week. Pastor and Janean visit on Wednesday however, currently because of Covid restrictions they are the only ones to visit on Wednesdays.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

SERVING TODAY– SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2021 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Dave Albrecht
Lector: Laura Petrie
Ushers: Dinah Gilberts
Acolyte: Morgan Schulze
AV: Vivian Jobst
Offering Counters: Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2021 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Jon Dobberstein
Lector: Mary Deluhery
Ushers: Jason Kruse
Acolyte: Colin Kruse
AV: Rostina Vannett
Offering Counters: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$20,928.50
Contributions received in January \$25,835.57

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 ATTENDANCE

Worship: 46 Drive-up Communion: 2
Communion: 44 Bible Class: Voters’ Meeting
Zoom: 15 Sunday School: 3 kids, 3 adult teachers

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

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| Sun. | February 7 | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | 9:00 am | Worship w/Holy Communion also via Zoom |
| | 10:00 am | Bible Study |
| | 10:15-10:45 am | Drive-Up Communion |
| Mon. | February 8 | |
| | 5:30 pm | Elder/Leader Meeting zoom |
| Tue. | February 9 | |
| | 8:00 am | Men’s Bible Study |
| Wed. | February 10 | |
| | 12:00 pm | Happenings Articles Due |
| | 7:00 pm | Informal Time of Prayer |
| Thu. | February 11 | |
| Fri. | February 12 | |
| | 9:30 am | Cleaning Crew |
| Sat. | February 13 | |
| Sun. | February 14 | The Transfiguration of Our Lord |
| | 9:00 am | Worship W/ Holy Communion also via Zoom |
| | 10:00 am-11am | “Nahum” Bible Study in back of the Sanctuary |
| | 10:15 am-10:45 | Drive-Up Communion |

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