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Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 12, 2024

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HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're with us to worship today, and hope God's Word will refresh you. We pray you might find peace and comfort in the forgiveness Christ freely gives. We believe you'll be renewed and refreshed by the Holy Spirit who gives and strengthens faith through the Word and Sacraments. You're always welcome to worship with us, and join any activities we host. We are excited you are here, and pray God's richest blessings upon you today.

GUESTS & VISITORS

We'd love to know that you were with us today. Scan the QR code below to check-in online, and we'll connect with you soon! *You can also use the check-in card you'll find in front of you, and either place it in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher anytime.*

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We love kids in Church! There is a kids station as you enter the sanctuary, which has books and bags for younger children to borrow. Coloring pages and children's bulletins are for anyone to use. *Please return books and bags when you are finished.*

OFFERINGS & GIFTS

Giving back to God in thanks for all He provides is an important part of worship and our ministry to the community. If you have something to give, place it in the offering plate as it goes by. **You can also safely give online** using the QR code below or visit holycross.life/connect

HOLY COMMUNION

We believe Christ when He says He is truly present in the bread and the wine of Communion. Those who are baptized, and believe the promise of Christ; that His body and blood are given for you, for your forgiveness—are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

If this is not what you believe, or aren't sure whether to receive or not—we ask that you refrain until you've spoken with the Pastor. You are invited (kids too!) to receive a blessing. Come forward, with your arms folded across your chest, and the pastor will bless you.

**Gluten-free bread (individually wrapped) is available for those who need it. Simply ask the pastor when you come forward. White grape juice is also available in the center ring of the communion tray.*

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OPENING WORD

Matthew 28:16–20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

PRAYER & INVOCATION

SONG

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” LSB 904

READING

Mark 8:27–35

²⁷And 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?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And 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. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But 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.”

³⁴And 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. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

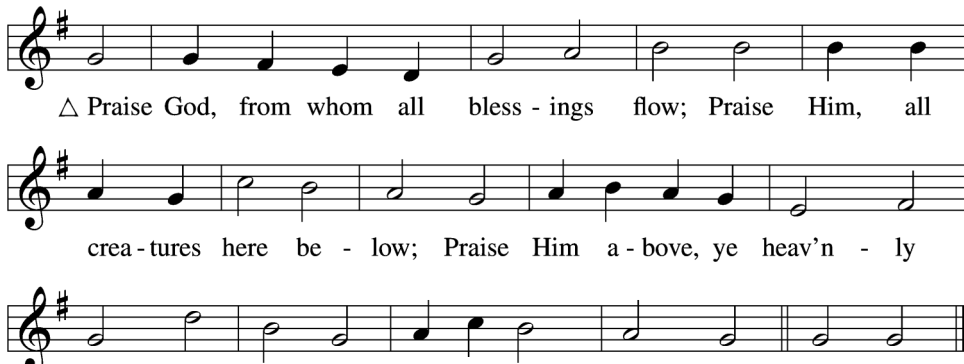
HOLY BAPTISM - Catechism

- P** What does baptizing with water indicate?
- C** It indicates that the sinful person in us should, by daily confession and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that we should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.
- P** Where is this written?
- C** St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4)

PRAYER

HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

“O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” LSB 856 sts. 1–3

SERMON READING

John 15:1–17

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

SERMON

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

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.

OFFERING

COMMUNION

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. *John 15:4-5*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- G** And also with you.

Those gathered are invited to offer a handshake, fist-bump, or hug with those around them, while saying "Peace be with you" as a way to share the peace we have in God with one another.

LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29



G 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” LSB 685

COMMUNION HYMN

Speak, O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You_ to re -
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food. of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty._ Test our thoughts and our
grasp the heights of Your plans for us._ Truths un - changed from the



deep in us;_ Shape and fash - ion us_ in Your
at - ti - tudes. in the ra - di - ance_ of Your
dawn of time, that will e - cho down. through e -



like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen_ to - day_ in our acts of love and our deeds of_ faith. ____
eyes_ to see_ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. ____
prom - is - es;_ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with_ us. ____



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us_ all Your
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail;_ Let their
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built_ and the



pur - pos - es, — for Your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail_ o - ver un - be - lief.
earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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THE DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

GOD'S BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” LSB 474



Go in God's Grace and Peace

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I am the vine;
you are the branches.
Whoever abides in me
and I in him, he it is that
bears much fruit, for
apart from me
you can do nothing.

PRAYER LIST

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“Lord, hear our prayer on behalf of those lifted before you”

If would like to offer prayers on behalf of yourself, or someone you know, visit holycross.life/prayer

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Bulletins by the Nyitrai Family in memory of Julianne’s father, Joseph Parker, Jr.

Communion Wafers by Donna and Dave Bogen to celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary.

Communion Wine by the Nyitrai Family in celebration of Danny’s college graduation.

Oil for the Candles by Andrew Sylling in honor of his parents’ birthdays and anniversary.

If you would like to donate any of these elements that are used in worship in honor or memory of a person or event please see the charts in the hallway or contact the church office

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

SUNDAY, MAY 5

In-Person Worship89
Offering \$4,099.50
Weekly Budget \$7,275.00

HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

May 12, 2024

THANK YOU!

A big thank you for the generous outpouring of support for the Gbarnga Lutheran Mission Project. Your gifts and sponsorships demonstrate to the Gbarnga students and their families that they have Christian friends half a world away who believe in them and are interested in their education and success. If you missed your opportunity to provide support, gifts are always welcome through the Gbarnga Mission website:
<https://www.gbarngamission.org>.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS!

It's time for spring cleaning and the chance to turn those castaways into pocket money. Reserve your table now for Holy Cross' Spring Flea Market on Saturday, May 25. Registration forms are available in the lobby.

Don't want your own table, but have things to donate? Contact Kerry Geffert at president@holycrosstrumbull.com to let us know what you have. We're planning to have a Holy Cross booth where the proceeds will go to support Holy Cross ministries and activities. Watch for more ways in which you can be involved! Thank you for your support!

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We received a lovely thank you letter from Mimose Ulysse-Laurenard, the DCF social worker that Holy Cross supports through the Covenant to Care for Children (CCC) ministry. This letter is posted on the church office window. It was sent to our CCC liaison, Mary Schrock, but is directed to the entire congregation, thanking us for the Easter baskets and Christmas presents. Please take a moment to read Mimose's words of thanks.

HOLY CROSS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Registration is ongoing for the 2024-2025 school year at our preschool. Part-day and full-day programs are offered for Pre-K, 4s and 3s. **To find out more details, contact our Preschool Director, Michele Glennon: preschool@holycrosstrumbull.com or 203-268-6471.**

WEEK OF MAY 12

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SUNDAY 9:30am—10:30am -----Worship
10:45am -----Sunday School & Bible Class

MONDAY 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool

TUESDAY 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool

WEDNESDAY 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool

THURSDAY 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool
6:30pm ----- Board of Directors' Meeting

FRIDAY 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool

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10:45am -----Sunday School & Bible Class