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5th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY + + + FEBRUARY 7, 2021

+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +

WELCOME:

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS:

2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY SCOUTS OF AMERICA:

OPENING PRAYER:

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: *"Like a River Glorious"*

INVOCATION:

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: 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.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

+ *God Gives Us the Gift of His Word* +

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 40:21-31*

*Don't you know?
Haven't you heard?
Haven't you been told from the beginning?
Don't you understand the foundations of the earth?
God is enthroned above the earth,
and those who live on it are like grasshoppers.
He stretches out the sky like a canopy
and spreads it out like a tent to live in.
He makes rulers unimportant
and makes earthly judges worth nothing.
They have hardly been planted.
They have hardly been sown.
They have hardly taken root in the ground.
Then he blows on them and they wither,*

and a windstorm sweeps them away like straw.
“To whom, then, can you compare me?
Who is my equal?” asks the Holy One.

Look at the sky and see.
Who created these things?
Who brings out the stars one by one?
He calls them all by name.
Because of the greatness of his might and the strength of his power,
not one of them is missing.
Jacob, why do you complain?
Israel, why do you say,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my rights are ignored by my God”?
Don’t you know?
Haven’t you heard?
The eternal God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth,
doesn’t grow tired or become weary.
His understanding is beyond reach.
He gives strength to those who grow tired
and increases the strength of those who are weak.
Even young people grow tired and become weary,
and young men will stumble and fall.
Yet, the strength of those who wait with hope in the LORD
will be renewed.
They will soar on wings like eagles.
They will run and won’t become weary.
They will walk and won’t grow tired. – GW®

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 1:29-39*

After they left the synagogue, they went directly to the house of Simon and Andrew. James and John went with them. Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever. The first thing they did was to tell Jesus about her. Jesus went to her, took her hand, and helped her get up. The fever went away, and she prepared a meal for them.

In the evening, when the sun had set, people brought to him everyone who was sick and those possessed by demons. The whole city had gathered at his door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases and forced many demons out of people. However, he would not allow the demons to speak. After all, they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before sunrise, Jesus went to a place where he could be alone to pray. Simon and his friends searched for him. When they found him, they told him, "Everyone is looking for you."

Jesus said to them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the small towns that are nearby. I have to spread the Good News in them also. This is why I have come."

So he went to spread the Good News in the synagogues all over Galilee, and he forced demons out of people. – GW®

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL SING-ALONG:

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

LSB 528

(Verses 1, 5 and 7)

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

"When Peace, like a River"

(Verses 1, 2 and 4)

LSB 763

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

Refrain: It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. .

Refrain

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. .

Refrain

"How Great Thou Art"

(Verses 1 and 4)

LSB 801

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain

MESSAGE: *"You can fly"*

+ *We Give Thanks for God's Word* +

OFFERING:

NICENE CREED: (** catholic means the universal Christian Church*)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy *catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

LORD'S PRAYER:

**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 Service of Holy Communion* +

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Holy Cross in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

LORD'S SUPPER:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

+ *God Sends Us Forth for Lives of Love and Service* +

ANTHEM: *"10,000 Reasons / Bless the Lord Oh My Soul"* Worship Team

THE BLESSING:

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

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| Preacher: Pastor Kevin Kritzer | Keyboard: William Morrison |
| Scripture Reading: Ashlyn Bowman | Ushers: Don Doss and Dan Moyer |
| Recorder of Service: Carol Doss | |
| Presentation of The Colors: Scouts of America (Boy Troop 657, Girl Troop 657G) | |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The deadline for bulletin announcements is Tuesday morning. Thank you!)



- Sunday at Holy Cross begins at **10:00 am** with Adult Bible Study (Parish Hall) and Sunday School (Youth Room for 7th - 9th Graders & Classroom 3 for elementary students).
- Worship Service then follows, beginning at **11:00 am** outside the Parish Hall.

COUCH CONVERSATIONS

Take some time this week with your family, or on your own, to have some conversations about our text and theme for worship – **Isaiah 40: 21-31**. We hope that these conversations will help you as you continue to be formed spiritually.

The Old Testament prophet Isaiah tells his readers that the strength of those who wait with hope in the Lord will be renewed and that we will soar on wings like eagles. While this sounds great the things of this world often weigh us down.

- What are those things that weigh you down?
- What hope do you get knowing that God will renew your strength?
- How can you soar, run or walk and bring hope to others this week?



Support Holy Cross through Scrip!

We have scrip that can be purchased for gifts as well as for your use all year long. Over 75 to choose from, including L.L. Bean, Landry's (Chart House, Saltgrass Steak House, Golden Nugget, Rainforest Café, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co), Lowe's, Macaroni Grill (On the Border, Maggiano's), McDonalds, Michael's, Mimi's Café, Mrs. Field's Cookies, Office Max, Outback Steakhouse ... and many, many, more. Just contact Liz Ruhl (mruhl7777@aol.com) or the Church Office.

Funshine Christian Preschool needs your help.



Starting **February 1st through February 28th**, Funshine Christian Preschool will be collecting **empty inkjet cartridges** (Cannon, Hewlett Packard and Lexmark) and **laser/toner cartridges** (Cannon, Brother, Dell, Hewlett Packard and Lexmark).

The empty cartridges need to be in the original box or in a ziploc bag.

There will be **2 drop-off boxes**. Monday - Friday, one drop-off box will be on the **table outside Funshine's door**. The second drop-off box will be in the **Parish Hall**. If you have any questions, please contact Sandie Tufts at 714-271-1784 or email her at ilvbnys@roadrunner.com.

Thank you for your help! Sandie Tufts,
Director of Funshine Christian Preschool



- Please pray for a full recovery for Ken Culley who is in the hospital diagnosed with pneumonia.
- Please continue to pray for all the families who have tested positive for Covid-19 and for all the medical and essential workers.

Holy Cross Needs YOU!



There are several areas in which Holy Cross is in need of additional people to help do small jobs. Please consider volunteering to help with these tasks.

- **Outdoor Service Setup** including setting up and taking down the electronic equipment.
- **Sprinkler repair and maintenance.**
- **Usher** or alternate usher for worship services.
- **Serving communion** during worship services (1st and 3rd Sunday).

Please pray long and hard about which of these things **YOU** can do to help maintain Holy Cross as a place of worship. **Also if you see something else that needs to be done and you can do, please volunteer.**

To volunteer, contact Betty Koester, Mark Ruhl or Dan Moyer.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE HERE TODAY!!!

Stop by the table today to purchase your girl scout cookies at \$5 per box. The cookies are not being sold at stores this year. However, you can also order cookies and Mikayla and Ashlyn Bowman will deliver the cookies to you on Sunday.

If you have any questions or want to place an order, email Jillianbowman@sbcglobal.net or go to the following url and select "**Start Girl Delivery Order**"

url: <https://app.abcsmartcookies.com/#/social-link-landing/e7b7b062-69cc-47c4-bcd0-8cd5fbf0f973>





Tuesday through Thursday (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

(Remember to wear a face mask upon entry to the Church Office.)

This week at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(following HC published "Safe Together" Protocol)

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|  | 2/7 | 10:00 am | Sunday School, Youth Group and Bible Study |
| | | 11:00 am | Scout Sunday - Traditional Service with HC (outside) |
| | | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Boy Scouts (to move to Monday 6:30-8:30 pm) |
| Monday | 2/8 | | |
| Tuesday | 2/9 | 9:00 am - noon | 555 Team - Making Time for Prayer (Room 7) |
| | | 10:00 am - noon | Food Pantry |
| | | 10:00 am | MAC |
| | | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Confirmation (Church Office Conference Room) |
| Wednesday | 2/10 | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Living Way Bible Study (Matthew) |
| | | 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Choir (rescheduled from Tuesday) |
| Thursday | 2/11 | 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm | Salam Ministries (every Thursday, except 3 rd) |
| Friday | 2/12 | | |
| Saturday | 2/13 | 8:00 am | Men's Bible Study |
|  | 2/14 | 10:00 am | Sunday School, Youth Group and Bible Study |
| | | 11:00 am | Traditional Service (outside) |
| | | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Boy Scouts (to move to Monday 6:30-8:30 pm) |
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Any additional events require prior approval by the Leadership Board.