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2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 6, 2021

+ *God Gathers Us In His Presence* +

WELCOME:

OPENING HYMN: *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* LSB 436

St. 1: All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 O burning sun with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam:
 Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

St. 5: O ev'ryone of tender heart,
 Forgiving others, take your part,
 Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care.
 Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

St. 7: Let all things their Creator bless
 And worship God in humbleness.
 Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
 Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

INVOCATION:

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

**People: 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 self-examination.)

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: 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.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for His sake God forgives us all our sins.
To those who believe in Jesus Christ
He gives the power to become the children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us,
bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

KYRIE: "Lord, Have Mercy"

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Genesis 3:8-15*

In the cool of the evening, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking around in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees in the garden. The LORD God called to the man and asked him, “Where are you?”

He answered, “I heard you in the garden. I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.”

God asked, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat fruit from the tree I commanded you not to eat from?”

The man answered, “That woman, the one you gave me, gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

Then the LORD God asked the woman, “What have you done?”

“The snake deceived me, and I ate,” the woman answered.

So the LORD God said to the snake, “Because you have done this,

You are cursed more than all the wild or domestic animals.

You will crawl on your belly.

You will be the lowest of animals as long as you live.

I will make you and the woman hostile toward each other.

I will make your descendants

and her descendant hostile toward each other.

He will crush your head,

and you will bruise his heel.” – GW®

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1*

The following is written, “I believed; therefore, I spoke.” We have that same spirit of faith. We also believe; therefore, we also speak. We know that the one who brought the Lord Jesus back to life will also bring us back to life through Jesus. He will present us to God together with you.

All this is for your sake so that, as God’s kindness overflows in the lives of many people, it will produce even more thanksgiving to the glory of God. That is why we are not discouraged. Though outwardly we are wearing out, inwardly we are renewed day by day. Our suffering is light and temporary and is producing for us an eternal glory that is greater than anything we can imagine. We don’t look for things that can be seen but for things that can’t be seen. Things that can be seen are only temporary. But things that can’t be seen last forever.

We know that if the life we live here on earth is ever taken down like a tent, we still have a building from God. It is an eternal house in heaven that isn’t made by human hands.

– GW®

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 3:20-35*

Then Jesus went home. Another crowd gathered so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard about it, they went to get him. They said, “He’s out of his mind!”

The experts in Moses’ Teachings who had come from Jerusalem said, “Beelzebul is in him,” and “He forces demons out of people with the help of the ruler of demons.”

Jesus called them together and used this illustration: “How can Satan force out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household will not last. So if Satan rebels against himself and is divided, he cannot last. That will be the end of him.

“No one can go into a strong man’s house and steal his property. First he must tie up the strong man. Then he can go through the strong man’s house and steal his property.

“I can guarantee this truth: People will be forgiven for any sin or curse. But whoever curses the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. He is guilty of an everlasting sin.” Jesus said this because the experts in Moses’ Teachings had said that he had an evil spirit.

Then his mother and his brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent someone to ask him to come out. The crowd sitting around Jesus told him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you.”

He replied to them, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” Then looking at those who sat in a circle around him, he said, “Look, here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does what God wants is my brother and sister and mother.” – GW®

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: *“In Adam We Have All Been One”* LSB 569



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One huge re - bel - lious man;
3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine on - ly Son
5 Send us Thy Spir - it, teach us truth; Thou Son, O set us free
△ 6 Then shall our song u - nit - ed rise To Thine e - ter - nal throne,



We all have fled that eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.
That we might hear His Shep - herd's voice And, hear - ing Him, be one.
From fan - cied wis - dom, self - sought ways, To make us one in Thee.
Where with the Fa - ther ev - er - more And Spir - it Thou art one.

SERMON: *“It's Not Easy, but It's That Simple”*

APOSTLE'S CREED: (* catholic means the universal Christian Church)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

OFFERING:

+ *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.

PREFACE:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

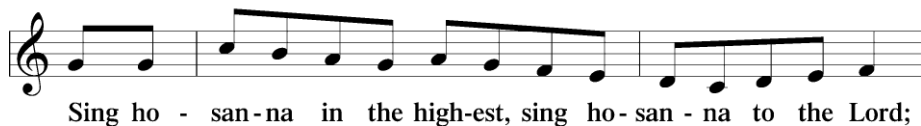
Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when 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 saying:

SANCTUS:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"



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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Leader: 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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD:

Leader: 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."

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE BLESSING:

Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

LSB 857



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

SERVING GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Kevin Kritzer
Pianist: Ankara Armstrong
Powerpoint Operator: Don Plog

Scripture Reader: Ashlyn Bowman
Ushers: Les Friend & Don Doss
Recorder of Service: Grace Hennings

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in accordance with local, county and state guidelines.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



COUCH CONVERSATIONS: Take some time this week with your family, or on your own, to have some couch conversations about our text and theme for worship: **Mark 3:20-35** ~ Today's Gospel reading may have some strange things but in verse 35 Jesus says, "Whoever does what God wants is my brother and sister and mother." Jesus reminds us that all believers are part of the same family. We should care and love for one another, but doing

what God wants also includes loving our neighbors, even if they are different than us.

- Who is your neighbor? (See Luke 10:25-37 if you need a reminder)
- How can you serve your neighbor today?
- Why is it so hard to serve our neighbors in love every day?
- Share about a time someone served you and showed you love.

Please welcome Ankara Armstrong to Holy Cross!

Ankara Armstrong was born in St. Louis, Missouri, just a few miles away from Concordia Seminary, but has grown up between the Orange and Los Angeles County areas of Southern California. She is approaching her final semester at **Concordia University Irvine**, where she has studied organ under Dr. Carol McDaniel and Dr. Tom Mueller. She also plays viola for the Concordia Symphony Orchestra, fiddle for the Americana Ensemble, and sings in the Concordia Choir. Ankara will graduate with a degree in church music in December, **after which she looks forward to receiving a Divine Call from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod** as a Director of Parish Music. When she is not practicing, Ankara enjoys cooking, reading, and spending time with her family. She looks forward to getting to know, work with, and serve God's saints at Bethany and Holy Cross this summer.

Join us for lunch to celebrate **Pastor Nader Hanna's Installation** as **LCMS Associate Pastor for Mission Outreach** after the 11:00 am Worship Service on June 13th. Sign up in the Narthex.
Contact is Sue Fuqua (Salamsocal@gmail.com).



Funshine Christian PreSchool - Volunteer Positions

FUNSHINE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL is looking for one or several volunteers to work from 10-12 or 3-5. Ideal for a college student who is studying to be a preschool teacher. To apply, email ILVBNYS@roadrunner.com.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be at least 18 years of age, Love working with kids, Must be or willing to get live scan, Provide proof of negative TB test, Provide proof of the following vaccinations: whooping cough, measles, flu (optional) & covid-19 (optional).

RESPONSIBILITIES: Help with potty training, help with cleaning during the day (like the bathroom, high traffic areas, maps after nap), get snack and lunch ready, help kids make their beds, sit with kids during group time, and wash cups at the end of the day



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)

Today	6/6	9:45 am (NEW TIME)	Sunday School, Youth Group and Bible Study
		11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service with HC
Monday	6/7	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	6/8	9:00 am - noon	555 Team - Making Time for Prayer (Room 7)
		10:00 am - noon	Food Pantry
		10:00 am	MAC
Wednesday	6/9	1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Matthew Bible Study
		5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Board of Director's Meeting
		7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Choir/Worship Team
		7:00 pm	S'more Stories hosted by Bethany Lutheran
Thursday	6/10	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Salam Ministries
Friday	6/11		
Saturday	6/12	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	6/13	9:45 am (NEW TIME)	Sunday School, Youth Group and Bible Study
		11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service with Baptisms
		12:00 noon	Celebration Luncheon for the Installation of Pastor Nader on May 16

****** Any additional events require prior approval by the Leadership Board. ******



Kiran Trivedi for his **Eagle Scout Service Project** is coordinating a **Blood Drive** for the American Red Cross here at **Holy Cross on June 17 and 18**. To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: **"EagleScout"** or call **1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**.



Mark your Calendar!

The Youth will be hosting a **Youth Room Open House on June 27th (Sunday) at 9:30 am**. Please plan to stop by to say "Hi", check out the Youth Room, chose some refreshments, and then proceed to the Parish Hall for Bible Study at 9:45 am.