

In Our Prayers This Week and Celebrations

Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the A.C.T.S. of prayer. *Adoration*: praising God for who He is. *Confession*: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. *Thanksgiving*: thanking God for specific blessings. *Supplication*: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Doug Arnold, Nick Krege, Pansy Meyer, Val Rakey.

For healing and continued recovery Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma) Carol Steiger-Rudoff continued prayers for recovery of cancer (Connie Schwent's Sister In-law), Laura Pruneau Fallert (Cancer treatment) that her continued cancer treatments work as intended. Continued prayers for healing for Wayne Phillips. Continuing prayers for Maia Rottler she is on treatments for Leukemia give her family faith to help her in this journey. (granddaughter of LaJune Rottler). Sending prayers for Carl Noll's recovery.

For those celebrating birthdays in July • Vickie Eisenbeis (July 07), Jeffery Zerwig (July 08), Jim Port (July 09), Tara Rottler (July 19) C. J. Kintz (July 31).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in July • Dean and Lisa Schlueter (July 09).

For local, state, and national elected officials that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For our church family We are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

To submit a prayer request for inclusion in the bulletin, please call the church office at 573-883-5361 or email holycrossstegen@gmail.com. Prayer requests will continue to be listed until removal is requested



WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST
to Share the Hope of Eternal Life!

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12th, 2026, A.D.



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SERVING TODAY
Pastor: Rev. Peyton Holland
Ushers: Wayne Schremp and Rick Hutson
Communion Servicer: Randy Ruzicka
Organist: Todd Brueckner

JULY EVENTS

- Upcoming dates available for flowers for the altar: July 12 and 19
Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. Please put \$25 in an envelope; mark it “Flower Fund” and place it in the offering plate.
- Holy Cross upholds and adheres to the Biblical practice of Closed Communion.
 - Sunday’s Church Doors Open at 8:00 AM Service Begins at 9:00 AM, followed by a Bible Study after today’s service with coffee and treats.
 - Responsive Prayer II is offered at 10:00 AM on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
 - Tuesdays Bible Study begins at 10:30 AM and lasts until 11:30AM
 - Individual Confession and Absolution by appointment
 - The ringing of the bells starts at 9 a.m.

Words written in Bold generally signify congregation response.

Needs for pastoral care in our area, call our Pastor:
Rev. Peyton Holland
(918-332-1997)
or one of our Elders: Rick Hutson (573-780-9390), Randy Ruzicka (314-210-4279) or Wayne Schremp (573-883-6060)

Table with 2 columns: Sunday Church Attendance, Attendance. Rows: First Week (39), Second Week, Third Week, Fourth Week.

Table with 3 columns: Your Financial Support of Your Church, 5/31/26, Year-to-Date. Rows: Weekly Budget Requirement (\$2,902.00, \$78,354.00), Actual Offerings, including online offerings (Budget) (\$2,282.00, \$66,401.65), Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement (-\$620.00, -\$11,952.35), % Ahead/Behind (-21.4%, -15.3%).

Benediction

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Divine Service III

Confession and Absolution

586 Preach You the Word

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, 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 my 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.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un-to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

977 I Will Sing My Maker's Praises

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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8

The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
As for man, his days | are like grass;*
he flourishes like a flower | of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,*
and its place knows | it no more.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who
| fear him,*
and his righteousness to children’s | children,
to those who keep his | covenant*
and remember to do his com- | mandments.
The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,*
and his kingdom rules | over all.
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.
The LORD is merciful and | gracious, *
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

Kyrie

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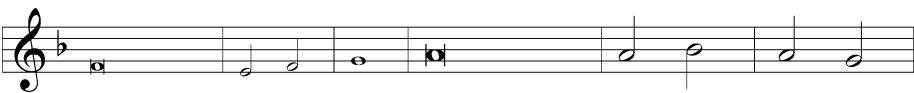
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A 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.



C A - men.



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Musical notation for 'The Lord be with you.' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and melismatic.

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for 'And with thy spirit.' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody continues from the previous line.

C And with thy spir - it.

Musical notation for 'Let us pray.' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is a short, simple phrase.

P Let us pray.

P Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Musical notation for 'Amen.' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is a short, simple phrase.

C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament

¹⁰ Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.
¹² Yes, you will go out with joy, and in peace you will be carried along. The mountains and the hills will break out in shouts of joy before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of thorns, a fir tree will grow up.

Isaiah 55:10–13 EHV

Agnus Dei

Musical notation for 'Agnus Dei' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and melismatic.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

633 At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

Stand

is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;
 and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who
 tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to
 temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.
 ☩ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini

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☩ The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
 ☩ A - men.

Instead of briers, a myrtle tree will grow up.
 This will make a name for the LORD.
 It will serve as an everlasting sign that will not be cut off.

- ☩ This is the Word of the Lord.
- ☩ Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God! *
 How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!
 For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*
 To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17 EHV

¹² So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. ¹³ For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “*Abba*, Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

- ☩ This is the Word of the Lord.
- ☩ Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

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☩ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Gospel

- ☩ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. ² A large crowd gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ He told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. ⁶ But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. ⁸ But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.”. . .

¹⁸ “So listen carefully to the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. ²² The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. ²³ But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

G I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

G It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

For our faith, that it might not be choked out by the cares of the world or the deceitfulness of riches; and that God would richly grant us His Word and gifts to serve Him and our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Statement on Holy Communion

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 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 and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, 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 first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**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.**

Sit

577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

Sermon

Offering

For today's prayer requests, please write them on the attendance card provided during the service. Once completed, fold the card and either hand it to an usher or place it in the offertory plate. The Pastor will include these requests during the Prayers of the Church.

Three ways to give:

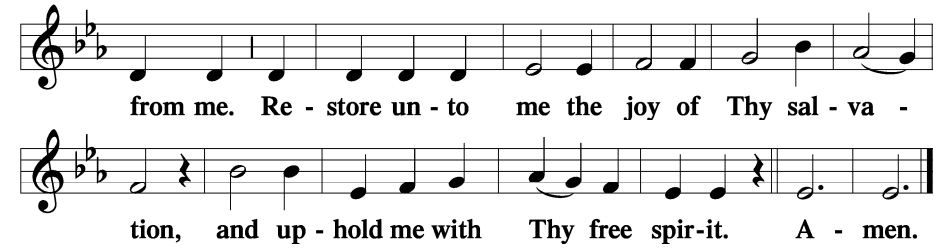
- 1) offering plate—cash or check.
- 2) online at holycrossstegen.org • Click the “Give” icon.
- 3) by mail.
- 4) scan the QR code below and enter information on Rebel Give.



Stand

Offertory

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Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to receive God's Word, that the Holy Spirit would make our hearts good soil and bring forth in our lives saving faith and the good works to which He has called us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For an abundant harvest of believers, that God would bless pastors and missionaries as they sow His Word among the nations and prepare the hearts of all who hear to believe and yield abundant fruit, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents, that the Lord would bless them with faithfulness as they plant His Word into their children; and for children, that by His Word the Lord would protect them amid the cares and troubles of this world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our leaders, that they may plead the cause of widows and orphans and serve the needs of the least among us; and that peace and safety may abound, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those suffering from illnesses of body or mind, [especially _____], that the Lord would give them healing, comfort them with His loving presence, grant them patience to endure suffering, and assure them always of the glory of Christ that awaits them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who commune this day, that we may trust that as surely as God provides bread for the eater and His Word for salvation, He would provide His Son's body and blood for salvation, joy and peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**