

IN OUR PRAYERS

Luke Martin
Kristina Johnson (Granddaughter of Wanda Wagner)
David Ruhl (Brother of Marian Metson)
Russ and Liala Davis
Helena Krach (Daughter-in-law of Rick and Maywan Krach)

-Bereavement

Family of David Ruhl (Brother of Marian Metson)
Family of Shirlie Lowery (mother of Britni Killingsworth and Jared Lowery)

-Recovering from Surgery

Jerry Fallon
JoAnn Dusky
Jan Froh

-Under Hospice Care

Mary Shafer (Grandmother of Lydia Hartwig)

-Expectant Mothers

Evelyn Zimmer (Daughter of Gary and Allison Yee)

-Ongoing prayers

Juan Malagon (Stepfather of Daisy Davis)
Cloe Stowell (Granddaughter of Terry and Cindy Currey)
Bernie Dille (Member of Grace Lutheran Church, San Mateo)
Sebastian Fintel
Ed Grigas
Lance Shaw and his family (Friend of Heather Kirkpatrick)
Tina Schinnerer and Cindy Plank (Mother and Aunt of Lydia Hartwig)
Gayle Schultz
Brent Gonzales
Terry Spadaro
Heather Schultz
Jeff Carsley
Richard Garcia (Father of Abby Creiglow)
Pam Williams
Carolyn Fink (Sister of Pastor Froh)
Rosemarie Kleinberg (Member of Messiah Lutheran Danville)
Wayne Reichley
Sue Oettle (Cousin of Gary Myer)
Jean Soals
Debra Seiler (Niece of Jim & Jean Soals)

*Readings for next week: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Matthew 25:31-46

+ASSISTING THIS MORNING IN THE SERVICES+

Pastor: Rev. Marsh Shamburger
Comm. Assist.: Rev. Peter Ledic (8:00)
Rev. John-Paul Meyer (10:45)
Elders: Rick Fielitz (8:00) Dennis Boehle-Silva (10:45)
Organist: Marian Metson
Ushers: John Lunsford (8:00)
Ben Hull (10:45)
Altar Guild: Daisy Davis (8:00)
Diane Arrington (10:45)
Counters: John and Kim Lunsford
Musician:



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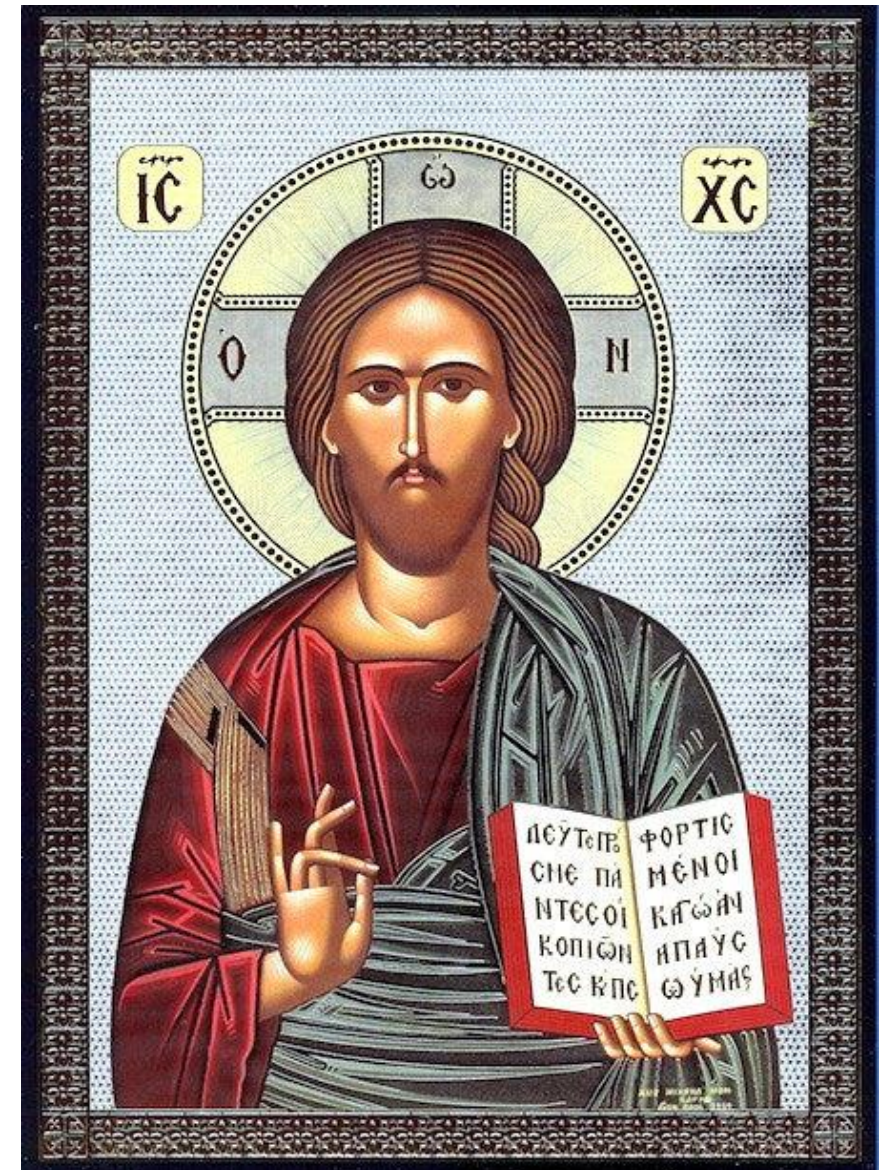
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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost November 19, 2023



Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus!

We are glad to be with you at the Lord's Name, the certain place where He is present to give His gifts. **You** are a gift to us today and we would love the chance to meet you after the service.

If you're new to a Lutheran Church and the liturgy, the service might be confusing. That's ok! Please, ask an usher, or the person next to you, for help if you get lost or have any questions. We would love to help you.

God's speaking through His Word is how He gives us gifts. It's how God serves us. God Himself is the Doer, the One who gathers, calls and is the true Liturgist in the Divine Service. "Faith is the worship which receives the benefits given by God . . . God wishes to be worshiped in this way, that we receive from Him those things He promises and gives." [*Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IV.49*]

If you have any questions about Holy Cross Lutheran Church, the Christian faith, or membership, please speak with an elder or Pastor Shamburger. (We regularly offer teaching in the Christian faith.)

The Lord's Supper

If you are not a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church or of another congregation of the *Lutheran Church Missouri Synod*, please speak with Pastor Shamburger or an elder before communing.

The Lord Jesus gives his holy Body and Blood to be received in doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42), teaching that His people are not to commune with those who teach differing teachings about Him and His holy gifts (1 Cor. 10:21). Rather, He desires that all who commune at His table receive His holy gifts in oneness with Him and one another (1 Cor. 10:16-17), in faith for the forgiveness of every sin (Matt. 26:28).

Therefore, congregations and pastors of the *LCMS* have promised to practice *doctrinal fellowship*, i.e. "closed communion", for the benefit and blessing of our Lord's holy people. As we confess in the Large Catechism, all Christians admitted to the Sacrament will have learned the Catechism.

In His gift of *Holy Communion*, the crucified Christ is both the Giver and the Gift. The same Body and Blood given over to death on the cross is now brought into our lives and given over to the sinner at the holy Altar. Jesus is always the Steward handing out His gifts (Luke 22:27). By His Word, He establishes us in oneness with Himself and His Father (John 17:17-20). According to His Word, He truly gives His actual Body and Blood into us, Luke 22:19-20; thereby we are truly joined to His saving cross.

Comfort for Parents Regarding Children in the Service

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who bring children to the Divine Service. As our Lord tells us, "*Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them.*" It is a blessing to see your little ones doing what children do: moving around, playing, making noise, and even occasionally crying. For it is here (in the Lord's service) that even these little ones receive His gifts. None are too young! It is a joy to see them learn the liturgy, pick up the hymnal, and even begin to sing the songs of the church. We are grateful for the gift of your children in our midst today.

If you would like to request prayer or pastoral care

You are welcome to speak with the Pastor (pastor@holycrossrocklin.org), Deaconess, or one of the elders, or call the church office at 916-624-8185. It is our joy to serve you, as our Lord continues to serve us all.

Individual Confession Available

Please contact Pastor Shamburger (pastor@holycrossrocklin.org)

*The Flowers on the altar today are given
to the glory of God.*

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three
Lutheran Service Book
(LSB) 184-202

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn **LSB 511**
Confession & Absolution **LSB 184**
Introit (see insert)
Kyrie **LSB 186**
Gloria in Excelsis **LSB 187**
Salutation and Collect **LSB 189**

Old Testament Reading
Zephaniah 1:7-16

Gradual (choir sings)
Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*
Alleluia and Verse **LSB 190**
Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14-30*
Nicene Creed **LSB 191**

Hymn of the Day LSB 508

Sermon
Offertory **LSB 192**
Offering **LSB 193**

Prayer of the Church
P: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 194-198
Distribution Hymns
LSB 627, 659, 513, 783

Nunc Dimittis **LSB 199**
Thanksgiving **LSB 200**
Salutation and Benedicamus
LSB 201

Benediction **LSB 202**
Closing Hymn LSB 941