

Lutheran Church of the Cross



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June 14, 2026 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to Church of the Cross.

We pray our worship today blesses your life.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

“Be Still, My Soul”

Mark Coldiron

Arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

Jacque Haney

OPENING HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW 807 (*stand*)

GATHERING

L The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

L Compassionate God,

**C we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and
we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you.**

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray.

Amen.

L Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven.

We rest in God’s love.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray...

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(please be seated)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Julie Andrews

First Reading ... Exodus 19:2-8a

²The Israelites journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one, "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

PSALM 100 *(read responsively)*

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

² Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

³ **Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

⁴ Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵ **Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Second Reading ... Romans 5:1-8

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading ... Matthew 9:35—10:8,9-23 (Please rise for the Gospel)

Gospel Acclamation

L Alleluia. The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Alleluia. The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as

Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

L The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Jacquie Haney

HYMN OF THE DAY “All People that on Earth Do Dwell” ELW 883 (stand)

APOSTLES’ CREED

L Let us express our faith as found in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

C 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

After each petition the Leader will say: God of grace,

*Response: **hear our prayer.***

L God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace,

L God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory.

God of grace,

L God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace,

L God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame

and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries.

We pray for your blessings upon those on our prayer list and those we name before you aloud or silently... God of grace,

L God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. God of grace,

L God of faith, we give thanks for the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of grace,

L Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

L Let us pray together the prayer our Lord has taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

C 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING *Place your Offering and your Prayer Requests in the Basket at the table at the back of the Sanctuary. At that time, you may also light a candle at the table of votives in honor or memory of someone, or for any need.*

SPECIAL MUSIC "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" **Mark Coldiron**
Arr. Tedd Smith

OFFERING PRAYER

L Merciful God,

C we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

L Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN “O, Master Let Me Walk with You” ELW 818

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

L May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

L Let us share the peace of the Lord with each other as we leave today.

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WE LEAVE TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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NOTES & EVENTS:

“Bible Study” - Spiritual Renewal Sessions– Final session June 28
9:45-10:45am in the Social Hall led by Sharon Hermosillo.

Mercy Holistic Ministry is hosting a continental breakfast on Saturday June 20 and you are invited! You will meet their barber Shaun who has experienced several years of homelessness and learn what it means to him to be serving others who live on the street. Executive director and founder Rev. Berhanu Didanu will share the mission and recent accomplishments.

This is not a fundraiser, it’s a “friend-raiser”– please bring a friend or two who does not already know about Mercy Holistic Ministry and enjoy coffee, pastries and fruit.

☐ Saturday, June 20 ☐ 9:00AM – 10:30AM

☐ Lutheran Church of the Cross ☐ 4465 H Street

RSVP to Janey at 916 230 7760 or j.ranlett@mercyholistic-ministry.org

PRAYER REQUESTS AND ANSWERED PRAYERS

Lisa Mulz, whose mother passed away the week of May 18 after a long illness.

Jacque Haney and her father, whose grandmother and mother passed away Friday, May 29.

Hannah Haney, 36 yrs. old, Jacque's sister, was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. Prayers requested for her surgery, and quick healing, and for her 3 children.

Julie Andrews' sister-in-law, Marilyn, who passed away recently. Also, her sister-in-law, Pat.

May Drobny, who is back in a rehab facility after suffering another fall.

Chuck Hines, who had surgery on both feet and is living with his sister temporarily. He's receiving home health care and physical therapy.

Deanna Ransom who broke her hip. She is at a rehab facility and would like phone calls.

Mark Coldiron recovering from surgery on his left hand and Patricia who has been diagnosed with scoliosis.

The family of Judy Kaylor, longtime member of Cross, who passed away February 11.

Tami, Janey, Kate and Merete who were longtime friends of Pennie Taylor who passed away suddenly of a heart attack. And for Pennie's husband, Howard, and family.

Charlotte Csontos-Diab, daughter of former Pastor Virginia Ward, who has had a mastectomy for her aggressive breast cancer.

Nelly Quiban, grandma of Heaven and Hunter, and of Harmony and Holden (Douglas Whiteaker's children) who has been diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer.

Sonya Tafejian, Tami Stoddard's sister, who is still fighting a very aggressive breast cancer.

Jim Dugan, friend of the congregation, who has early onset Alzheimer's.

Blair Bagley, Julie Andrews' friend who is recovering from Chiari 1 Malformation brain surgery.

Friends of Chuck Hines; Elaine Hussey (leg wounds and breathing difficulties); Don Jennings (cardiac stents); Ken Kohler (dementia and in hospice care); Kathy Russell (breathing difficulties due to fungus infection); Ken Smith (permanent injuries leading to disabilities).

Donya Wiken, who is homebound.

Julie Nemes' friend Danica and her husband, Abraham, who is struggling with Parkinson's. And her friend Melissa and Charlie, who is her newly adopted standard poodle and is missing his left front limb. Charlie was now diagnosed with cancer on his paw/toe and there's really not anything more to do but love them both through this.

Sue Fossum's sister-in-law, Nancy, who is in hospice. And for Mark, Sue's brother.

Jackie Walters who is suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, and is facing bladder surgery. Also, Hans, Jackie's husband who has Parkinson's.

Paul Santos, Jacque Haney's brother-in-law hoping to receive a kidney transplant. Also, Erin Sullivan, Jacque's friend, prayers for continued healing after beating breast cancer.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
PARTICIPATING & PARTNERING IN SERVICE

Here is a sample:

- 1) **St. John's Program for Real Change – Preparing & serving dinners at Women's & Children's Shelter**
- 2) **Fortunate Feast – Christmas Event for Families in need**
- 3) **LSS of Northern California's program for Youth who have aged out of the Foster Care system**
- 4) **River City Community Services – Food closet**
- 5) **Habitat for Humanity**
- 6) **Rock Point Navajo Reservation - Providing school supplies, Christmas gifts for children and more**
- 7) **“Run to Feed the Hungry” Care Station – supporting Sacramento Food Bank**
- 8) **Blue Star Moms – Sending “care” packages to our troops**

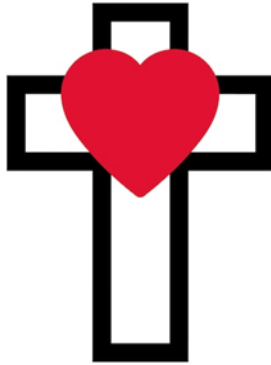
Some projects receive support funding by Thrivent Financial - A Non-Profit Fraternal Benefit Society that returns funds from financial products purchased by members to fund endeavors in the Community.

Other Groups That Use Our Facility:

- 1) **Al-Anon**
- 2) **Women's AA**

**Come Join Us in Our Service
to Our Community**

**Worship For All Ages - Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Pet Friendly – Bring your Dog, Cat, or other Friends
WE ARE AN OPEN and DIVERSE ASSEMBLY
ALL ARE WELCOME !!**



MISSION STATEMENT

**Lutheran Church of the Cross
is a welcoming, worshipping people of God.
Through faith in Jesus Christ,
we praise the God of Creation,
Love, and Forgiveness;
encourage Spiritual Growth;
and respond to the Holy Spirit's call to
Compassionate Service in
our Community and World.**