

6/07/2026

Shadow of the Cross  
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre  
Pastor

## THE CROSS CHRONICLES



### Readings for the week of June 7, 2026

First Reading Hos. 5:15 – 6:6

Epistle –Rom. 4:13-25

Holy Gospel –Matt. 9: 9-13

[SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG](http://SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG)

Worship service livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0cM0gle1sMO4AbuYc5I7Q>

**Worship Service:** Sunday 9:45 am **Holy Communion** every Sunday.

**Fellowship hours** with refreshments will follow service.

**Prayer Journey:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 1-425-436-6395  
dial 341-364 #

**Pastor Dupre's** Sunday Bible study begins at 11:00 am.

**Pastor Dupre's** Tuesday Bible Study begins at 11:00 am

Aaron Clark has created a SOTC YouTube channel and will be streaming the service. Please direct all questions to the church office 248 474-0675, Mon Wed Thurs. 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. And Tues. 9:00am – 12:00 pm Thank you.

## “Witnessing”

*You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:43-48 ESV)*

I know that many of us are anxious, even zealous to share the Gospel of Christ crucified with our brothers and sisters that we share our planet with. And it is a noble, honorable and blessed thing to do so. It is my belief that the love of God that comes to us through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit creates that desire in us. And Jesus Himself told us to share the Word. So naturally, those of us who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior and trust the Word are going to feel compelled to share the Gospel, especially with those who have not heard it, do not understand it or reject it.

But as with so many other things in life, there is a right way and a wrong way. The wrong way is to approach a person with an, “I’m right, you’re wrong, so you had better listen to me” attitude. You do not open lines of communication by saying, “You’re going to hell if you do not believe in Jesus Christ.” While these statements are true, they never, ever work. All that does is put people on the defensive, and then they will not listen to anything you may say afterwards. You cannot frighten anyone into belief. And it does not convey the love of God in us to them. And do not belittle them or criticize them because they have been misled or chased after false gods. But for the grace of God go you and I. It is only by His grace that we know the truth.

The right way is to show Christian love and concern first. If you are going to hit them, hit them with the Gospel. Show them how Jesus first loved them that He died so that they might live. Talk to them about what God has done for you personally; how faith in Christ has delivered you in times of tribulation and despair. Ask them how they deal with their troubles and who or what they rely on. Ask them if there is anything you can do to help them. You may be the greatest Bible scholar on the planet, but the truth is nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care. The best thing you can do to create a positive witnessing experience is to listen. People will tell you everything you need to know in order for you to help them. Make a friend and over time, the Holy Spirit will work through you to open their hearts, minds and ears so that they receive, process and hear the Gospel. Use the Law for correction. If someone who has faith begins to go astray, that is when you remind them of the dangers of unbelief. None of us can convert anyone; that is the work of the Holy Spirit. Allow Him to work through you and trust that He can do what you cannot.

To be an effective witness, you must love those who are not like you, those who hate you, your enemies and even those who reject the Gospel, as Jesus did during His earthly ministry, and does even now from His kingdom in heaven. He doesn't want any to perish in unbelief. Let the Spirit move you in love and Christian concern. Be patient with people and pray for them. Remember: You may be the only one who has ever shown the love of God in Christ Jesus to that person.

God bless you all! -Pastor Dupre

### **SOTC Zoom Account**

Any chairperson needing to use the Zoom account for their ministry, please contact the Church office. There is a sign-up sheet in the office to reserve your date and time.



## **JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL Online**

Sunday school is back, and we are meeting in person on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Our adult Sunday school will continue Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and we hope to see you there. If you have any questions regarding our Sunday school, please feel free to call any of the Sunday school staff, Dawn Kivimaki, Lori Smith, Laina Burk, Shirley Bowden, Myita Davis, Roderick McClure, Barbara Profit or the church office 248-474-0675. The Zoom link will remain the same until further notice.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83332323924525750?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWYZCU1NR0E14b1l5dz09>

**Meeting ID:** 83332323924, **Passcode:** 525750



## Shrimp Alfredo

### Ingredients:

- 12 oz. fettuccine
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 12 Tbsp. salted butter
- 1 lb. jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined
- Kosher salt, to taste
- Black pepper, to taste
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cups freshly grated parmesan cheese (about 8 oz.)
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley, chopped, plus more for serving

### Directions

1. Cook the pasta according to package directions. Drain but do not rinse.
2. In a large skillet, heat the olive oil and 2 tablespoons of the butter over medium-high heat. When the oil is hot and the butter has melted, add the shrimp and sprinkle with a generous pinch of salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the shrimp are pink and cooked, 2 to 2 1/2 minutes. Quickly remove the shrimp to a plate and set aside.

3. Add the heavy cream and remaining 10 tablespoons butter to the drippings in the skillet and cook for an additional 2 to 3 minutes, reducing the heat as needed to make sure it doesn't boil. Stir in the garlic and 1 1/2 cups of the parmesan. Add the shrimp and pasta to the skillet and coat in the sauce, then add the parsley and toss to combine. Taste and adjust the seasonings as needed.
4. Sprinkle the pasta with the remaining 1/2 cup parmesan and more parsley. Serve straight from the skillet.

## Religious Jokes

**A drunk staggers** out of a bar and runs into two priests. He goes over to the first priest and says, "Dude, I'm Jesus Christ!" And the priest says, "No son, you're not." So the drunk goes over to the second priest and says, "Man, I'm Jesus Christ!" Then the priest says, "No son, you're not." Finally, the drunk had enough and said, "Here, I'll prove it." He walks back into the bar with both priests and the bartender looks up and sees the drunk and says, "Jesus Christ, you're back AGAIN?"

**One Sunday morning**, Satan appeared before a small town congregation. Everyone started screaming and running for the front church door, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away. Soon, everyone was gone, except for an elderly gentleman who sat calmly. Satan walked up to the man and said, "Don't you know who I am?" The man replied, "Yep, sure do." Satan asked, "Aren't you going to run?" "Nope, sure ain't," said the man. Perturbed, Satan asked, "Why aren't you afraid of me?" The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for over 48 years."

**A Baptist, a Catholic, and a Mormon** are in the maternity ward. The Baptist says, "One more son and I have a basketball team." The Catholic says, "That's nothing, one more kid and I have a baseball team." The Mormon guy says, "That's nothing, one more wife and I have a golf course."

**One fine day**, a priest, a rabbi, and a high priestess decide to all go fishing. They manage to get to the water, and off they go. One hour later, the high priestess says, "I think I forgot the food!" She steps off the boat, walks across the water, gets the picnic basket, and walks back! As they are eating, the priest thinks, "What a display. Jeez, where does she get off walkin' on the water?" Right then, the rabbi says, "Oye! I forgot the drinks." He steps right off the boat, and walks across the water to get the drinks. By this time, the priest is very frustrated! He excuses himself, and as the priest steps out of the boat, he falls in the water. The high priestess turns to the rabbi and says, "You think we should have told him about the rocks?"

**A man dies and goes to Heaven** where he is met by St. Peter. Peter says "you need 100 points to make it into Heaven. Tell me all the good things you have done and I will give you a number of points for each depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points I'll let you in". "Okay" says the man "I went to church every Sunday" "Good" says Peter, "That's worth 2 points" "Two points? Well I always gave 10%" "Well let's see... that's worth another 2 points" says Peter "Two points? Wow. How about this: I started a Soup Kitchen for veterans" says the man "Fantastic!" Exclaims Peter. "Another point well deserved". "Hmmm... I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart" "That's wonderful" says Peter "that's worth 3 points" "THREE POINTS" the man cries "at this rate the only way for me to get into Heaven is by the Grace of God!" "Come on in!"

## **Bible Trivia Questions**

**1 Question:** How many sons did Jacob have?

**Answer:** 12 (Genesis 35:22)

**2 Question:** What aged prophet's hands were upheld by Aaron and Hur to win a battle?

**Answer:** Moses (Exodus 17:12)

**3. Question:** What is the name of the garden where Jesus prayed before his arrest?

**Answer:** Gethsemane.

**4. Question:** What was the name of Bathsheba's first husband?

**Answer:** Uriah the Hittite

**5. Question:** Which king imported cedars from Lebanon to build the temple?

**Answer:** Solomon Kings 5:6-10)

**6.Question:** Where did Jesus turn water into wine?

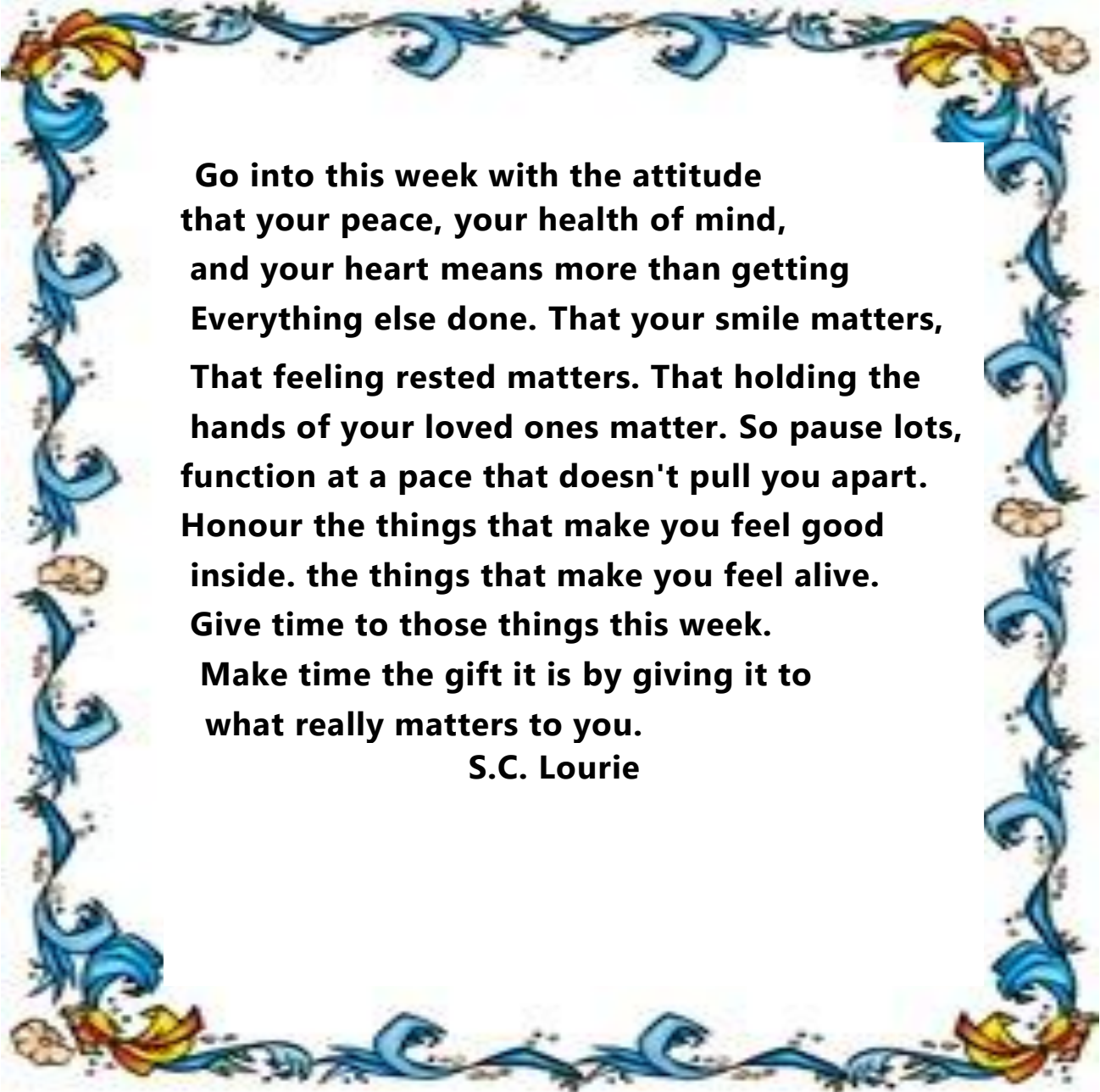
**Answer:** Cana

**7.Question:** True or False: Paul was one of the original 12

**Answer:** False

**8.Question:** True or False: The Book of Revelation mentions four horses.

**Answer:** True (White, Red, Black, Pale)



**Go into this week with the attitude  
that your peace, your health of mind,  
and your heart means more than getting  
Everything else done. That your smile matters,  
That feeling rested matters. That holding the  
hands of your loved ones matter. So pause lots,  
function at a pace that doesn't pull you apart.  
Honour the things that make you feel good  
inside. the things that make you feel alive.  
Give time to those things this week.  
Make time the gift it is by giving it to  
what really matters to you.**

**S.C. Lourie**

**Publisher's note:** If you have information, prayer requests, something you would like to share with your church family, a poem, a song, a scripture, a picture of something that puts a smile on your face, please send it to Veronica's email [sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com](mailto:sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com) or Dawn's email [sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com) Information for the Newsletter, please submit by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's publication. Thank you and Blessings!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**When you are** unable to attend a Sunday worship service in person, please join us on the Shadow of the Cross YouTube channel to watch the live-stream."

**Please do not remove any of the books from the pulpit shelf. Pastor uses them.**

### **\*\*\*ONLINE GIVING & DONATIONS\*\*\***

"For your convenience, you can use the "Online Giving" button on the SOTC website to submit your regular tithe offering or to make a special donation, using a credit card or checking or savings account."

**Church Financial Summary** Expected Revenue per Budget \$279,315. Actual Revenue through May 19,2026 \$290,962. Better than expected, \$11,647.

**The Board of Elders** invite guests to fill in the welcome cards on the back of the pews. Please place them in the plate during the collection of offerings. Thank You.

**BodySoulSpirit** Blood Pressure is taken the 4th Sunday of the month strictly confidential.

## **EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP 2026 SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026,**

### **THE TOPIC: REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESSAYS**

#### **"DESCRIBE JESUS"**

**Give a review of your relationships as a Christian.**

#### **ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:**

- A. COLLEGE GRADS 250 words or more with 2 Bible verses or more**
  - B. High School Students – 200 words or more 2 Bible verses or more**
  - C. Other Scholars 150 word or more 1 or more Bible verses**
  - D. Participants Presence on June 14 will provide additional points to Essay Award**
  - E. Final Date for printed essays June 22**
- Awards Range \$50.00-\$400.00 (Determined by Educational Category  
God Bless Our Youth, Unity Ministry -Parish Board of Education**

**The ISC International Sewing Center would like to thank the SOTC congregation for their donation of prescription eyeglasses. We made a donation of 73 pairs to the MOST ministry.**

**LWML Convention** Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI, 48824, [www.lwnlmichigan.org](http://www.lwnlmichigan.org), June 25-28, 2026. "Jesus is the light", 2 Corinthians 4:6. Volunteers are needed to service the Presidents meal on Thursday, June 25, see Deborah Quarles.

**Michigan District High School Gathering** Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island, Mi June 28-July 1, 2026, MIGHTY WATERS John 4:14 "but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

**Best Practices for Ministry – Heartland Conference** this August 9 -11 2026 at St. Lorenz in Frankenmuth Mi. 48734 Registration dead line June 30 more information website: <https://stlorenz.churchcenter.com/pages/bpmh>

**Vacation Bible School July 13 thru 17 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Meal 5:00 pm.**

**The Unity Ministry** is asking all members to resume their monthly gift-giving towards the SOTC Fundraiser. We are thankful for the many Spirit-filled gifts we have already received, as we continue to grow and share God's Word.

**Fall Rummage Sale** by the women of SOTC. Please start to save your donations and the date, September 17, 18 bag sale 19, set up 15 & 16.

**Kroger Community Rewards Program** We have been assigned the following NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number: **QA495** To enroll login to <http://www.kroger.com> and then search by either Shadow of the Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church or by our NPO QA495 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account.

**PRAISE CHOIR:** Meet on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday, in June at 5:30 pm! Sing third Sunday.

**SOTC CHOIR** Meet every Tuesday 7:00 pm and **MEN'S CHOIR** Sunday after service. **The Food Pantry.** Please help us to fill up the food pantry. Place food donations in the Room across from the stage in the gym.

**Cathleen Flinchum and Gloria Marchand** are still collecting bottles and cans this time for Video upgrade for the church we need your support thanking in advance.

**BD. OF PROPERTIES** are in need of help with the work around the building. They meet on Mondays @ 5:45pm. Trustee Elders 7:00 pm.



| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
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|  | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>   |
|  | Bd of properties<br>5:45pm Trustee meeting<br>Elders 7pm meeting | Pastor11:00am<br>Bible Study<br>7 pm SOTC<br>Choir                            |           | Sewing Center.<br>10am to 12:00pm                             |  | 10:00am Adult<br>Sunday School ZOOM<br><br>Noon properties cleanup.  |
| <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b>  |
| 9:45am Worship<br>w/communion &<br>Sunday School.<br>11:00am Bible Study   |  | Pastor11:00am<br>Bible Study<br>5:30 pm Praise<br>Choir<br>7 pm SOTC<br>Choir |           | Sewing Center.<br>10am to 12:00pm                             |  | 10:00am Sunday<br>SchoolAdultsZoom<br>12 to 1 pm Prayer<br>Journey<br>Noon properties<br>cleanup.                                |
| <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b>  |
| <b>SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM</b><br>9:45am Worship<br>w/communion &<br>Sunday School.<br>11:00am Bible Study<br>Flag Day<br>US Army Birthday |  | Pastor11:00am<br>Bible Study<br>5:30 pm Praise<br>Choir<br>7 pm SOTC<br>Choir |           | Sewing Center.<br>10am to 12:00pm<br>7:00pm<br>Leadership Mtg | Summer Begins<br>Juneteenth<br>National<br>Independence<br>Day | 10:00am Sunday<br>SchoolAdultsZoom<br>Noon properties<br>cleanup.  |
| <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>  |
| <b>FATHER DAY</b><br>9:45am Worship<br>w/communion &<br>Sunday School.<br>11:00am Bible Study<br><b>1<sup>ST</sup> Day Summer</b>      |  | Pastor11:00am<br>Bible Study<br>7 pm SOTC<br>Choir                            |           | Sewing Center.<br>10am to 12:00pm                             |  | 10:00am Sunday<br>SchoolAdultsZoom<br>10:30 Visually impaired<br>BStudy<br>12 to 1pm: Prayer Journey<br>Noon properties cleanup. |
| <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>   |           |   |  |  |
| 9:45am Worship<br>w/communion &<br>Sunday School.<br>11:00am Bible Study<br><b>Blood pressure check</b>                                |  | Pastor11:00am<br>Bible Study<br>7 pm SOTC<br>Choir                            |           |   |  |  |