Holy Cross Lutheran Church The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service Three August 9, 2020





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

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(Missouri Synod) 9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd. Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Sunday Worship Services	8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Bible Classes and Sunday School	9:25 a.m.
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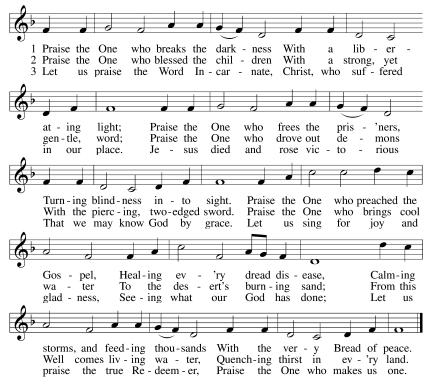
Prayer for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Father, grant that, through the Holy Spirit, we may know that the true value of the Holy Scriptures lies in its message. The Bible is Your Word—Your ordinances and Your promises of salvation. May we, with the psalmist in Ps. 19:10 declare, "They are more precious than gold, much more than pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb." Help us to trust that the teachings of the Bible meet our needs, especially the greatest need of all: to be at peace with You and to have Your promise of forgiveness of sins and of life eternal. Let us see that the Scriptures always bear witness to Your Son Jesus Christ, who, by His obedient life, death, resurrection, and ascension procured life, here and hereafter, for all people and conveys it to all who believe in Him. May we, having been shown the way to heaven in the Bible, use it to show us the right way to live in this world. In the name of Jesus, who is our ascended, victorious King. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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Stand

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

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22: Psalm 124:8: Psalm 32:5

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,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- 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.



Service of the Word

Introit



I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

I sought the LORD, and he | answered me* and delivered me from | all my fears.

Those who look to him are | radiant,* and their faces shall never | be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him* and saved him out of all his | troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,* and de- | livers them.

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

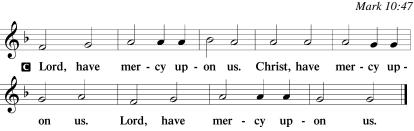
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

Gloria Patri

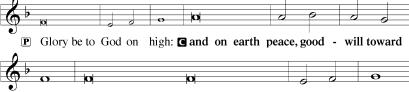






Gloria in Excelsis

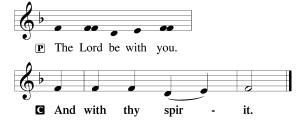
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,



Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading: Job 38:4–18

[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk. or who laid its cornerstone. when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb. when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors. and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.

From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

"Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?

Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this."

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

Gradual



Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle: Romans 10:5-17

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek: the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.



Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he

saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Apostles' Creed

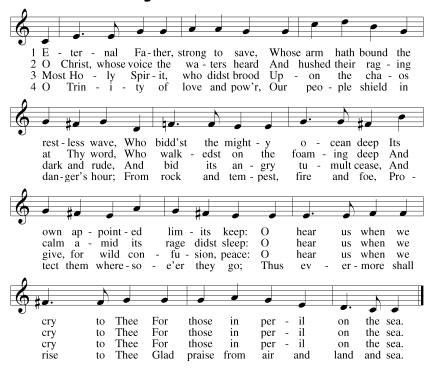
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

→ everlasting. Amen.

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save



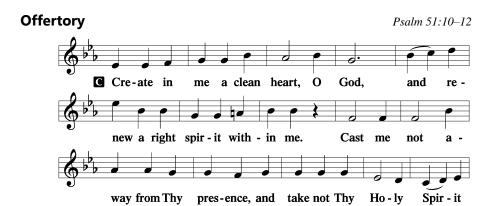
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Sermon

"Keeping Your Head Above Water"

Text: See the Holy Gospel Reading

Stand







Offering

There is an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary where you can deposit your offerings.

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

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

Closing Collect

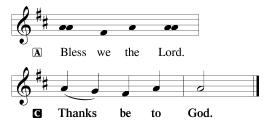
- P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Salutation 2 Timothy 4:22



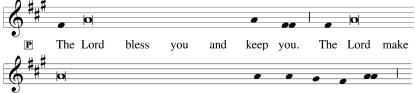
Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



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



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

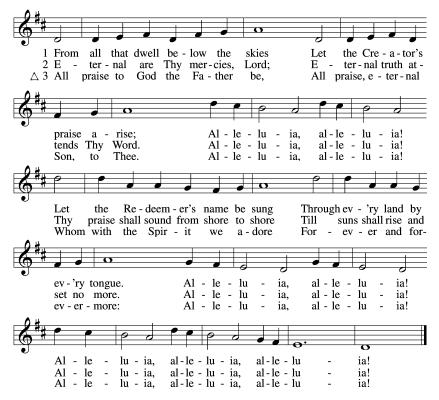




Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies



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"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life August 9, 2020

"[W]hen a child is adopted into a family, there is a real family formed there. Our entire Gospel is at stake in that recognition because there is no such thing as an 'adopted child,' only children who were adopted. Adopted in the New Testament is a past-tense verb, not an adjective."

Dr. Russell D. Moore, author of "Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families" and chair of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Petitions and Prayers: God desires that we continually set aside a quiet time and private place to talk with our Father in prayer.



Health concerns:

Dear Jesus, You are the Great Physician. You took our flesh upon Yourself: You know our weaknesses because You bore them on the cross. We pray that You would deliver those with illnesses and afflictions. Likewise, enable them to believe that Your grace is sufficient for them in all circumstances. Thank You that we can look to You for hope and healing. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Tom Foster (father of Gayle Stabo) recovering from surgery
- Theresa Kingham cancer
- Sarah Kingham recovering from surgery
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's brother) cancer

Prayer of intercession:

*Heavenly Father, do not permit us to be discouraged by the wickedness of this present evil world. Help us to await with longing hearts the return of our Savior, who will take us to Himself in heaven. Reveal the treasure of the Gospel to the hearts of sinners everywhere and turn them from their sins and unbelief to Jesus. It is in His name that we make these and all requests. Amen.



Find Pastor Skelton's Bible Study based on First Samuel posted on facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch and click on videos to see the Bible Study and worship services.

ELC Back to School Supply List

Grab a flyer from the table by the front door for more information.



- Lysol Wipes
- Pom Poms assorted colors and sizes
- White Construction Paper
- Assorted Stickers
- Play-Doh brand playdough
- Skinny Markers
- Masking Tape
- Coloring Books
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Pipe Cleaners (chenille sticks) assorted colors



For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:13

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