

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Divine Service One**  
**September 27, 2020**





## The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

8:00 and 10:30 AM

### Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord our God, from whom we creatures derive life, there was never a moment You did not exist. From all eternity You are the same God and shall be in all eternity. You are the eternal source of life, the only source in heaven and on earth, and for that reason You are without beginning and without end. Our finite minds cannot fathom that eternity knows no distinction of time—today, yesterday, tomorrow. Let us, with Luther, acknowledge that what we were is past, and what we will be is not yet evident; as far as time is concerned, we have just this brief, present moment; of eternity we haven't the slightest concept. O Lord, help us in spiritual matters to not listen to our human reason lest we diminish the effectiveness of Your blessings in our lives. O living, eternal, and never-changing God, let us ever be content with the assurance and certainty afforded by Your gracious, steadfast Word, that we, too, may have everlasting life. In the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.



## Confession and Absolution

### 812 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels  
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be ex -  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and  
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the

round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand  
alt - ed thus!" "Wor - thy the Lamb," sand  
pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than  
sa - cred name Of Him who sits up -

are their tongues, But all their joys are one.  
lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"  
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.  
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

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*Stand*

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

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

## Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

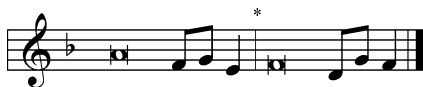
[John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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



The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

**Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God,\*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.**

The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;\*  
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

**He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.**

He determines the number | of the stars;\*  
 he gives to all of | them their names.

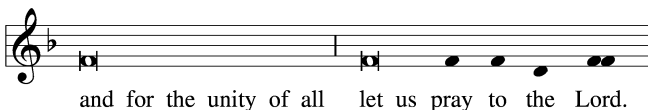
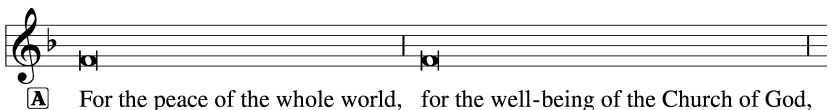
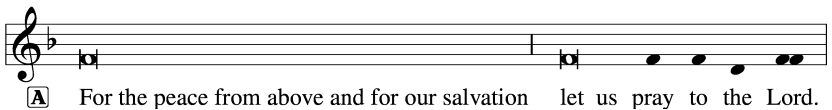
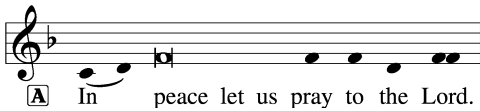
**Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\***  
**his understanding is beyond | measure.**

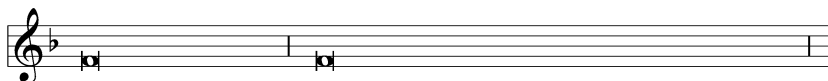
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
 he casts the wicked | to the ground.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*





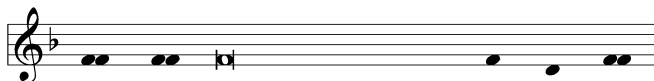
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



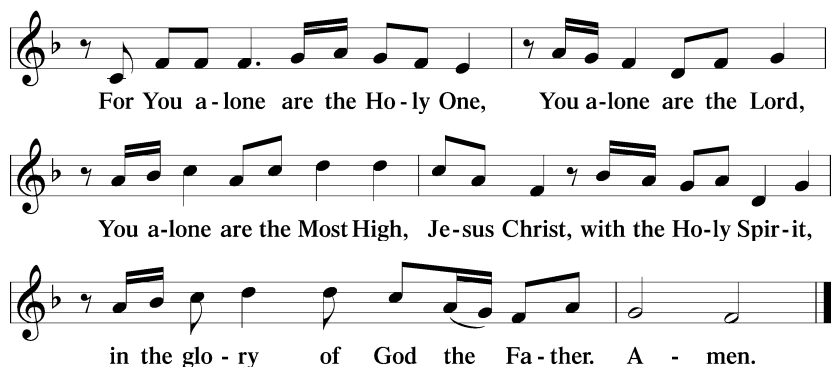
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

The word of the LORD came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual



**He will command his angels concerning you\*  
to guard you in all your ways.**

**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\***  
**and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!**

**Epistle: Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18**

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .



Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*

**G** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with a 'G' symbol indicating the start of the verse. The piece ends with a double bar line.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23–27

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a

prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,  
2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,  
3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,  
4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,  
Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.  
And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.  
All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done  
And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne  
And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



Our health while we are liv - ing,	Our life when we shall die.
And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful,	Our full re - dem - tion won.
Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed,	His Fa - ther's and His own.
Let all the worlds give an - swer:	A - men! So let it be.

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## Sermon

## "A New Heart"

Text: See the Old Testament Reading



## 554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!  
 2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,  
 3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,  
 4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,  
 5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -  
 Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -  
 The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the  
 For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -  
 May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:  
 ty - de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.  
 joys we know, All that we can de - sire:  
 self in - flame To seek You more and more!  
 lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

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*Stand*



## 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

*After each portion of the prayer:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.



## Offering

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

## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

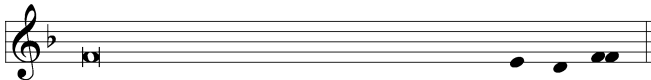
## Closing Collect

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

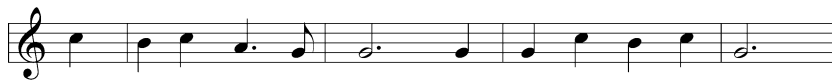


**C** A - - men.

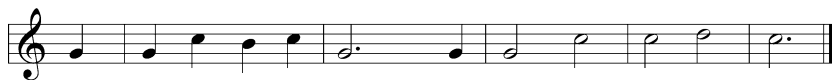
## 807 When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer  
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round  
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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## ***Soli Deo Gloria!***

*(To God alone be the glory.)*

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*Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex by the front door. We have digest size copies if you need larger print. These are a great resource to use in your daily devotions!*

**Petitions and Prayers:** Prayer is to seek “the Lord and His strength.



**Health concerns:**

*Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician of our bodies and souls. Great is Your love and great is Your mercy. Grant those who are sick trusting hearts, enabling them to be assured that You work all things together for good to those who love You. Bring them healing in Your way and in Your time. Amen.*

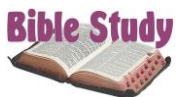
Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Theresa Kingham – cancer
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik’s brother) – cancer
- Julie Ann Zamora – multiple health issues

**Prayer of intercession:**

***A Prayer for Those Persecuted for the Faith***

*\*Holy Spirit, by whose power the children of God confess their faith even in the face of persecution, do not forsake our brothers and sister facing such tribulation. Give them the strength to carry the cross that is theirs and grant them certainty that theirs is the crown of life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



Find Pastor Skelton’s Bible Study based on First Samuel posted on [facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch](https://facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch) and click on videos to see the Bible Study and worship services.



Assisting Elders: 8 a.m. – Steve White  
10:30 a.m. – Gary Bartels

**“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life  
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“As Christians, we understand better than most that life is weighted with profound suffering and buoyed by eternal hope. As such, it’s time to raise our children to appreciate what a big, beautiful struggle parenthood is and that it simply cannot happen without offering compassion, love, and grace to children still in the womb and to the mothers and fathers who view the scales more filled with suffering than hope.”

*Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota  
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***I will remove the heart of stone from you flesh  
and give you a heart of flesh.***

***Ezekiel 36:26***

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