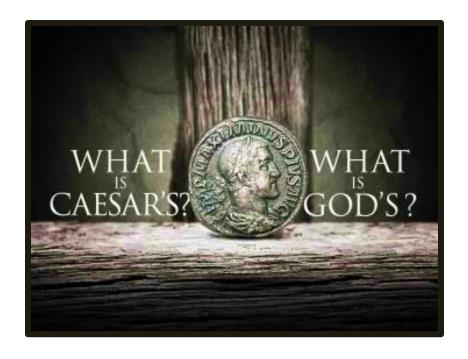
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service One October 18, 2020





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October 18, 2020

8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Jesus, may Your Spirit guard us from the evil one so that he has no power over us. As we come before You in penitence, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us always ponder the salvation You bought for us with Your suffering and death on the cross. You have freed us to be witnesses to the Good News of salvation to those who do not know of Your love for them. Grant us humble and repentant hearts as we follow You to the cross and beyond that to the empty tomb of the resurrection. In Your blessed name we pray. Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body

and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



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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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G 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.

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.
- 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.
- Amen.



Service of the Word

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The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my | help come?

My help comes | from the LORD,* who made | heaven and earth.

He will not let your | foot be moved;*
he who keeps you will not | slumber.

Behold, he who keeps | Israel* will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.

The LORD will keep you from all | evil;*
he will | keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for-evermore.

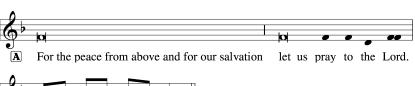
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie Mark 10:47







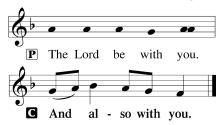








Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God: I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me: I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things."

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

Gradual



He will command his angels con- | cerning 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: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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

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Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15–22

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



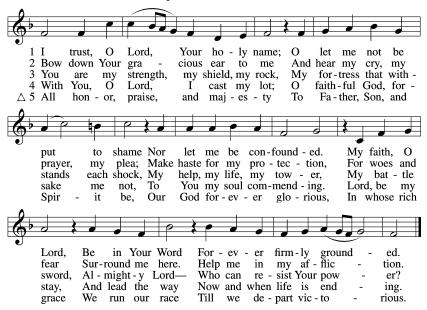
Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

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Sermon

"Caesar or God"

Text: See the Holy Gospel Reading

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Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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

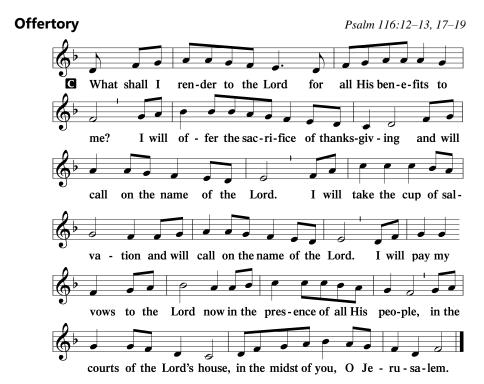
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Offering

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

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Service of the Sacrament

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Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.

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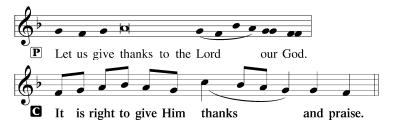
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2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



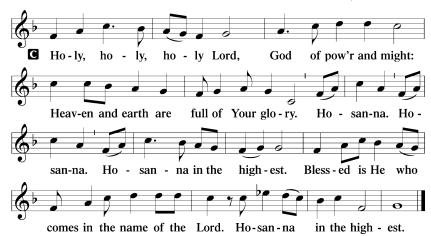






Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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

The Words of Our Lord

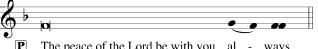
Matthew 26:26-28: Mark 14:22-24: Luke 22:19-20: 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took $[\mathbf{P}]$ bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My

→ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19

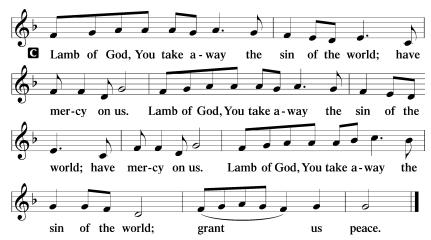


The peace of the Lord be with you al





Agnus Dei John 1:29



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Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



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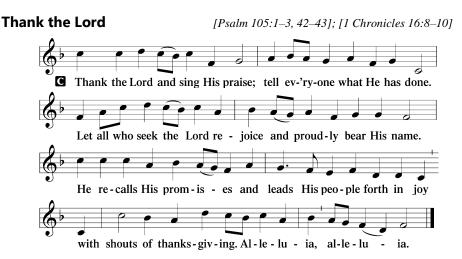
Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

850 God of Grace and God of Glory



Stand



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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 + give you peace.





Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

Acknowledgments

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854 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go



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Announcements



Assisting Elders: 8 a.m. – Bob Stabo 10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



The flowers last Sunday were given to the glory of God by Marie McQuarrie in memory of her mother Charlotte Schedler.

Greeters for Sunday, October 18, 8 a.m.: Steve and Becky White 10:30 a.m.: Marie McQuarrie

Portals of Prayer for October-December 2020 are out!

Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex by the office door. We have digest size copies if you need larger print. These are a great resource to use in your daily devotions! Paula Mayer's New Address: 12585 Meadow Bridge Way Parker, CO 80134

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The 2020 Lutheran High School Auction will be a global event!



Mark your calendars for Friday night, November 20, 2020! That is the night of the 21st Annual Lutheran High School Auction! This year it is a "Global Event" as we will have people in attendance on campus AND parties in homes as we celebrate and support the ministry of Lutheran High School!

Tickets for the on-campus event go on sale on Friday, October 16 at 8:00 a.m.

Tickets are not needed to host or attend a LuHi Home Auction Party. We are looking for 50+ hosts to gather people in their homes on that night to celebrate and support Lutheran High School. You can sign up to host a party and find all of the details at www.lhsparker.org/auction.

Everyone is invited to become a part of this amazing night of support for the ministry of Lutheran High School!

Thank you! Kristin Gehrke & Cheryl Cattau - Auction Coordinators

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life October 18, 2020

"The Church has confessed from the beginning that each life is created by God, that human life is the supreme gift of the Creator. Human life is not given unconditionally but is given under the condition that we will be responsible for preserving it. The testimony that God respects life above all else is contained in the words of the Gospel: 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life' (John 3:16)."

Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

O God, save me, by your name, and vindicate me by your might. O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.



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This week on KFUO.org, begin studying 1 Timothy on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), dig into Mental Health with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour (10/19 at 9:00 a.m. CT), and continue learning about worship and Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (10/20 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21





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Petitions and Prayers: We pray because God has commanded us to pray.



Health concerns:

Dear Jesus, Great Physician of body and soul, hear our prayers for those who are ill. Help them to see their suffering as a reminder not only of our mortality, but also a blessed remembrance of how You "took our illnesses and bore our diseases" (Matthew 8:17) to the cross of Calvary. If it be Your will, bring healing to these people as we anticipate the ultimate freedom from pain in the joys of heaven. 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:

Sanctity of Life

Eternal God, gracious Lord even though we were brought forth in iniquity, conceived in sin, You have elected us to salvation in Christ Jesus. Grant us the wisdom to recognize the value of all human life, from tiny beginning to blessed end. Open our hearts to hear the cries of those who will never celebrate their first birthday because they were aborted as if they were not created in Your image. Help us to realize that these "throw away" little ones will likewise never have a second birthday: God-given spiritual life in that You gave them faith in Christ on the day of their baptism. Use us to create a world that gives value to the lives You redeemed by the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus. Amen.

But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Psalm 66:19



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.



Prayer is simple – it's a conversation with God!



I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God;

Isaiah 45:5

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Bible Classes and Sunday School	9:25 a.m.
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