

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021



P O W E R I N P R A Y E R



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8:00 and 10:30 AM

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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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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

Prayer for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

God, source of all that is good, may we never neglect Your love! Grant that we meditate on it, talk to You about it, and ask You to remind us of it in the hard times that are a part of life and in the times of joy You grant. May You nourish our love for You as we spend time in Your Word. Let us continue to study the Scriptures and allow the Holy Spirit to open our minds and our understanding of the Christ they preach. Grant that our study of the Old Testament cast its light on the New Testament and that the prophets and evangelists open our understanding of the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms. By Your grace, with joy and confidence, we will see that our faith in Jesus Christ, Your crucified and resurrected Son, is the only true faith there is. We come before You in the name of Jesus, who has all power at His command. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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 ☩ 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.

G Amen.

Stand



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 145:1–3, 6–7; antiphon: v. 5



On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,*
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

**I will extol you, my | God and King,*
and bless your name forever and | ever.**

Every day I will | bless you*
and praise your name forever and | ever.

**Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.**

They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,*
and I will declare your | greatness.

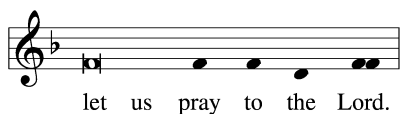
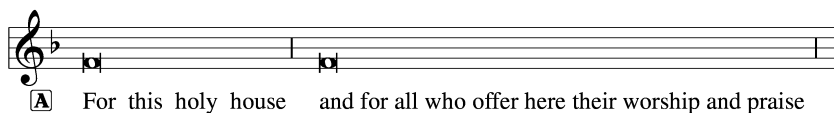
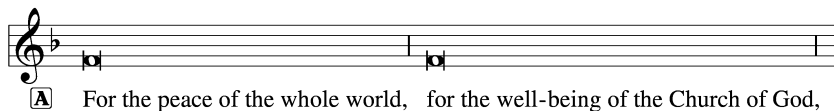
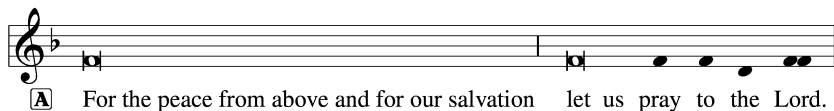
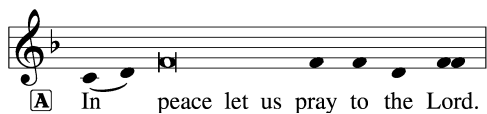
**They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness*
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.**

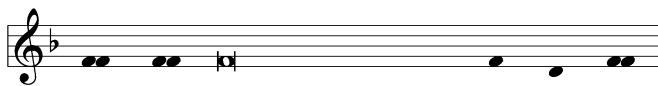
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,*
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47





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.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8–17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living

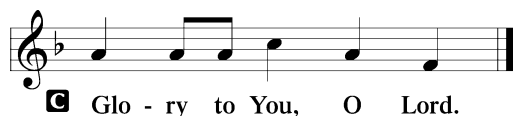
Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel: Mark 6:45–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.



Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Sermon

"Thought and Prayer for Fullness of Power"

Text: Ephesians 3:14-21

683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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:

☐ Lord, in Your mercy,
☐ hear our prayer.

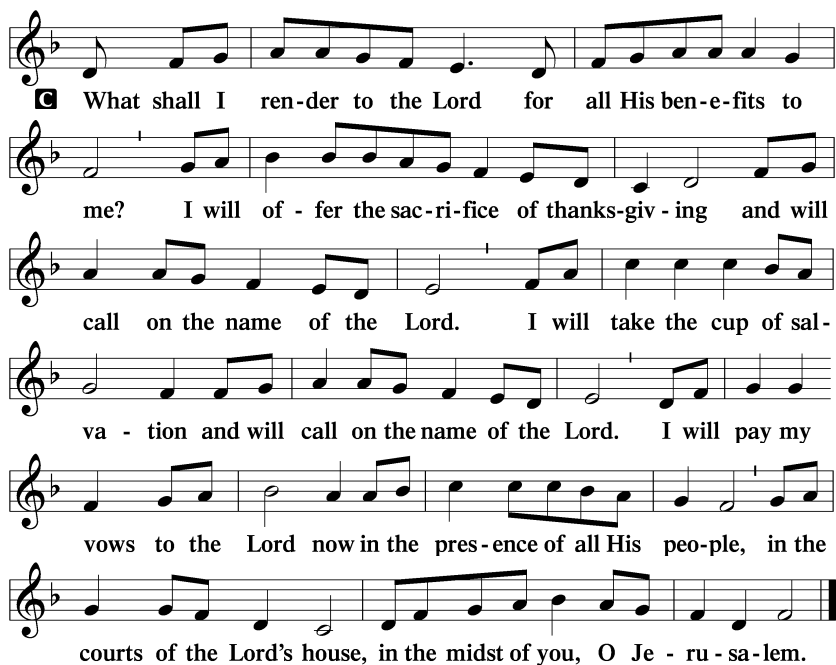
Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



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.

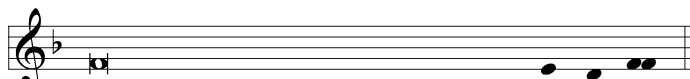
Closing Collect

- P** Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



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.



544 O Love, How Deep



Soli Deo Gloria!
(To God alone be the glory.)

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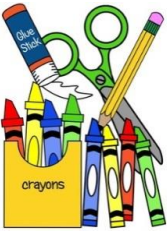


Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Scott Schlapkohl

10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver

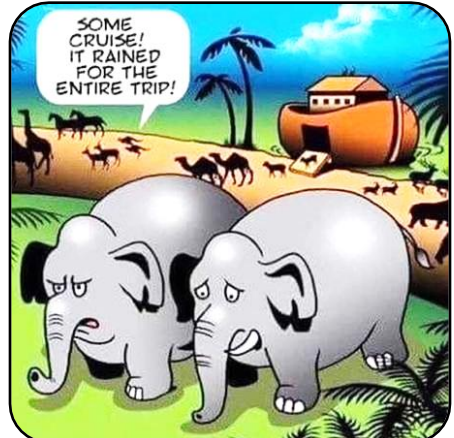
ELC Back to School Supply List



We will be collecting supplies for the Early Learning Center from July 11 to August 15. A collection box is located on the table in the narthex by the office. **You can also pick up the requested supply list located on the side of the collection box.**

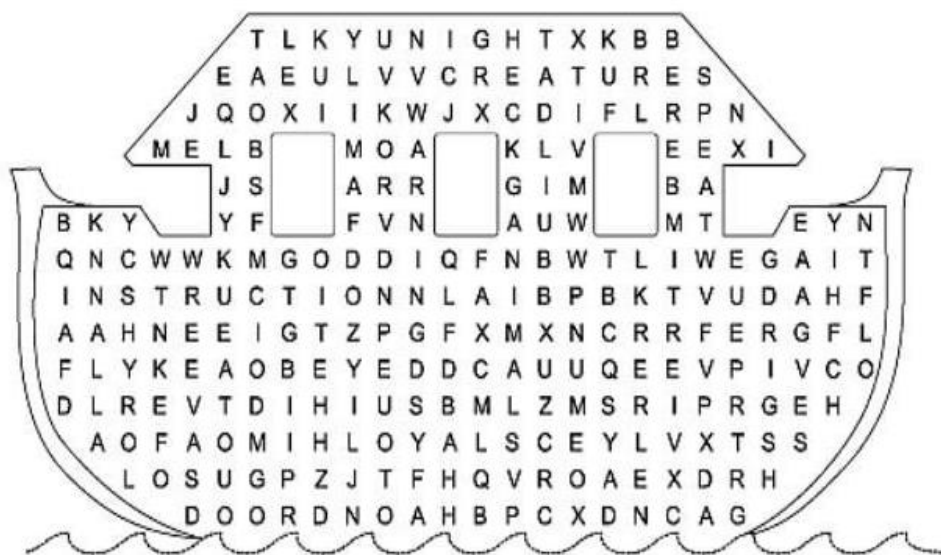


Find Pastor Skelton's Bible Study based on First Samuel posted on facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch and click on videos to see the Bible Study and worship services.



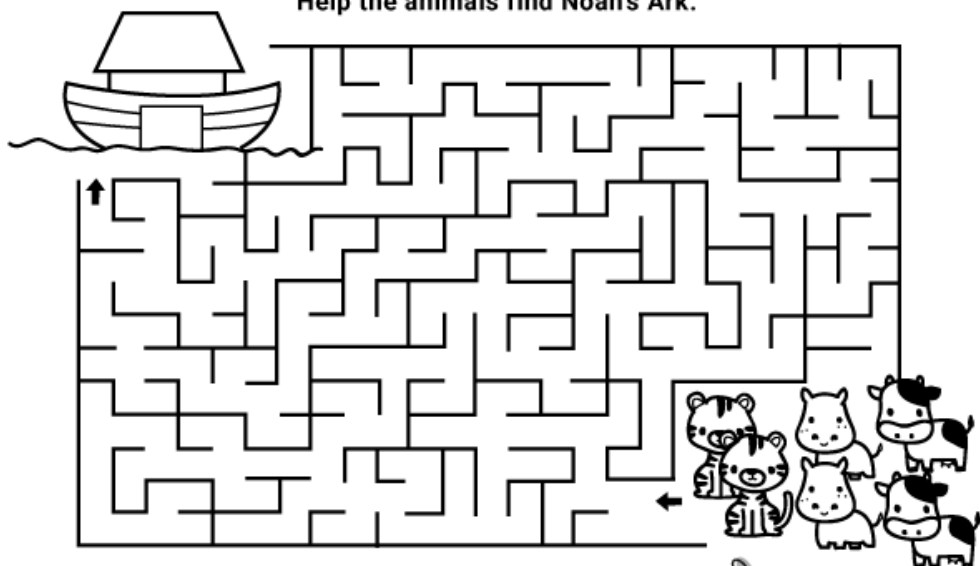
***“Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”***

Psalm 50:15



Noah's Ark Maze

Help the animals find Noah's Ark.



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Petitions and Prayers: Our heavenly Father understands that we are often too weak to pray and do not know how to pray “as we ought.”



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:

- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris who is waiting to get on the heart transplant list.
- Sonja Bowles – Cancer
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's brother) – cancer
- Harlan Kurtz (Lisa Oliver's father) – finding right medications
- Julie Ann Zamora – healing from a fall

Prayer of intercession:

**Heavenly Father, thank You for granting us the privilege of coming to You with our sorrows, troubles, and needs, with our questions, doubts, and weaknesses. You promise to hear our prayers and to answer them in Your wisdom and love. Enable us to pray earnestly and trustingly. Lead us to read, listen, and learn from Your Holy Word that we may grow in Christian faith and in joyful service to You. Bring us to repentance, shower us with forgiveness, and renew us with the promise of eternal life. Give us courage to witness to the Gospel truth so that faith may go from faith to faith. We pray in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Savior. Amen.*

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life July 25, 2021

“We need to keep fueled up through Christian fellowship in worship and in the sacraments. We need to pray without ceasing and receive the peace in that special relationship with God. And then, we need to stand strong and boldly declare God's plan for life. We can't be timid, afraid to speak up or be noticed. If we don't share the truth, who will?”

*Virginia Flo, Regional Director of Minnesota and National Conference
Director, Lutherans For Life*

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Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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produce sin in you!***