

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

## Divine Service One

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

*In that day*

the deaf shall hear  
the words of a book,  
and out of their  
gloom and darkness,  
the eyes of

*the blind shall see*

Isaiah 29:18



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8:00 and 10:30 AM

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### Prayer for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Lord God, blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered with the blood of Jesus. Our only hope is to take refuge in You against whom we have sinned. Blessed is the person whose sin You do not count against him. Oh, the peace that calms our consciences when we are told again and again in Your Word that You are merciful and gracious, forgiving sinners in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ, who bore our sins, fulfilled Your law for us and paid in full our debt of punishment. Thank You for cleansing us with His blood; we pray in His name. Amen.



## Confession and Absolution

### 822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

*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.



## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 26:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*



O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house\*  
and the place where your | glory dwells.

**Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,\*  
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.**

Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;\*  
test my heart | and my mind.

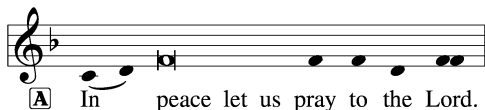
**I wash my hands in innocence and  
go around your altar, | O LORD,\*  
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and  
telling all your | wondrous deeds.**

**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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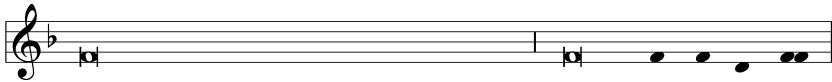
### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*





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



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



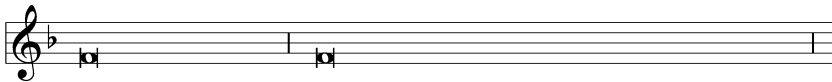
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



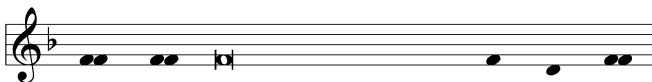
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



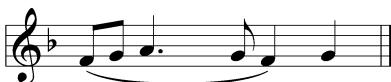
let us pray to the Lord.



**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.



**G** 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.



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

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; 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: Isaiah 29:11–19**

The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth  
and honor me with their lips,  
while their hearts are far from me,  
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,  
therefore, behold, I will again  
do wonderful things with this people,  
with wonder upon wonder;  
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,  
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be  
hidden."

Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,  
whose deeds are in the dark,  
and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"

You turn things upside down!

Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,  
that the thing made should say of its maker,  
"He did not make me";

or the thing formed say of him who formed it,  
"He has no understanding"?

Is it not yet a very little while  
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,  
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

In that day the deaf shall hear  
the words of a book,  
and out of their gloom and darkness  
the eyes of the blind shall see.

The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,  
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of  
Israel.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*



**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: Ephesians 5:22–33

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave



his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**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 two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia and verse. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a 'G' in a box at the beginning of the first line.

### Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1–13

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

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

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a 'G' in a box at the beginning.

When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;

in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)— then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

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



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

*Sit*

## 589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

### Sermon

#### "In That Day"

Text: Isaiah 29:11-19

## 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

*Stand*



### Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

*Sit*

## Offering

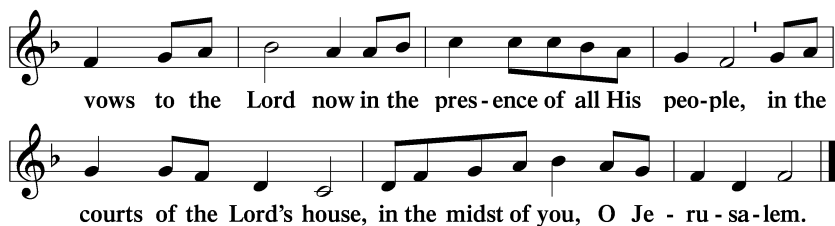
*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*



**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



## 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.



## 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.



**C** A - men.

## 862 Oh, Blest the House



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

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## Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Scott Schlapkohl

10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver

# Holy Cross Early Learning Center

Lutheran Preschool/Full-day Child Care in Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Dear members of Holy Cross,

As we begin an exciting new chapter in our school's ministry we are in need of some additional help. The ELC is looking for an Assistant Director and an afternoon teacher's aide. If you are interested or know of someone that might be interested, please email Mary at [directorhclelc@gmail.com](mailto:directorhclelc@gmail.com) or call the school at 303-683-1311. Please also keep our school in your prayers. Thank you!

Mary Schmidt  
ELC Director

## Early Learning School Cook Needed!



Our Early Learning Center is looking for a cook. Tasks include making a morning snack, making and serving lunch, preparing an afternoon snack, assisting in meal planning, and clean-up. Hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. M-F and wages are \$13/hour. Please contact the ELC office at 303-683-1311 if you are interested in joining our Early Learning Center team.

## Nursery Attendant Needed!



We are looking for a nursery attendant(s)/teacher(s) during our Sunday School hour! Our family of little ones is growing and having a nursery available will allow our parents to attend Bible Class while their little ones also hear about their Lord and Savior. Contact Dan Kingsbury at 214-862-3028 for more information.

***Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.***

*Isaiah 30:18*

**Petitions and Prayers:** When we pray in Jesus' name, we can be confident that God will give us all things so that our joy "may be full."



### **Health concerns:**

*Lord Jesus, lift the spirits and strengthen the faith of those people who are ill, helping them to look beyond this present affliction. Remind them that You are near, even in this time of pain and suffering. Heal them if it be Your will; if not, give them the strength to endure in faith. We pray in Your name, our only Lord and Savior. 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 – on-going health issues

### **Prayer of intercession:**

*\*O Lord God, how long will the wicked triumph? The ongoing evil of abortion or infanticide has one again been exposed for all to see. Give us the courage to speak out against it. May the truth of the depravity of abortion touch people's consciences, cause them to repent of it, and turn to Jesus for forgiveness. Remove this evil from our midst. Through Your Spirit strengthen our faith to follow Your precepts, knowing that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We pray in His name. Amen.*

### **"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life August 22, 2021**

"Our youth are a gift of God—our future voice and our For Life voice, now! Take a moment and read Titus 2 and ponder Paul's teaching in light of Proverbs 1:5: 'Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance.' Then invite, encourage, and mentor youth in your circle today."

*Rev. Jeff Duncan, Mission and Ministry Director of Lutherans For Life  
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Find Pastor Skelton's Bible Study based on First Samuel posted on [facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch) and click on videos to see the Bible Study and worship services.



I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

*Psalm 18:3*

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