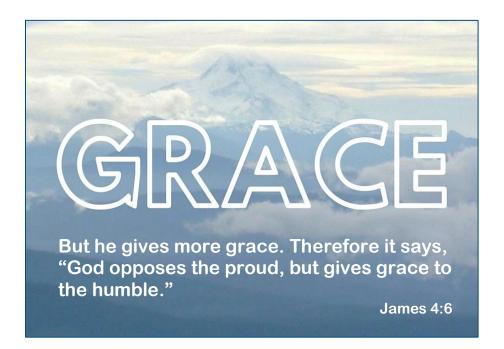
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

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.



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.



10:30 a.m. service

Installation of a Church Field Worker

The field worker is presented before the altar.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the

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

Address

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, according to the usual custom of the Church, Trey Doak has been placed with Holy Cross Lutheran Church as a field worker. As a student placed with our congregation, he will continue his education in preparation for service to the Church as a called worker.

Hear what the Word of God says about those who serve in the Church.

A Reading from Second Corinthians

2 Corinthians 6:1-4

P Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities.

A Reading from Colossians

Colossians 3:15–17

P And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual

songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A Reading from First Timothy

1 Timothy 4:15–16

Practice these things, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Questioning

- Trey, are you prepared to serve as field worker in this congregation under the supervision of Pastor Skelton, undertaking your assignments as one who seeks training for service in the Church as a pastor? If so, then answer: I am, with the help of God.
- R I am, with the help of God.

Installation

- Trey, I install you as field worker at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the

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

Stand

The newly installed may kneel.

Collect

P Let us pray.

O God, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You pour out the gifts of Your love into the hearts of Your faithful people. Grant health both of mind and body to Your servant Trey, who now begins his term of service as field worker in our midst. Enable him to love You with his whole heart and, with his whole strength, to perform those things that are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Blessing

- P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.

Sit



8 a.m. service begins here.

Confession and Absolution

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

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.
- Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

- 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.
- C Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 37:5-7; antiphon: v. 4



Delight yourself in the LORD,* and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way | to the LORD;* trust in him, and | he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,* and your justice as the | noonday.

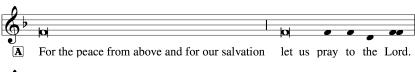
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;* fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!

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.

Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Kyrie Mark 10:47





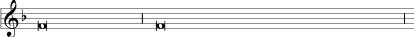




A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



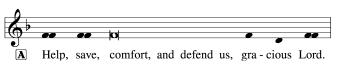
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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





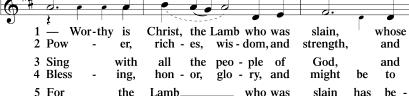


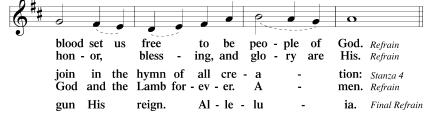


This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



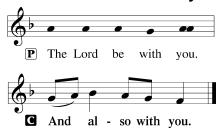








Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20

The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."

But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- 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: James 3:13—4:10

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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



Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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



[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Sermon

"He Gives Us More Grace"

Text: James 3:13—4:10

Stand



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

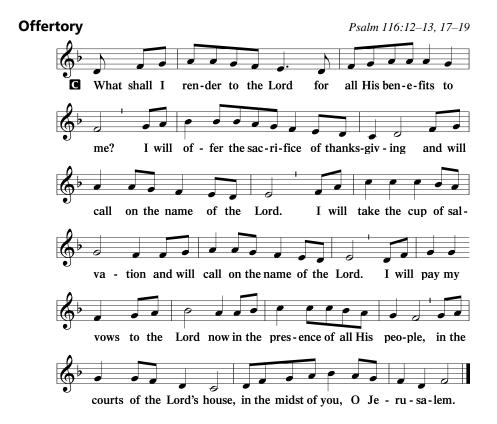
After each portion of the prayer:

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

Sit

Offering

Stand





Service of the Sacrament

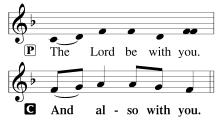
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Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.

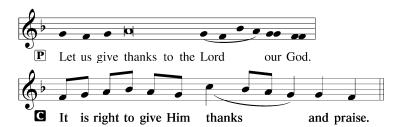
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Preface

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



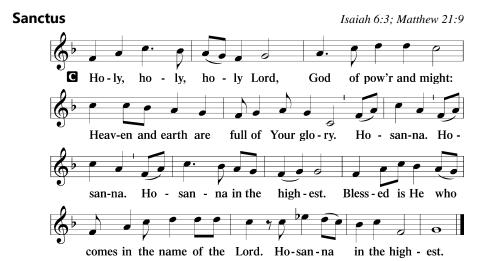




Proper Preface

P 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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your onlybegotten 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.

C 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

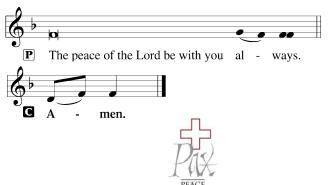
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Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

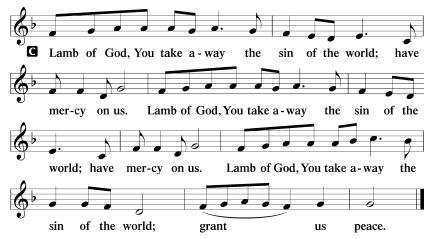
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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







Sit

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

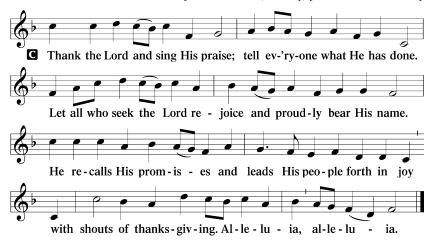


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Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

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.

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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.



652 Father, We Thank Thee



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



Orphan Grain Train

While it still feels like summer, we know winter weather can happen at any time in Colorado. The Evangelism Board is organizing a winter clothing drive through October 24 to support the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train in Castle Rock. We are collecting new or gently used coats, gloves, scarves, socks, and blankets. Also, OGT is in great need of **new** toddler size underwear. Please bring your items to church where we will have a collection area established. Contact Lynne Rodefeld, 303-791-0832, with any questions. Thank you for caring!



Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets on Wednesdays, at 10 a.m. We will be studying the book of Isaiah. Please join us!



Pre-confirmation Class will be held Wednesday afternoons at 4 p.m. beginning September 8. Pre-confirmation class is for those in grades 4-5. It will be held at the church. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 303-683-1300.



The **Men's Study Group** is meeting again every other Saturday at 8 a.m. beginning Saturday, September 25. We are exploring Luther's Large Catechism. Join us for study and fellowship.

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.



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.

Portals of Prayer for October-December 2021 are out!

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

"Welcome To Holy Cross" New Members Brunch!

October 10, 2021 Between services 9:15 - 10:15 AM



Come celebrate and share fellowship with our new members who joined our congregation these past two Covid years!

Menu
(sign-up sheet in the narthex)

Egg casseroles Fruit Breakfast pastries Coffee, Tea, Juice

HEART PHEART - a Non-Profit

We have been working with this neighborhood group for a few years. Heart 2 Heart provides start-up goods for the homeless who are moving into their own housing. This includes Veterans, sheltered families and battered women, and young people transitioning from foster care. Other organizations find the housing and basic furniture, we provide the start-up needs.

The organization was founded by our neighbor, Linda Garrity, about 10 years ago. Caseworkers provide the names, ages, and needs of the families and a few of us "grandmas and grandpas" put together the orders for these families and load them into the cars for deliveries.

Donations come in from our neighbors and from those who have heard about Heart 2 Heart through word of mouth. Additionally, we scour thrift stores and purchase some new items, especially toys for the kids. One organization provides homemade quilts!

Needed donations include lightly used bedding, towels, books, toys, kitchen items such as pots, pans, dishes, cups, mugs, glasses, silverware, coffeemakers (each Veteran gets one), plastic storage like Glad or Tupperware, baking dishes, spatulas, etc. We do not deal with food, furniture, or clothing. However, we do purchase outfits for newborns, as no baby should leave the hospital in hand-me-down clothing.

If you have something that you no longer need, you can bring your items to church (leave on the table by the office) and we will drop them off at Linda's. If you have any questions, please call me, Becky White, at 303-506-8417. Thank you.

Steve and Becky White - 303-979-5978

Petitions and Prayers: Through His Son Jesus Christ, our Intercessor, High Priest, and Friend, God promises to hear us, answer us, and help us when we pray.



Health concerns:

Dear Jesus, Great Physician of body and soul, hear our prayer for those who are sick. Be for them the grace sufficient for them in this time of suffering. Remind them that in their weakness Your power is being brought to perfection. If it be Your will, bring healing to these people, even as we anticipate the ultimate healing in the joys of heaven. 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.
- Jamie and young daughter Jade (Jamie is missing and has mental health issues)
- 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:

*Holy God, we offer a prayer of thanksgiving that because You turned a deaf ear to Your Son as He hung on the cross, He can turn a gracious ear to us. Jesus suffered the depths of woe so that we could have the height of forgiveness. We pray in the name of Jesus who gives us reason to praise and thank You. Amen.

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life September 19, 2021

"God has put us in our roles as life-affirming Lutherans in this place at this time. We must continue despite the world's resistance. We must lean on God because He will support us. We must remember He has the words of eternal life!"

Virginia Flo, Regional Director of Minnesota and National Conference Director, Lutherans For Life A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Psalm 80:8



Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10

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Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!



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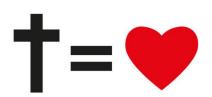
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