

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

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If your hand or your foot causes you to sin cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire.

- Matthew 18:8 -



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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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O Holy God, lest we be too quick to shake our heads in disbelief, wonder, and surprise at how the people of Jesus' day could turn away from Him, help us to see the same tendencies in ourselves. Every time our sinful nature gains control of us, every time we want to be the lord of our lives, we are spurning the Savior sent by You and thus jeopardizing our only possible means of salvation. By nature we chafe under Your will, and we resent Your telling us what to do. Every one of our sins is a rebellious act of defiance. Our desire for control conflicts with faith and following Jesus. Yet You call us to repentance and forgive us for Jesus' sake. May His constant love for us move us to hate sin and love Him more. Let Your Word dwell in our hearts, keeping us faithful to Christ so that we never reject Him who is our one and only Savior. In His Name, which is Love, we pray. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

876 O Blessed, Holy Trinity

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.

C Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 135:1–3, 13–14; antiphon: v. 13



Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,*
your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.

**Praise the LORD! Praise the name | of the LORD,*
give praise, O servants | of the LORD,**

who stand in the house | of the LORD,*
in the courts of the house | of our God!

**Praise the LORD, for the | LORD is good;*
sing to his name, for it is | pleasant!**

Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,*
your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.

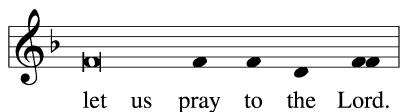
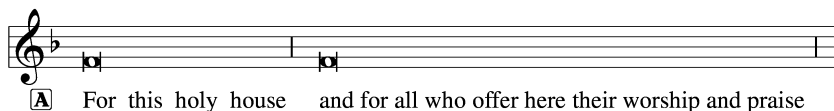
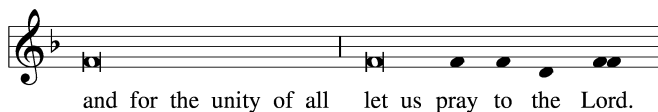
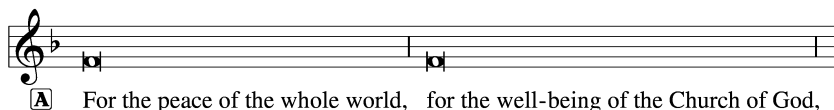
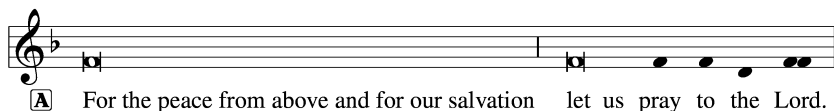
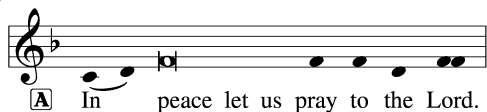
**For the LORD will vindicate his | people*
and have compassion on his | servants.**

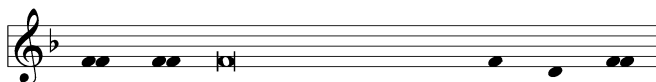
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,*
your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.

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.

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; 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: Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . ."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If

you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . ."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1



**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: James 5:1–20

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like

fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38–50

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

Sermon

"Cut Sin Off"

Text: Mark 9:38-50

505 Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay

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 \div 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



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.

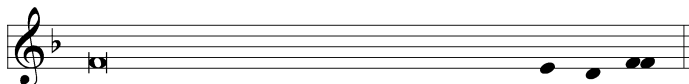
Closing Collect

- 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.



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.



850 God of Grace and God of Glory



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

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Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Steve White

10:30 a.m. – Gary Bartels

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 Rodefald, 303-791-0832, with any questions. Thank you for caring!



Bethesda Auxiliary sales are back! We would like to invite all our supporters to our two (2) fall sales: Saturday, October 23 at Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church

(8600 West 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge), 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; and Saturday, November 6 at Malley Senior Recreation Center (3380 S. Lincoln, Englewood) 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.. Both sales are open to the public. The Malley Center sale is their Annual Fall Craft Sale with lots of vendors. Come out and support Bethesda and get some Christmas shopping done as well. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We look forward to seeing you again!



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., meeting next on Saturday, October 9. 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](https://www.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 HEART - 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.

Salvation

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Christ

grace

confess

forgiveness

sins

lost

obedient

humble

cross

faith

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

Petitions and Prayers: Even when we are weak and lacking the right words, God the Holy Spirit helps us to pray.



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:

- 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
- Ryan Shavlik – recovering from hip surgery
- Julie Ann Zamora – on-going health issues

Prayer of intercession:

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.

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life September 26, 2021

“Gospel-motivated means we tell how Almighty God creates every human life as special, and that we treat them with that sanctity. It means we declare how He redeems every human life as precious, and that we demonstrate it to them. It means we proclaim how He calls every human life His own priceless treasure from fertilization to forever, and that we put it into practice.”

*Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry,
Lutherans For Life*

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***Answer me when I call, O God of my Righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!***

Psalms 4:1

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