

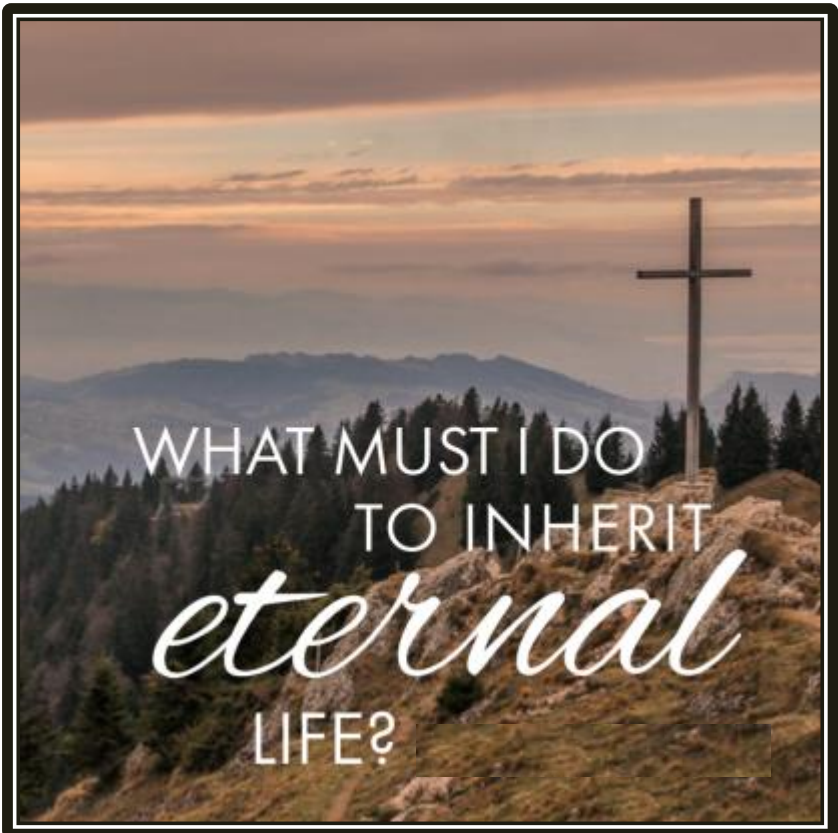
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Four

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021





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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.
Rev. Bruce Skelton, Pastor, Office.....303-683-1300
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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

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.



Welcome New Members

New members are brought forward.

Confession and Absolution

669 Come, We That Love the Lord

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

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 112:3–6; antiphon: v. 1



Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who | fears the LORD,*
who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!

**Wealth and riches are | in his house,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.**

Light dawns in the darkness for the | upright;*
he is gracious, merciful, and | righteous.

**It is well with the man who deals generous- | ly and lends;*
who conducts his affairs with | justice.**

For the righteous will nev- | er be moved;*
he will be remembered for- | ever.

**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.**

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who | fears the LORD,*
who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



G Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

Seek the LORD and live,
lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:11; 103:1



Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!



Epistle: Hebrews 3:12–19

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

John 20:31



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17-27

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



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.

Sit

753 All for Christ I Have Forsaken

Sermon

“The Quest for Eternal Life”

Text: Mark 10:17-27

683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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

Sit

Offering

Stand

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 God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 Amen.

895 Now Thank We All Our God



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Steve White

10:30 a.m. – Gary Bartels



**This morning we welcome
into our Holy Cross family
the following members:**

Steve Byers

Laurel Burkett

Warren Denny

Tommy and Danae Durbin and Tommy and Kit

Kathleen Harrington

Frank Koessel

Andy and Erica Olson and McKinley

Rick and Becky Ryder and Theo

Scott and Barbara Schlapkohl

Joe and Helen Tabris

**Please join us between services for a brunch in the
basement in their honor.**

New study/discussion group opportunity



Beginning on Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 PM at Church, we will be discussing the four Solas; fide, scriptura, gratia, and Christus (one each week). There will be time for fellowship as we gather so please bring a snack or dessert to share if you like. Joshua Christian will be presenting the evenings Sola followed by time for small group discussion. This short series is planned to be completed before Thanksgiving. Come for one or all. We hope to see you then!

Your Evangelism Board

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!



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!



Thank you to the LWML ladies who provided refreshments between services in celebration of LWML Sunday last week.

Acknowledgments

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Riddles

Why Couldn't Noah catch many fish?
He only had two worms.

What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?
Ruth-less

What is the best method for one to study the Bible?
You Luke into it.

Who is the smartest person in the Bible?
Abraham. He knew a Lot.

Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
Pharaoh's daughter; she went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Who was the smallest person in the Bible?
Knee high miah! (Nehemiah)

Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?
No, just an apple.

How does Moses start his morning?
Hebrews a pot of coffee!

Where is medicine first mentioned in the Bible?
When God gave Moses two tablets.

What kind of car would Jesus drive?
A Christler.

What did Adam say to Eve when handing her something to wear?
"Take is or leaf it."

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!

The Rich Young Man

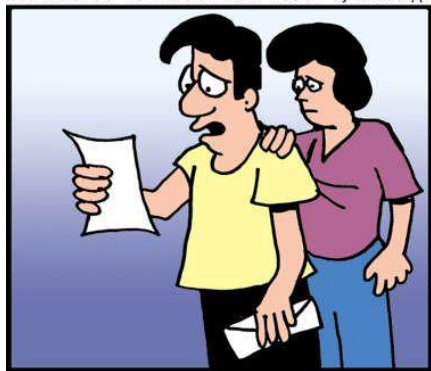
"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25 (NIV)



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CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."



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"What do the angels say to God when He sneezes?"

Petitions and Prayers: We confidently call upon God through prayer by first knowing and confessing that we are unworthy to be heard by Him.



Health concerns:

Precious Lord and Savior, You alone are able to help us. Be with those people who are physically sick and in need of Your healing touch. We ask You to guide their doctors so that they receive the best possible care. Heal and restore them to health as suits Your wisdom. 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
- Julie Swanson (friend of Rueben Sironen) - cancer
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's brother) – in Hospice
- Harlan Kurtz (Lisa Oliver's father) – finding right medications
- Julie Ann Zamora – on-going health issues

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for the Return of Christ

**Gracious God, You are the ever-present help in time of trouble. We know that on any given day Christ may return in glory. Prepare our hearts and minds for His return by forgiving our sins and cleansing us from all unrighteousness. Keep us ever alert so that we shall be ready for You to welcome us into Your heavenly kingdom. In the mighty name of Jesus we pray. Amen.*

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life October 10, 2021

“We ask for the ability to welcome and love and embrace and care for all children—our own included. We open our arms to the orphans, whether they are frozen embryos, babies with mental or physical challenges, or those placed for adoption by a young mother. We trust that the life God gives, in whatever stage and condition, is a blessing from Him.”

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

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When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Psalm 56:3

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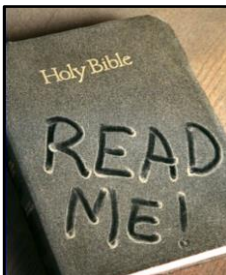
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