

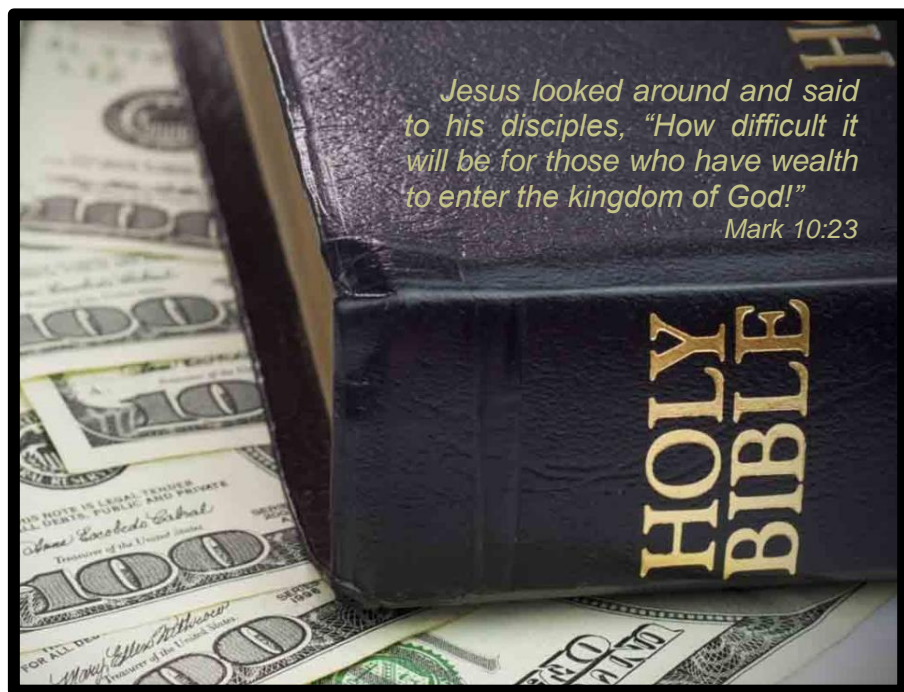
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021



Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

Mark 10:23



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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, You are God in heaven and on the earth beneath; there is no other. These words of Moses assure us today as much as they did the Israelites that You are the only God and that there is no other God. You are life itself and the source of all that is good and perfect, of limitless and eternal abundance. O God, may You grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we become ever more desirous to read and study Your Word and thus know You better. Grant that the knowledge and insights gained fill our souls with that light that comes only from You. In this way we can and will be made wise in the saving faith. May we ever trust You for all our needs. In the name of Jesus, whom You sent to be the Savior of the world. 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.



Confession and Absolution

907 God Himself Is Present

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 34:1–4, 17; antiphon: v. 18



The LORD is near to the broken- | hearted*
and saves the crushed in | spirit.

I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Oh, magnify the | LORD with me,*
and let us exalt his name to- | gether!

I sought the LORD, and he | answered me*
and delivered me from | all my fears.

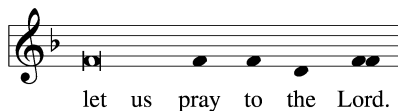
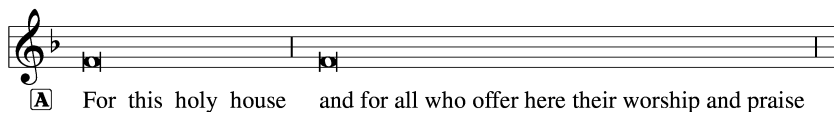
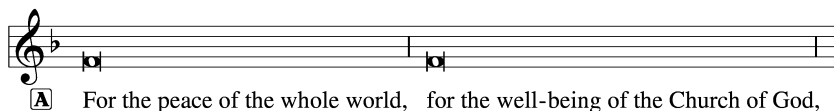
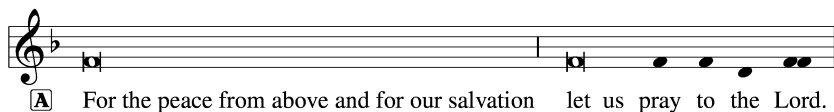
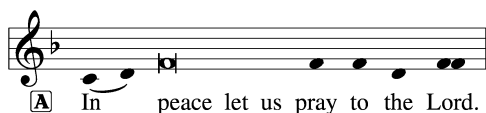
When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears*
and delivers them out of all their | troubles.

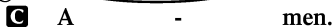
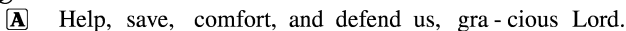
Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The LORD is near to the broken- | hearted*
and saves the crushed in | spirit.

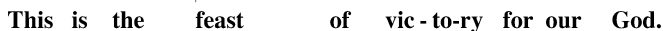
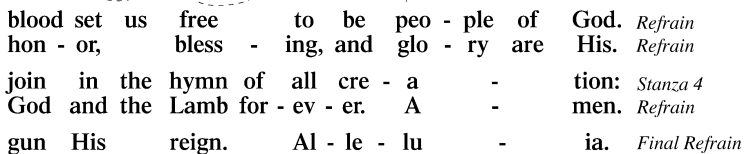
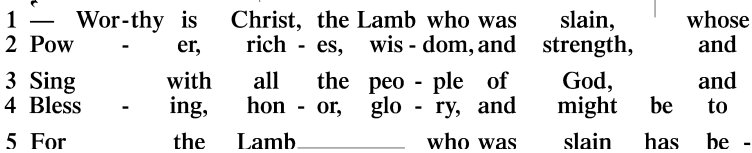
Kyrie

Mark 10:47





Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; 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: Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts."

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

C 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.

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:23–31

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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." Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

690 Hope of the World

Sermon

"Christian Wealth"

Text: Mark 10:23-31

Stand



Nicene Creed

C 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



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
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.



Service of the Sacrament

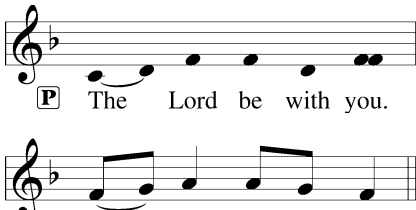


*Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the
inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.*



Preface

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



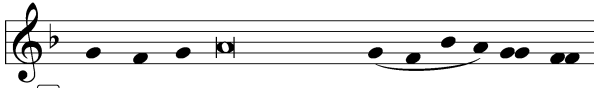
P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten 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.

G Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

G 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

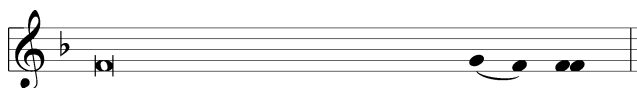
Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

- 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



- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

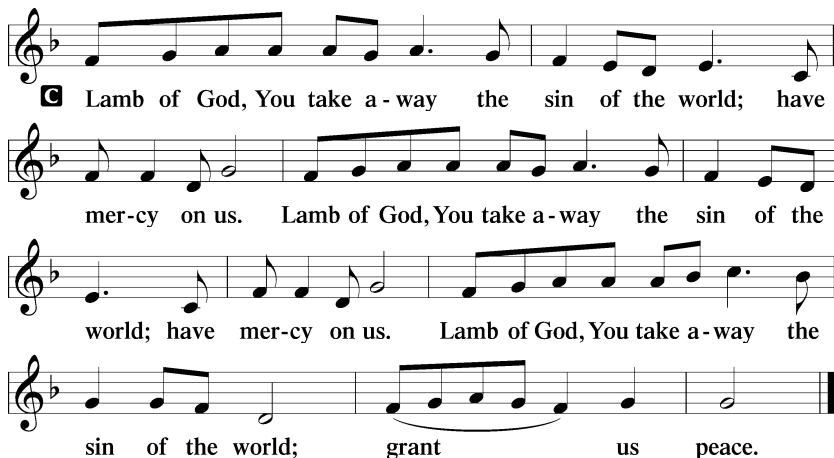


- G** A - men.



Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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



Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

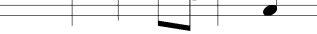
Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

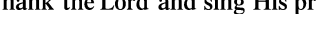
626 Come, Let Us Eat


Stand


Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]


C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.


 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.


 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy


 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

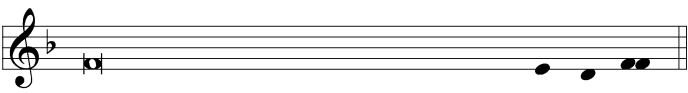
Post-Communion Collect

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.



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

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!

Petitions and Prayers: Through His Word, God teaches us **how** to pray, **what** to pray for, and what we can **expect** in prayer.



Health concerns:

Dear Jesus, Great Physician of body and soul, hear our prayers for those who are ill. Help them to see their suffering as a reminder not only of our mortality, but also a blessed remembrance of how You “took our illnesses and bore our diseases” (Matthew 8:17) to the cross of Calvary. If it be Your will, bring healing to these people as we anticipate the ultimate freedom from pain 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
- 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:

Lord of the Church, pour out Your grace and Spirit on Your Church in my community of faith and throughout the world. Bless the ministry of my congregation as we strive to proclaim Your name and serve You faithfully in our part of Your world. Guide and empower Your Church throughout the world by Your Word and Spirit to faithfully and fervently “proclaim the gospel to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15). In Jesus' name. Amen.

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life October 17, 2021

“The things that have come to pass in Jesus come from His self-giving. He becomes a fetus in Mary's womb; He becomes a crying infant, cold and hungry; He becomes a desert wanderer, starving and tormented by demons; He becomes the subject of slander and spitting; He is whipped and pierced; He is laid in the tomb. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. That's where life is found: in the crucified Jesus.”

*Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



***The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.***

Psalm 145:18

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Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

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