

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

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Jeremiah 31:7





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Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:

Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!

Prayer for the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

O God, from whom nothing is hidden, we sinners must surely tremble when we realize that You not only know everything and that nothing escapes You but also that our most secret thoughts are included in that knowledge so that it is impossible to deceive You. Open our hearts to realize that You in Your infinite omniscience and with Your infinite wisdom completely and perfectly govern and control all things. You are wisdom personified: You wisely ordained all things at the outset, and You wisely maintain these things in such an inexplicable manner that we must truly join with Paul in saying: "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!" (Rom. 11:3). May our eyes of faith be opened to see that You, as the sovereign God and Lord of the universe, want, with Your almighty wisdom, to guide and lead us, Your dear Christian children, through this present world into life eternal. We come before You as Your children because Jesus is our brother. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

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 131; antiphon: Psalm 130:1–2



Out of the depths I cry to you, | O LORD!*

O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

**O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not | raised too high;***
**I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvel- | ous for me.**

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its | mother;*,
like a weaned child is my soul with- | in me.

O Israel, hope | in the LORD*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

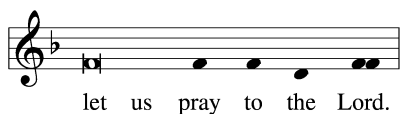
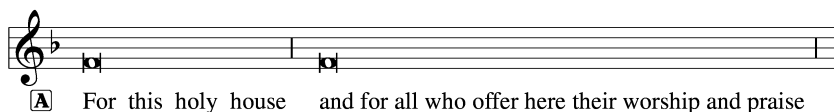
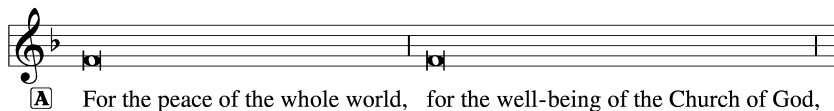
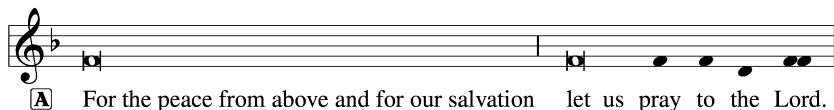
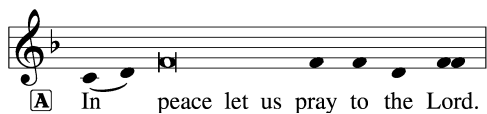
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

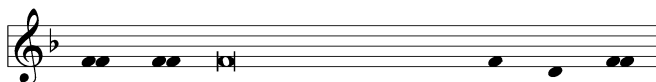
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to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

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.

O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same 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: Jeremiah 31:7–9

Thus says the LORD:

"Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'O LORD, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

Behold, I will bring them from the north country
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,
for I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1



He will command his angels con- | cerning 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: Hebrews 7:23–28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.



Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46–52

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

They came to Jericho. And as [Jesus] was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

Sermon

"Hanging On to Hope"

Text: Jeremiah 31:7-9

720 We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

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
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.

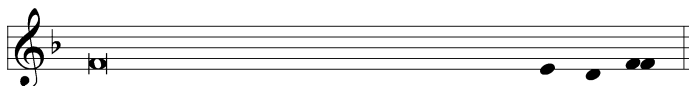
Closing Collect

- A** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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



744 Amazing Grace



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 Rodefelf, 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 last fall sale this year on Saturday, November 6 at Malley Senior Recreation Center (3380 S. Lincoln, Englewood) 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 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*

Dear Holy Cross,

It has been a wonderful privilege to worship and grow with all of you these many years.

Thank you all so much for the way you loved and took care of my family, especially my parents. You all have been one of God's most gracious gifts to us.

As we sell our house I am left wondering when I will see you again, but please know that I will be praying for you and thinking of you as I return to the seminary. I hope to visit my wonderful home state of Colorado as much as I can, so maybe this good bye will be very short. I love you all very much and will miss you.

God be with you,
Camille Cox

Bible wordsearch

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FOLLOW
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HOPE
RESURRECTION
JOY
DISCIPLES
FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
JESUS
LOVE
GOD
PEACE
HOLY
LORD
TRUST
BIBLE
KINDNESS
IMMANUEL
GOOD

Petitions and Prayers: Through His Word you are assured that God hears your prayer, even when you can't find the right words to express what is in your heart.



Health concerns:

Dear Lord Jesus, Your promises are ever before our eyes. Bring healing to those who are ill if it be Your will for their lives. Stay with them in this time of infirmity, blessing them with Your peace. Thank You that we can pray in Your name. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Sandy Olson (daughter of Jerry and Shirley Tuell) relief from pain and healing from recent car accident
- 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 Sanctity of Life

O Lord of Life who formed us from the womb, keep us from the sin of becoming comfortable with the idea that people, from the womb, are not created instantly at conception but gradually evolve. Help us to see that if we permit the evil of evolution to enter the back door of our minds, we become more susceptible to lowering our views on the sanctity of life, and then the evil of abortion will quickly follow. In the name of Jesus, whose life gave us life. Amen.

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life October 24, 2021

“Society should address every act of injustice and partiality based on ethnicity, and not allow politicians to use envy or ‘race’ for election ploys. ‘Wisdom from above’ is needed, says James, lest there be ‘wars among you.’ Resist the calls to revolution and repair to the One who is able to bring all men together, at the Cross.”

*James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James
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***Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.***

Hebrews 4:16

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**Don't give up!
Moses was once a
basket case!**