

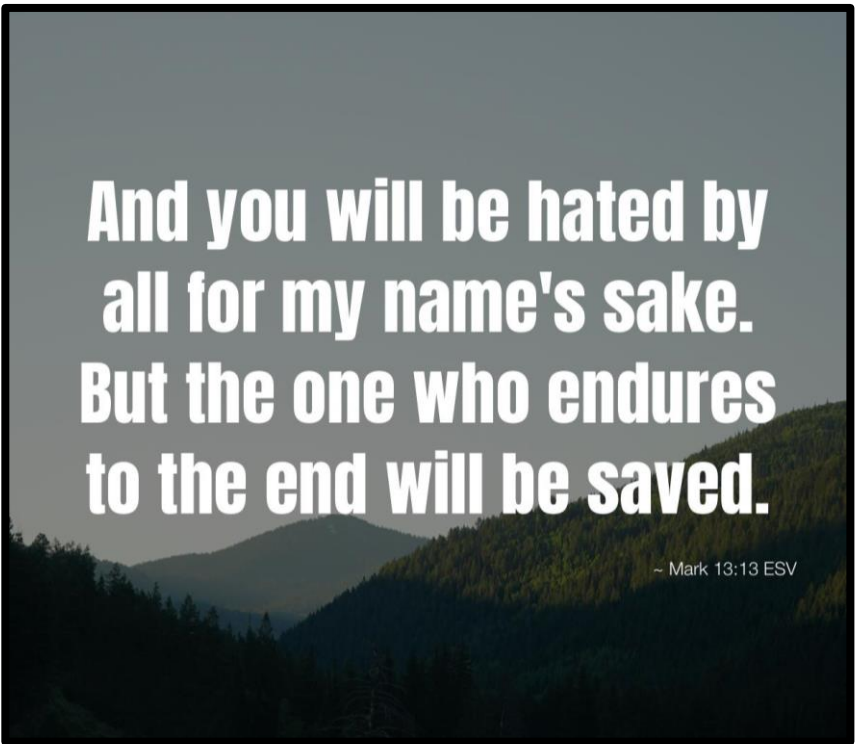
# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

**(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)**

## **Divine Service Four**

**The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 14, 2021**



**And you will be hated by  
all for my name's sake.  
But the one who endures  
to the end will be saved.**

~ Mark 13:13 ESV



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### **Prayer for the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

O almighty God, help us to repent of our sins and thus trust Jesus as our Savior; may we never believe that we are good enough to enter heaven on our own merits. Help us as we study Your written Word, to find in the Old Testament the Messiah described in vivid detail and to see in the New Testament that Jesus fits that description perfectly. Jesus lived a perfectly sinless life, died as Your offering for sin, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and rules over all things from the position of honor at Your right hand. Grant that we, as Jesus' sheep, trust the Good News that "Jesus is the Messiah." We pray in His name. Amen.



## Confession and Absolution

### 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

*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.**

## Prayer for Forgiveness

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** Amen.



## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 48:11–14; antiphon: Mark 13:13b*



The one who endures | to the end\*  
will | be saved.

**Let Mount Zion | be glad!\***

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your |  
judgments!**

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,\*  
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,

**that you may tell the next generation that this is God,  
our God forever and | ever.\***

**He will guide us 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.**

The one who endures | to the end\*  
will | be saved.

### 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.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Daniel 12:1–3

"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that

time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*



**These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.\***

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

**Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\*  
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.**

## Epistle: Hebrews 10:11–25

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,  
and write them on their minds,"

then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he

opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

**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 13:1-13

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

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

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great

buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

"But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



## Apostles' Creed

**G** 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*

## **508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**

### **Sermon**

**“Standing Firm to the End”**

Text: Mark 13:1-13

## **718 Jesus, Lead Thou On**

*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** Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; 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.

### **516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**



***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. – Curt Oliver

## New study/discussion group opportunity



Concluding on Wednesday, November 17 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. Come for one or all. We hope to see you then!

Your Evangelism Board



A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible: Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Ricky was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the psalm. After much practice, he still could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite the psalm in front of the congregation, Ricky was nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."



## Congregational Christmas Giving “Blessings at Christmas”

This Christmas we again have the opportunity to support "Blessings at Christmas" through Bethesda Lutheran Communities Ministry headquartered in down-town Littleton. This project is sponsored by "Women of the Cross."

Gift-giving this year is purchasing Gift Cards in any amount determined by your Heart. Suggested gift cards for easiest shopping: Walmart or VISA cards.

Place your "Gift Card" in the slotted Christmas-wrapped box. This will be located on your right side as you depart the Sanctuary. (Cards will be collected after second service.) We will receive you gifts beginning Sunday, November 7 through the deadline of Sunday, December 5.

Should you wish to make a cash donation or by check, make your check to: LWML - Women of the Cross - Memo: For Bethesda Christmas Blessings, and put in the slotted Christmas-wrapped box.



Bethesda Lutheran Communities will purchase meaningful and useful gifts using the donated gift cards for those living in Bethesda's home situations. Bethesda will wrap and place the gifts under the Christmas trees.

Thank you for your generosity in making someone's Christmas special! Women of the Cross

# FREE CONCERTS



The Lutheran Chorale and  
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Welcome  
Joyous Season!  
Christ's Birth

Sunday  
December 5, 2021  
2:30pm

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
2100 N. Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood, CO

Sunday  
December 5, 2021  
7:00pm

**Concordia Lutheran Church**  
13371 W. Alameda Pkwy., Lakewood, CO



## The Lutheran Chorale



We are not selling tickets but appreciate your free will offerings.  
Visit [www.thelutheranchorale.org](http://www.thelutheranchorale.org) for more information.

# 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 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:** Prayer is placing trust in God, pouring our hearts out to Him, knowing that He is able “to deliver us” in times of distress and trouble.



### **Health concerns:**

*Gracious Father, grant these people healing as best suits Your will for their lives. Help them to pray, “If it be Your will,” and so let them place themselves in Your care forever. You have shown Your love to all who suffer by sending Jesus, who bore all for us in His life and death. We pray in His name. 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
- Harlan Kurtz (Lisa Oliver’s father) – finding right medications
- Julie Ann Zamora – on-going health issues
- Linda Olson (mother of Andy Olson) – hospitalized and intubated with Covid

### **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 November 14, 2021**

“God says you are vital. You are crucial. His Body is incomplete without you. He says that to each of us, and I believe God wants us to see and say that about each other—despite our perceptions of one another.”

*Mona Fuerstenau*

*A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:19*



***Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.***  
***1 Thessalonians 5:16-18***

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***If we are not hungry for  
Christ, we are probably  
too full of ourselves.***