

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Divine Service Four

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod)

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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Father, grant that, through the Holy Spirit, we may know that the true value of the Holy Scriptures lies in its message. The Bible is Your Word—Your ordinances and Your promises of salvation. May we, with the psalmist in Ps. 19:10 declare, “They are more precious than gold, much more than pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.” Help us to trust that the teachings of the Bible meet our needs, especially the greatest need of all: to be at peace with You and to have Your promise of forgiveness of sins and of life eternal. Let us see that the Scriptures always bear witness to Your Son Jesus Christ, who, by His obedient life, death, resurrection, and ascension procured life, here and hereafter, for all people and conveys it to all who believe in Him. May we, having been shown the way to heaven in the Bible, use it to show us the right way to live in this world. In the name of Jesus, who is our ascended, victorious King. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

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 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22



Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;*
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

Give ear to my prayer, | O God,*
and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could | bear it;*
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—
then I could | hide from him.

But it is you, a man, my | equal,*
my companion, my fa- | miliar friend.

We used to take sweet counsel to- | gether;*
within God's house we walked | in the throng.

But I | call to God,*
and the LORD will | save me.

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.

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;*
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C 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.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; 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 Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:16–29

Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,

or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,

a whirling tempest;

it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

The anger of the LORD will not turn back

until he has executed and accomplished

the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

"I did not send the prophets,

yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,

yet they prophesied.

But if they had stood in my council,

then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,

and they would have turned them from their evil way,

and from the evil of their deeds.

"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common

with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



**Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.**

Epistle: Hebrews 11:17—12:3

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had

been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Alleluia and Verse



John 20:31



Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



Apostles' Creed

- ☐ 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

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Sermon

“An Unlikely Heroine”

Text: Hebrews 11:17—12:3

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Stand



Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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

Sit

Offering

(Please add your name to the red fellowship book and pass it to your fellow worshippers.)

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.

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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



Confirmation Class will begin Wednesday, September 7, 2022. The Confirmation Class is for students in grade 6 and will be held from 4-4:45 p.m. Call the church office at 303-683-1300 if you have any questions. If you have a student in grades 4 or 5, please let the office know so we can plan a pre-confirmation class.



The LWML is having "Mite Box Sunday" TODAY and the second Sunday of every month. On these Sundays they have the big Mite Box in the narthex to gather free will offerings to support the mission projects they have selected to provide for this year.

These projects are the following: Support for the University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder, Kruse Memorial Chapel Transformation, Feeding Haitian children spiritually and physically, Colorado Mesa University outreach, Financial assistance for CTSFW Food & Clothing Coop, Indonesian Hymnal Project, God Cares About You – Summer Intern Ministry, OT Translation in the Bandi Language of Liberia, Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute Infrastructure Investment, Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families, Bring Spanish Braille Bibles to Central & South America, Fostering Faith in the Forest at LVR, Equipping MOST Ministries Construction & Repair Teams, Escaping Atheist Communism-Lutheran Books for the former Soviet Union, Cross Cultural Outreach Ministry Training to the churches of RMD, Matongo Seminary Chapel, Dominican Republic Disability Ministry

Choir at Arapahoe Community College



Enjoy making music in an ensemble? Want to join a fun choir and sing diverse music? Need something to do with your Tuesday nights? Like performing on stage?

Choir at Arapahoe Community College might just be for you! The choir is a combination of college students and community members. The music is diverse. The atmosphere is professional but also laid back. We strive to create high quality music, but we also try to make the process fun. The choir has everyone from high school students to retired seniors. Some members have years of choral experience and others are novice choristers. Everyone is welcome! There is a fee to join that covers expenses and materials. Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights from 7-9 pm and culminate with a concert in ACC's Waring Theatre at the end of the semester. Please email or call: Misty Dupuis 720-732-0207 misty.dupuis@stbdenver.org.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 - 11:00 AM

FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND FUN GAMES!

ONLY COST: Canned good(s) for the local food bank!



MENU

“Walking Taco Bar”

Drinks

Desserts

What's a “Walking Taco?”

1. Grab your individual bag of Doritos, Nacho chips, or Corn chips.
2. Crush your chips in the bag.
3. Slice open the bag along the side to use it as the bowl.
(We will also provide plates for those who prefer their taco salad that way!)
4. Add your favorite meat and toppings: taco hamburger/shredded chicken and extras - beans, cheese, salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, etc.
5. Grab your drink, a fork and napkin and join your friends and family.

GAMES

Corn Hole, Giant Jenga, Golf Pitching/Putting contests, and more!

REMINDER: On this day, there will be only
one service at 10 AM.

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study will be held at 9:00 AM.

Petitions and Prayers: When we pray, there is only one mediator (intercessor) between God and man: Jesus.



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:

- Mary (relative of Tabris') pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris who is waiting to get on the heart transplant list.
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)
- Julie Ann Zamora – on-going health issues

Prayer of intercession:

Heavenly Father, do not permit us to be discouraged by the wickedness of this present evil world. Help us to await with longing hearts the return of our Savior, who will take us to Himself in heaven. Reveal the treasure of the Gospel to the hearts of sinners everywhere and turn them from their sins and unbelief to Jesus. It is in His name that we make these and all requests. Amen.

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life August 14, 2022

"Why bother living today as a child of God, striving to follow the Lord's will in words and actions in spite of trials? Why bother showing love and forgiveness toward those who hurt you? Why share the news of a Savior when it seems to have little effect? Because we live in the light of Jesus' love. Our sins are paid for and gone. Jesus' victory is ours. He promises: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12). In His light every difficulty, no matter how intimidating in our eyes, fades away. Problems become opportunities for His glory to shine all the more!"

*Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



***Your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men
but in the power of God.
1 Corinthians 2:5***

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anytime.**

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faith and God will be
your parachute**