

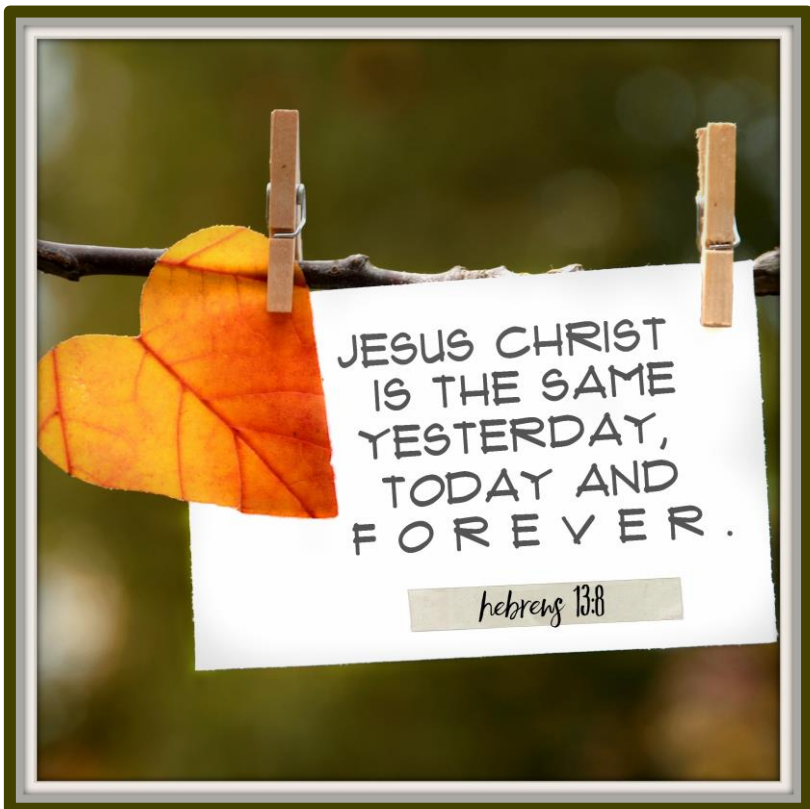
# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

## Divine Service One

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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### **Prayer for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Heavenly Father, Your Word reveals both Your and Jesus' great love for us. If it were not for Your Son, we would be under the complete domination of the sinful nature with which we were born. And without Him we would be living for ourselves and dead in sin. But Christ by His death has redeemed us from sin. John's words in his first letter, "The blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin," (1:7) give us peace of heart and peace of mind. No longer does our sin control and condemn us. We have been freed from the curse of sin; now we can live for You. Your Son's death has given us a new life now and an eternal life in heaven; we have been freed from spiritual and eternal death. O may our hearts ever be the dwelling place of Christ, Your Son, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.



## Confession and Absolution

### 813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

*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 75:1–2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7*



It is God who executes | judgment,\*  
putting down one and lifting up an- | other.

**We give thanks to you, O God;  
we give thanks, for your | name is near.\*  
We recount your | wondrous deeds.**

At the set time that | I appoint\*  
I will judge with | equity.

**For not from the east or | from the west\*  
and not from the wilderness comes | lifting up.**

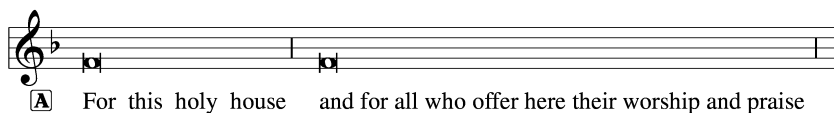
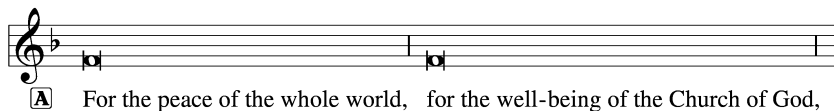
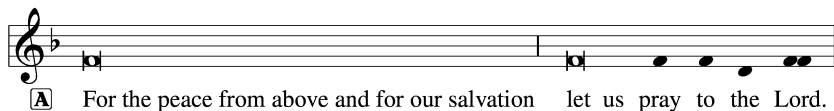
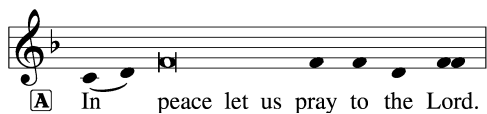
But I will declare it for- | ever;\*  
I will sing praises to the God of | Jacob.

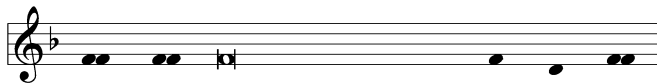
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

It is God who executes | judgment,\*  
putting down one and lifting up an- | other.

# 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 Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 25:2–10

It is the glory of God to conceal things,  
but the glory of kings is to search things out.  
As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,  
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.  
Take away the dross from the silver,  
and the smith has material for a vessel;  
take away the wicked from the presence of the king,  
and his throne will be established in righteousness.  
Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,  
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.  
What your eyes have seen  
do not hastily bring into court,  
for what will you do in the end,  
when your neighbor puts you to shame?  
Argue your case with your neighbor himself,

and do not reveal another's secret,  
lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,  
and your ill repute have no end.

**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 13:1–17

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people



through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obeys your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

**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.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1–14

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

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and consists of a few notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" And they could not reply to these things.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

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



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

*Sit*

## **842 Son of God, Eternal Savior**

### **Sermon**

#### **"The Changeless Christ"**

Text: Hebrews 13:1-17

## **695 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels**

*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  $\text{✝}$  everlasting. Amen.

## 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.)*

*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.**

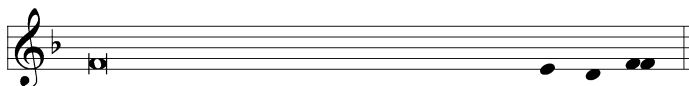
## Closing Collect

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father 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. – 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.**

### **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](mailto:misty.dupuis@stbdenver.org).



### **World Conference of Lutheran Church Leaders**

Over seventy presidents, bishops, and other leaders from worldwide confessional Lutheran churches will meet in Kisumu, Kenya for the triennial INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL WORLD CONFERENCE, September 13-16. Please pray for safe travel and a blessed conference. For more information about the World Conference and about the International Lutheran Council visit [www.ILCouncil.org](http://www.ILCouncil.org).

**Petitions and Prayers:** Jesus answers only prayers based on His Word. He answers all prayers prompted by His Word working in us.



### **Health concerns:**

*God of everlasting power, enable those people with illnesses to bear them with a measure of forbearance. Stay with them, granting them Your peace. Bless the efforts of the doctors and nurses involved in caring for them. We pray in the name of Your Son who helps us keep our eyes of faith focused on our eternal home. 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)

### **Prayer of intercession:**

*\*Lord, I am weary and burdened by the brokenness of this world and my own sin struggles in my heart. Father, there is no lasting peace apart from You! You alone are my steadiness in uncertain times. Thank You that I can trust in Your unchanging character and find rest for my soul. Impress the blessed balm of Your peace on my heart today. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

### **“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life August 28, 2022**

“So, pray, dear army of God, for the courage to seize opportunities to speak of God’s saving glory and the peace it brings! So, pray, dear army of God, for those God has sent, in His name and ours, to herald that message where we cannot go! So, pray, dear army of God, that God would ... equip the next generation of faithful witnesses to add their voices to the chorus.”

*Rev. Dr. Rich Gurgel, president of Martin Luther College  
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***The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.***

***Isaiah 40:8***



***Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God.  
Isaiah 40:28***

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