Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Four

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 2022





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September 4, 2022

8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Lord God, blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered with the blood of Jesus. Our only hope is to take refuge in You against whom we have sinned. Blessed is the person whose sin You do not count against him. Oh, the peace that calms our consciences when we are told again and again in Your Word that You are merciful and gracious, forgiving sinners in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ, who bore our sins, fulfilled Your law for us and paid in full our debt of punishment. Thank You for cleansing us with His blood; we pray in His name. 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

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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.
- **G** Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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

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.

C Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:28-32; antiphon: v. 27



Make me understand the way of your | precepts,* and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

My soul melts away for | sorrow;* strengthen me according | to your word!

Put false ways | far from me* and graciously teach | me your law!

I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;*
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.

I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;*
let me not be put to shame!

I will run in the way of your com- | mandments* when you en- | large my heart!

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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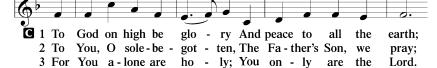
Kyrie Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

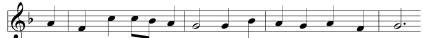




Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

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.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual



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: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

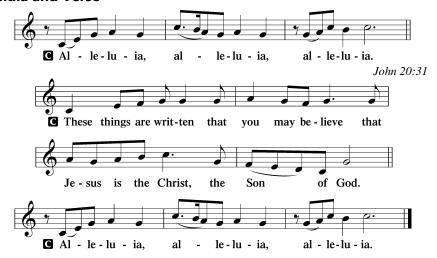
Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand



Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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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.

853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Sermon

"Freed to Serve"

Text: Philemon 1-21

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 worshipers.)



Service of the Sacrament

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

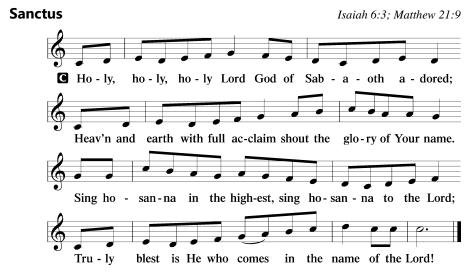
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Preface

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

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your

Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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

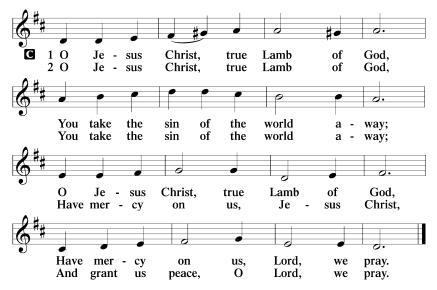
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

- ealso P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei John 1:29



Sit

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



Distribution

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.

642 O Living Bread from Heaven

783 Take My Life and Let It Be

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

BenedictionNumbers 6:24-26

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.

G Amen.

661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War



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Announcements



Assisting Elders: 8 a.m. – Steve White 10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



Confirmation Class will begin this 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.

REMINDER: Next Sunday, September 11, there will be only one service at 10 AM.

Sunday, September 11, 2022

9 AM - Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10 AM - Combined Worship Service

11 AM - Church Picnic

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?"

- Grab you 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.
- Grab your drink, a fork and napkin and join your friends and family.

GAMES

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

Women of the Cross - LWML Fall Mission Project

Denver Rescue Mission Month of September



Gently used shoes and "only new" socks



Place your donated items in the large plastic box in the Narthex.

Thank you - They are happy to hear of our desire to help with their needs.



LWML - Women of the Cross News

Women of the Cross Meeting Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex Coffee and refreshments... See you there -

LWML Fall Rally—South Central Zone Saturday, September 24, 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Aurora

Michael Burkhardt Hymn Festival At Ascension Lutheran Church



Prolific hymn improviser, composer and organist will give a hymn festival sponsored by the Rocky Mountain American Guild of Organists on Friday, September 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church in Littleton, 1701 W. Caley Ave. (303-794-4636). Free to the public, the concert features hymns of many times, genres and places and

includes organ, choir, bells, timpani and brass quartet. Individuals may sing in the choir if desired and child care is provided. To sing in the choir or for more information about the concert, contact Ascension's Director of Music Ministries, Michael Zehnder at musicmikealc@gmail.com.



The Lutheran Chorale is a volunteer choir that performs four concerts per year. Everyone is welcome to join us! The music is beautiful and challenging.

Rehearsals are Monday evenings at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 N. Wadsworth Blvd., Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Our first concert this fall will be on

Sunday, October 2nd at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Highlands Ranch in the afternoon and at Concordia Lutheran Church in Lakewood in the evening. Rehearsals begin on Monday, September 5 (Labor Day weekend) at 7:00 p.m. The Christmas Concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, 2022.

In addition to the scheduled concerts, the Chorale has been invited to sing the National Anthem at the Colorado Rockies game at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22nd. The Rockies will be playing the San Francisco Giants. Tickets must be purchased in advance, from this link: rockies.com/anthem. Scroll through the list to The Lutheran Chorale on 9/22. Follow the directions, providing your email for ticket delivery. We also need you to let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to sing with us so we can plan for the number of seats and send you practice Please David Petersen information. email at davidj3601@gmail.com. You are welcome to bring friends and family with you, ticket cost is \$23.00 each. The seats are along the third base line, in the shade!

We hope you can join us for the events outlined above. God's Blessings!

Christine Krueger Media Coordinator



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.

Petitions and Prayers: Prayer is continuously looking to God and relying on His strength.



Health concerns:

Heavenly Father, as You sent Your Son to be with us in times of illness and pain, we beseech You to bring healing to those who are ill as best suits Your will. Bless the efforts of their doctors, surgeons, and health care workers to facilitate their return to health. Keep Your holy angels around them in their times of worry and pain. 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:

*Heavenly Father, thank You for granting us the privilege of coming to You with our sorrows, troubles, and needs, with our questions, doubts, and weaknesses. You promise to hear our prayers and to answer them in Your wisdom and love. Enable us to pray earnestly and trustingly. Lead us to read, listen, and learn from Your Holy Word that we may grow in Christian faith and in joyful service to You. Bring us to repentance, shower us with forgiveness, and renew us with the promise of eternal life. Give us courage to witness to the Gospel truth so that faith may go from faith to faith. We pray in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Savior. Amen.

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life September 4, 2022

"We all belong, first and foremost, to God. His creative and redemptive acts bring value and meaning to our lives. Because we belong to Him, He provides all we need. Our lives also belong to each other, and because we are connected through the body of Christ, we are not alone. We are necessary to each other as we serve through our vocations."

Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life
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The Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. Psalm 1:6

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