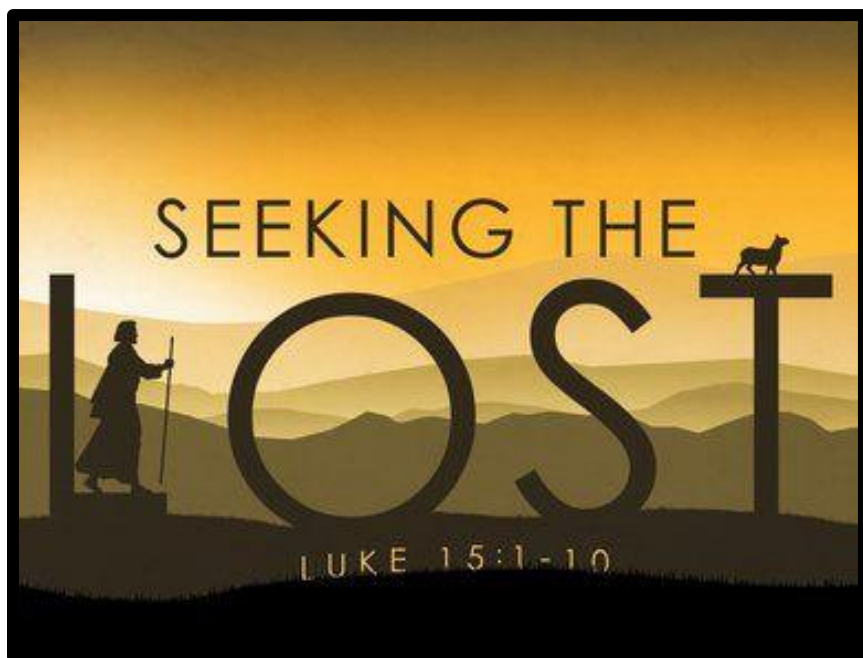


Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Divine Service Four

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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10 AM

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Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

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Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:

Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!

Prayer for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O holy God, grant that we have daily recourse to Your Word so that we not torment ourselves with all sorts of doubts as to Your ways with man and thus willfully close our eyes to the light which Christ offers us in the Scriptures. May we ever trust that the Bible is Your Word and clearly reveals to us what is necessary for our salvation: it shows Your heart as it tells us of Jesus and His salvation, it explains the task Jesus had to accomplish and the words He spoke, and it assures us of Your grace, the forgiveness of our sins and our eternal salvation. Let us ever remember that it is by means of this Word that the Holy Spirit comes to us, illumines the Gospel in our hearts so that we believe Your Word, find comfort in it and silence again any doubts that arise in our hearts In the name of Jesus who is the holy light, our divine guide. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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 30:2–5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b



You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;*
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

**O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.**

O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those
who go down | to the pit.

**Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the | morning.

**Glorify 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.**

You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;*
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

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-shipped 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.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11–24

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C 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: 1 Timothy 1:5–17

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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: Luke 15:1–10

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

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

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **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

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Sermon

“God’s Search and Rescue Mission”

Text: Luke 15:1-10

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

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** 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.

- 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.

506 Glory Be to God the Father



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 meets Wednesdays at 4 p.m. The Confirmation Class is for students in grade 6.

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

LWML 2022 Giving Tuesday: September to Remember. Giving Tuesday—a day of giving—is celebrated by many organizations the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. LWML is celebrating this event on September 13, 2022 — our own September to Remember. This year, we will focus on “Treasures of Your Heart.”

For one day only, on September 13th, donate toward the LWML Mission Goal in honor or memory of that special treasure, and pray for our mission grants. Donate online at <http://www.lwml.org/givingtuesday> on September 13. Matching gifts up to a total of \$10,000 will double your impact! (If you choose not to donate online, you may mail your contributions to LWML at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Please note “September to Remember” or “Giving Tuesday” with your contribution.)



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.

Michael Burkhardt Hymn Festival At Ascension Lutheran Church



When is the last time you sang your heart out at a hymn festival?

Well, here's your chance to sing festive hymn arrangements with organ, choir, brass, percussion and bells. Led by internationally renowned Dr. Michael Burkhardt, Artist-Professor of Organ at Eastern Michigan University, the concert will feature his fine art of improvisation and composition. Dr. Burkhardt will lead us through many seasons of the church year using eleven different genres of hymns from all over the world. The (free) hymn festival is on Friday September 30 at 7:30 p.m. and there is a hymn playing workshop for organists the next day from 9-11 a.m. Childcare is provided at the concert. Both the festival and workshop are at Ascension Lutheran Church in Littleton, 1701 W. Caley Ave. (303-794-4636). You can even sing with the choir if you can attend a rehearsal on Thursday. For information about that or more information about the hymn festival please 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 information. Please email David Petersen 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: Through Jesus who justified us by His death and resurrection, we are assured that God will hear us and will “freely give us all things.”



Health concerns:

Lord Jesus, great is Your love and great is Your mercy. Grant those who are sick hearts that trust in Your promise never to leave them nor forsake them. Whether or not removing their suffering and restoring their health is Your will for their lives now, keep them in Your grace and strengthen their faith. 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:

**Father of mercies and God of all comfort, be with those who are hurting today. As we remember the many lives lost that day, as well as the heroic efforts of the first responders, we are humbled by the brevity of life. Preserve our nation from future attacks and, even more, guard our hearts from the attacks of the evil one. May we live this day and every day in light of eternity. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Prayer for Holy Cross Day (September 14)

**Father, only You could take something as horrific as a cross and turn it into a thing of beauty! By the blood that was spilled on that instrument of torture, I am made whole and pure. You stretched out Your lavish mercy through the nail-pierced hands of Your Son, ushering me into a right relationship with You. I am forever grateful for the beauty of the cross. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life September 11, 2022

“A Christian funeral isn’t the end. Yes, we don’t deny death. That would be foolish and insensitive. But in Christ, we defy death. That’s Christian. Because the dead don’t stay down when Jesus is involved. They are saints triumphant! Encourage one another with these words.”

*Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Redwood Falls, Minnesota Illinois
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***For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.
Luke 19:10***

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The Lutheran Hour
Sunday mornings at
6 a.m. on 850 KOA Radio or
or and click on "Listen Now"
anytime.**

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***You are never
too lost to be
saved!***