Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2022

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus. who gave himself as a ransom for all people. from 1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6



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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, remind us that by nature every human heart is shrouded in darkness. None of us can by his own reason or strength believe in You who is the only true light. But what we cannot do on our own, the Holy Spirit can work in us through the Gospel. He sends its beams of light into our dark, perverted hearts, works faith in You, the true light, and awakens in us the desire to live as children of light who will one day enjoy the eternal light in Your heavenly mansions. Grant that we trust that whoever in faith comes to You, the true light, can no longer love darkness and the works of darkness; he must be engaged in works that reflect Your light. We pray in Your name, O precious light. 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

847 Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing

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 1 John 1:8–9

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.
- 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.

C Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:137-140, 142; antiphon: v. 144



Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;* give me understanding that | I may live.

Righteous are you, | O LORD,* and right are your | just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in | righteousness* and in all | faithfulness.

My zeal con- | sumes me,* because my foes for- | get your words.

Your promise is | well tried,* and your servant | loves it.

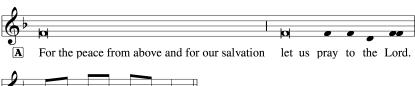
Your righteousness is righteous for- | ever,* and your | law is true.

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.

Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;* give me understanding that | I may live.

Kyrie Mark 10:47









For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



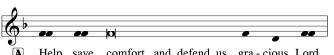




For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.





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Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

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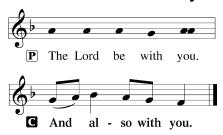




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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading: Amos 8:4-7

and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

Hear this, you who trample on the needy

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- 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 2:1-15

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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



Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-15

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



[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

Sermon

"One Mediator, One Ransom"

Text: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

Stand



Nicene Creed

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

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.

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.)

Stand



Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19





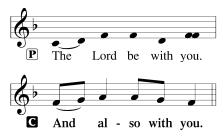
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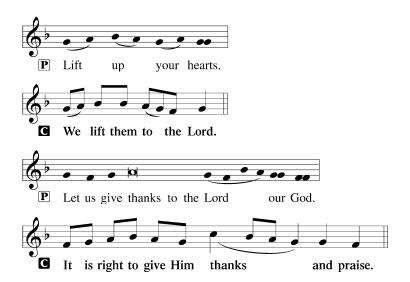
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Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.

Preface

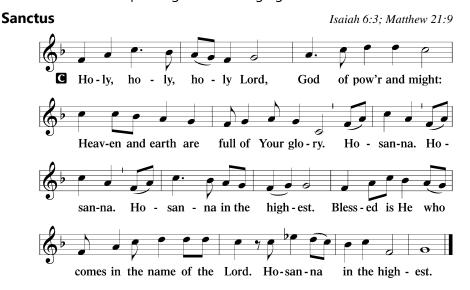
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]





Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your onlybegotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

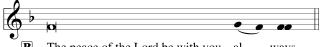
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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 ⅓ 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 John 20:19

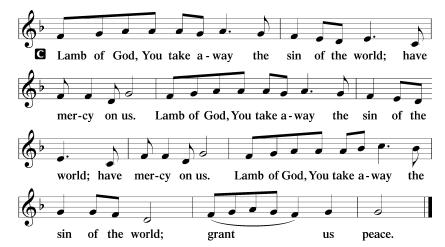


The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.





Agnus Dei John 1:29



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



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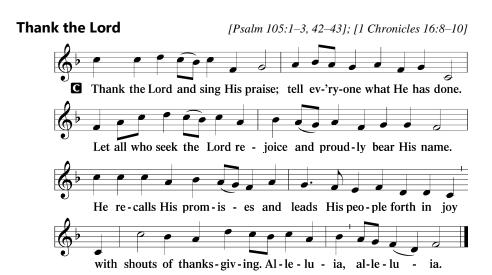
Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

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.

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Stand



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.



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.



851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



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

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

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

Portals of Prayer for October-December 2022 are out!

Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex. We have digest size copies if you need larger print. These are a great resource to use in your daily devotions!



While standing during various parts of the Divine Service shows respect and honor given to our Lord and Savior during worship, it is not a requirement. If at any time you feel the need to take a seat, please feel free to do so.



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. David Please email 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

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12



Holy Cross Lutheran is on Facebook. Check us out and Like us at facebook.com/HolyCrossHighlandsRanch.

HEART PHEART - 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

The following people sent thank you notes to **Heart 2 Heart** for the recent home and personal items.

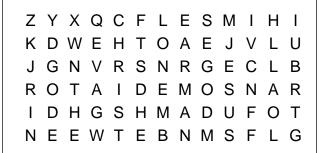
- 1. Clarissa loved everything you sent she was so excited to have things for kids to make their home feel like home. (She traveled across the country with kids to escape abusive husband.)
- 2. They were so surprised and excited about all kitchen items and toys that they received. But I think Bradley, the father, might have been the most excited about his lunch box. He thought it was a really nice lunch box and was really excited to take it to work with him the next day!
- 3. Hi, it's Donovan, from your latest wolf basket request. I just wanted to reach out and say how grateful I am! Although I have yet to have had the time to make brownies, at least now I have a place to call home-and the equipment with which to make them. Thank you for your dedication to us vets, and I am especially touched by the wolf canvas...as the synchronicity between desire and manifestation was made even more evident. Hope you and your ladies have great days ahead, and know that your service is appreciated:)

Word Search Challenge

Can you find the words of the Scripture verse in the following word search? Look up, down, diagonally, backwards, across—every direction. Circle each word in the diagram and then circle the same word in the verse once you have found it

There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all.

1 Timothy 2:5-6



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 with 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 Ministries, Director of Music Michael Zehnder musicmikealc@gmail.com.

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1 Timothy 2:1-6

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Petitions and Prayers: Our heavenly Father understands that we are often too weak to pray and do not know how to pray "as we ought."



Health concerns:

Dear Jesus, Great Physician of body and soul, hear our prayer for those who are sick. Be for them the grace sufficient for them in this time of suffering. Remind them that in their weakness Your power is being brought to perfection. If it be Your will, bring healing to these people, even as we anticipate the ultimate healing in the joys of heaven. 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:

*O Lord our God, grace our time in Your Word and in prayer so that we are cleansed and empowered for service in Your kingdom. We ask Your Spirit to keep us from being disheartened and discouraged by bringing to our remembrance Your promise in 2 Kings 19:30, "and the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward" so that Satan cannot win in his attempts to derail our efforts in Your kingdom. May we be nourished in Your Word as we "take root below" so that we can "bear fruit above" as Your Spirit matures the fruit of faith in us. Thus our Lord Jesus strengthens and protects His saints, His chosen believing brothers and sisters, those who fear Him. Amen.

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life September 18, 2022

"To be authentic is to be vulnerable with others—and that may make us fearful. It might be messy, and that makes us uncomfortable. It takes time. Our reminder as we [the Church] seek to become a place of belonging is 1 Corinthians 12:18: 'But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.'"

Mona Fuerstenau
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Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Hebrews 9:15

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anytime.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church





Salvation is free but Jesus paid an enormous price for it.