

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

## Divine Service One

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

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the good  
fight of  
Faith

I Timothy 6:12





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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:  
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

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

Dearest Jesus, You who are one with the Father, help us to know that the power behind Your promises is Your deity. You, the only-begotten Son of the Father, are God and, as such, will keep every promise You make. Open our understanding to trust that, because You are God, You could lay down Your life for the sheep and be the sin offering that truly takes away the sin of the world. You could take up Your life again, rising from the dead. You are the resurrection and the life who says, "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies." You will be our judge on the Last Day when You will judge us based on Your life and death for us. Warm our hearts with Your rich promises as we are told in John 10, "I give them [My sheep] eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand." We bow our hearts before You, our Savior and God. Amen.



## Confession and Absolution

### 797 Praise the Almighty

*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  $\text{✠}$  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 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: v. 76*



Let your steadfast love | comfort me\*  
according to your promise to your | servant.

**Your hands have made and | fashioned me;\*  
give me understanding that  
I may learn your com- | mandments.**

Those who fear you shall see me | and rejoice,\*  
because I have hoped | in your word.

**I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are | righteous,\*  
and that in faithfulness you have af- | flicted me.**

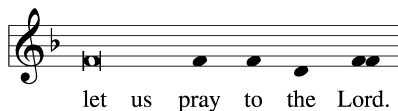
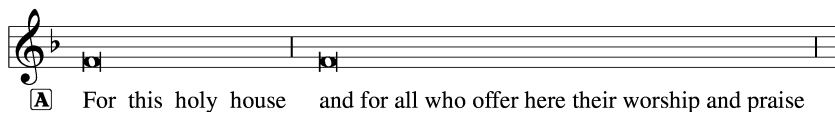
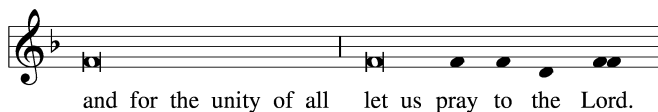
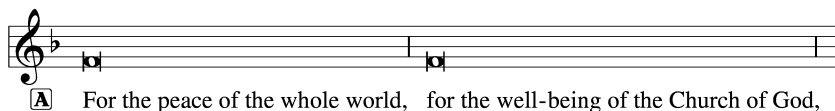
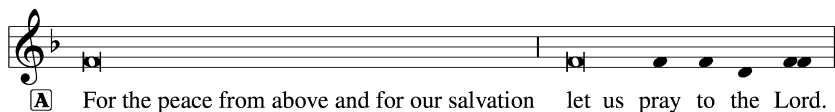
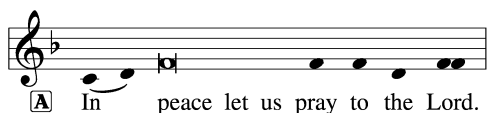
Let your mercy come to me, that | I may live;\*  
for your law is | my delight.

**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.**

Let your steadfast love | comfort me\*  
according to your promise to your | servant.

# 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 God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Amos 6:1–7

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,  
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,  
the notable men of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel comes!

Pass over to Calneh, and see,  
and from there go to Hamath the great;  
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?

Or is their territory greater than your territory,  
O you who put far away the day of disaster  
and bring near the seat of violence?

"Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and stretch themselves out on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the midst of the stall,  
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

who drink wine in bowls  
 and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
 but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
 Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into  
 exile,  
 and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall  
 pass away."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 91:11; 103:1*



**He will command his angels con- | cerning you\***  
**to guard you in | all your ways.**  
**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\***  
**and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!**

## Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:6–19

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will



display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

**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 16:19–31

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth 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 ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he

lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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



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

*Sit*

## 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

### Sermon

#### "Fight the Good Fight"

Text: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

## 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

*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.**

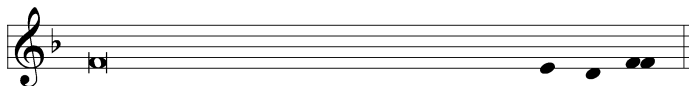
## Closing Collect

- 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.



## 730 What Is the World to Me

  
***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



*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.*

### **Women of the Cross - LWML Fall Mission Project**

Denver Rescue Mission  
Month of September and October



**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.

***I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.***

***2 Timothy 4:7-8***

### ***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!*



***Singing the Great Hymns of Faith***  
***Concert by the Lutheran Chorale***

**Sunday, October 2, 2022 -- 2:30pm**

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9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd.

Highlands Ranch, CO

(303) 683-1300

And

**Sunday, October 2, 2022 -- 6:30pm**

**Concordia Lutheran Church**

13371 W. Alameda Parkway

Lakewood, CO

(303) 989-5260

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**Internationally-Known Organist To Give  
Hymn Festival at Ascension Lutheran Church**



A concert/hymn-festival by internationally known composer/organist will be held on Friday, September 30, 7:30 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church in Littleton, 1701 W. Caley Ave. (303-794-4636). Dr. Burkhardt has entitled his concert "Singing the Psalms of Life" and besides Michael as the featured organist and hymn improviser the

festival includes choir, handbells, brass quartet and readers. The hymn festival is sponsored by the Rocky Mountain American Guild of Organists. There is no charge for the event and child-care is provided. The following day on Saturday, a hymn-playing workshop for organists is provided at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Ascension's Director of Music Ministries at [musicmikealc@gmail.com](mailto:musicmikealc@gmail.com).



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# HEART HEART - 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



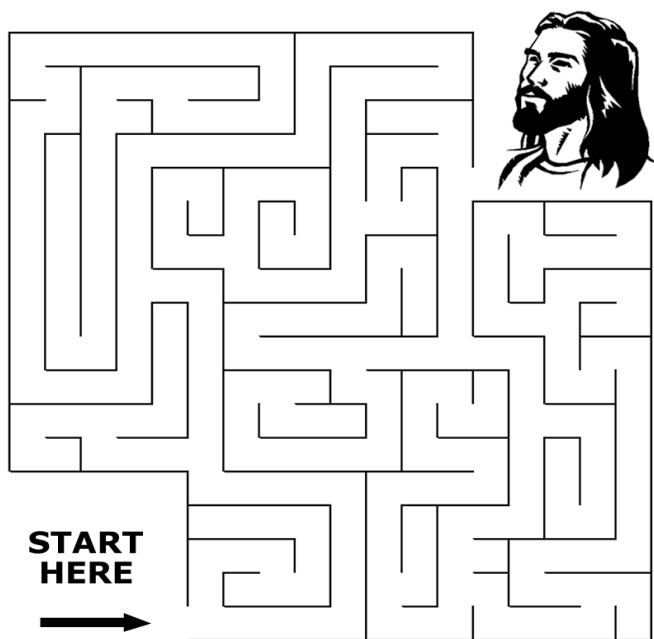
The following people sent thank you notes to **Heart 2 Heart** for the recent home and personal items.

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 :)

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# 1 Timothy 6:12

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**Petitions and Prayers:** In love, God gives us His Holy Spirit to help us in prayer. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us, but always “according to the will of God.”



### **Health concerns:**

*Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician of our bodies and souls. Great is Your love and great is Your mercy. Grant those who are sick trusting hearts, enabling them to be assured that You work all things together for good to those who love You. Bring them healing in Your way and in Your time. 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 having testing for 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, we know from Your Word that You desire circumcised hearts and ears. You want all of us—our inner person, desires, and attention. Only then will what we product be pleasing to You, for it will be done out of love and not duty. Realign our affections so we rejoice to obey You and therefore bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

### **“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life September 25, 2022**

“Every time we speak up for the sanctity of life, whether for the unborn, the disabled, the elderly, or the marginalized, we speak for hope. Every time we drop some coins or a check into a baby bottle, we stand for hope and healing and life. Every time we personally care for someone or hug someone or talk to someone who is in a crisis pregnancy or is disabled or is elderly or is marginalized, we show them Christ. We show them the common ground that transcends all our differences. We show them that all our lives matter because God made us. He chose each of us to be His child, and He will never leave us or forsake us. Let us never give up on baby bottle drives and hugs and smiles. The world needs us!”

*Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M.,  
Lutherans For Life regional director of Texas  
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



***Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,  
Psalm 146:5***

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**Prayer is  
hand to  
hand  
combat.**

