

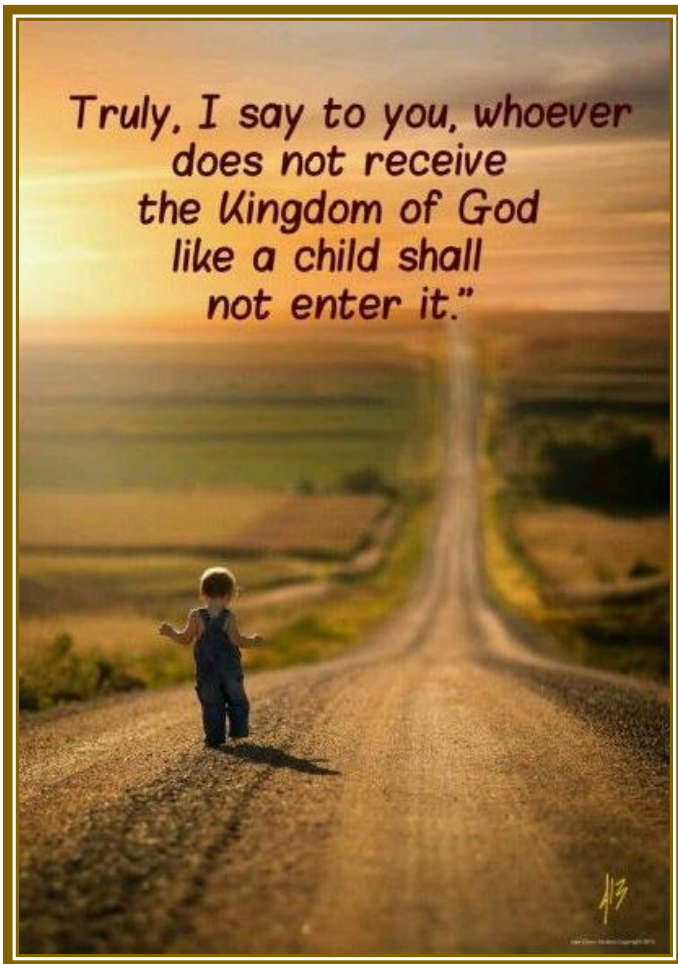
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

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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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Jesus, may Your Spirit guard us from the evil one so that he has no power over us. As we come before You in penitence, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us always ponder the salvation You bought for us with Your suffering and death on the cross. You have freed us to be witnesses to the Good News of salvation to those who do not know of Your love for them. Grant us humble and repentant hearts as we follow You to the cross and beyond that to the empty tomb of the resurrection. In Your blessed name we pray. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

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.
- 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 56:10–13; antiphon: v. 3



When I | am afraid,*
I put my | trust in you.

**In God, whose | word I praise,*
in the LORD, whose | word I praise,**

in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.*
What can man | do to me?

**I must perform my vows to you, | O God;*
I will render thank offerings | to you.**

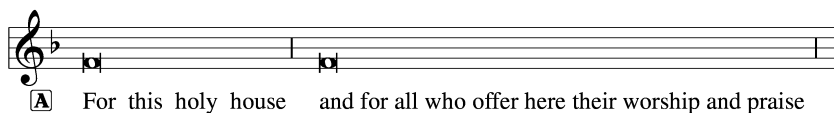
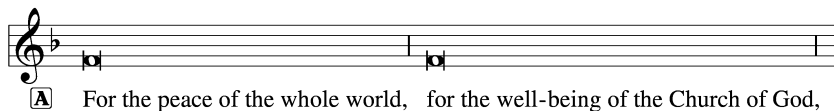
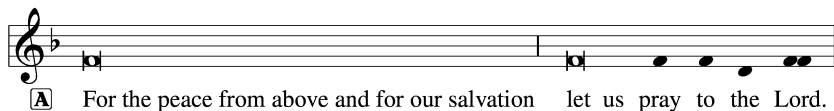
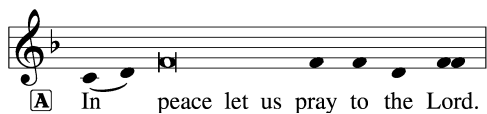
For you have delivered my soul from death,
yes, my feet from | falling,*
that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

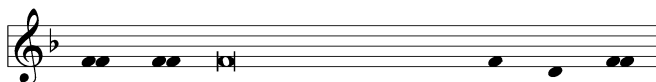
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

When I | am afraid,*
I put my | trust in you.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of 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: Genesis 4:1–15

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the

LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G 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: 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 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. . . .

At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me

from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

G 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 a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with a 'G' in a box at the beginning of the first line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9–17

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

G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I

say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

745 In God, My Faithful God

Sermon

"Receiving the Kingdom of God"

Text: Luke 18:9-17

573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

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 † 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

Psalms 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.**

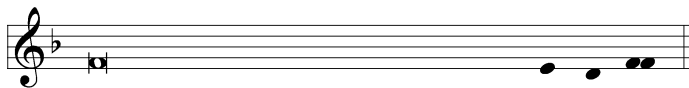
Closing Collect

P Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



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.



741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense vs. 1-4



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



Truth and Liberty Coalition is a Colorado non-profit organization dedicated to educating, mobilizing, and unifying the Body of Christ to stand for biblical Truth in the public square. You can learn more about them at www.truthandliberty.net. They have created a non-partisan voter guide as a tool to help congregants make informed decisions as they seek to vote according to biblical values. These guides are on the table by the front door in the narthex.

If you would like to learn more about the candidates, they also recommend the Christian voter guides published online by Church Voters Guides (churchvoterguides.org).

Women of the Cross - LWML Fall Mission Project

Denver Rescue Mission
Months 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.

The Pharisee & The Tax Collector

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 18:14b (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 18:9-14 (NIV).



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CONFIDENT

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HUMBLE
EVILDOERS
SINNER

Petitions and Prayers: Jesus invites us to come to Him through prayer, and promises that He will give us “rest.”



Health concerns:

Dear Lord Jesus, Your promises are ever before our eyes. Bring healing to those who are ill if it be Your will for their lives. Stay with them in this time of infirmity, blessing them with Your peace. Thank You that we can pray in Your name. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Devon Hanson (grandson of Connie and Terry Mitchell) – hospitalized with mental health issues.
- Mary (relative of Tabris') pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris should officially be on heart transplant list soon
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)

Prayer of intercession:

**Heavenly Father, we lift up our hearts in thanksgiving for all of the blessings You continue to pour out on our nation and its people despite our many transgressions against Your will. Grant Your wisdom to the leaders of our country that they will make just and honorable decisions and will work for the good of all the people they serve. May we know the peace of Your Son Jesus so that in our times of tribulation our hearts will be cheerful. We pray in the name of the One who has overcome the world as He told us in John 16:33: "...These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world." Amen.*

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life October 23, 2022

We may think our prayers are small in relation to the magnitude of the problem of abortion. Not so! ... Educate yourself, your children, and the people you know about Lutherans For Life ... Support leaders who embrace these words, ‘All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.’ ... We have the most hopeful message the world has ever heard. You know it. God does big things with small stuff. How can we be so sure?

Shiphrah and Puah, Jochebed, Miriam, and Moses ... and especially Jesus.” Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN
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***But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.***

Matthew 6:33

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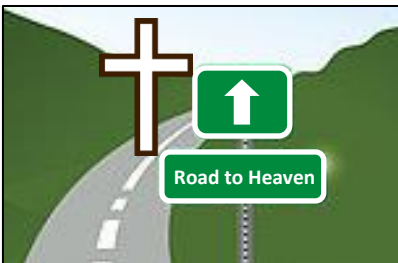
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