

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Three

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023

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The Chain of Redemption



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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

God, source of all that is good, may we never neglect Your love! Grant that we meditate on it, talk to You about it, and ask You to remind us of it in the hard times that are a part of life and in the times of joy You grant. May You nourish our love for You as we spend time in Your Word. Let us continue to study the Scriptures and allow the Holy Spirit to open our minds and our understanding of the Christ they preach. Grant that our study of the Old Testament cast its light on the New Testament and that the prophets and evangelists open our understanding of the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms. By Your grace, with joy and confidence, we will see that our faith in Jesus Christ, Your crucified and resurrected Son, is the only true faith there is. We come before You in the name of Jesus, who has all power at His command. 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

907 God Himself Is Present

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

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1



Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

**Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him; *
tell of all his | wondrous works!**

Glory in his | holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

**Seek the LORD | and his strength; *
seek his presence con- | tinually!**

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done, *
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, his | servant, *
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**

**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.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Gloria Patri



G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

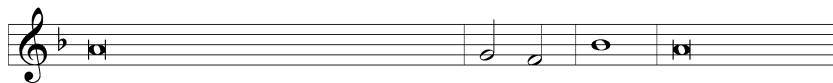
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



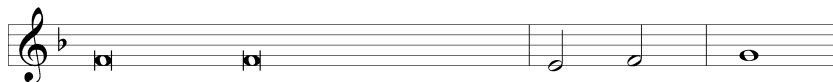
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir-it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6–9

“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36



**Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom
and knowl- | edge of God!***

**How unsearchable are his judgments
and how inscrutable | his ways!**

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle: Romans 8:28–39

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all

things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

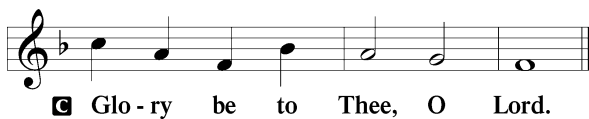
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Alleluia



Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men

drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



Nicene Creed

C 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.

Sit

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

Sermon

"Foreknown, Predestined, Called, Justified, and Glorified"

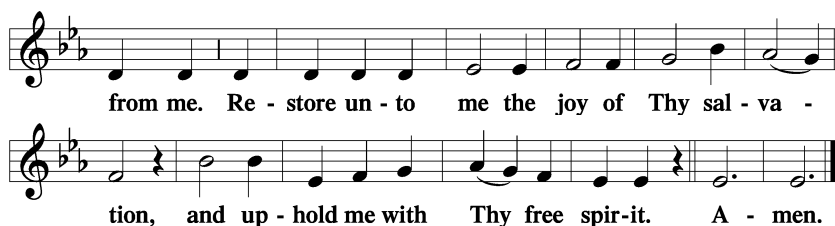
Text: Romans 8:28-39

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



Sit

Offering

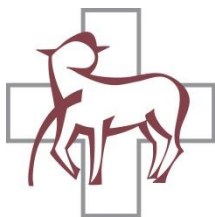
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Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.



Service of the Sacrament

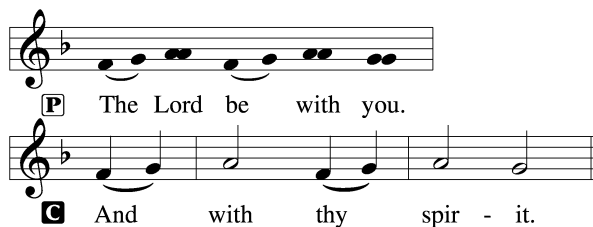


Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.



Preface

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





P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

☐ 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

John 20:19

Two staves of music in G major. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). It contains a melody of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains a melody of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7. Below the first staff is the text "P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways." and below the second staff is the text "G A - men."

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

Five staves of music in G major. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). It contains a melody of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains a melody of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The third staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains a melody of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The fourth staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains a melody of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The fifth staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains a melody of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7. Below the first staff is the text "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the" and below the second staff is the text "world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that" and below the third staff is the text "tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us." and below the fourth staff is the text "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the" and below the fifth staff is the text "world, grant us Thy peace. A - men."

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.

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

654 Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

Stand

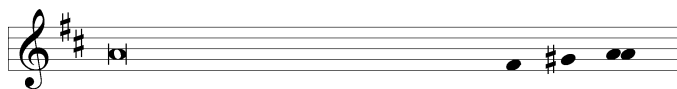
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

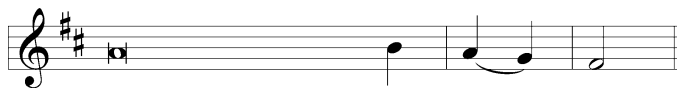
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 A - men.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



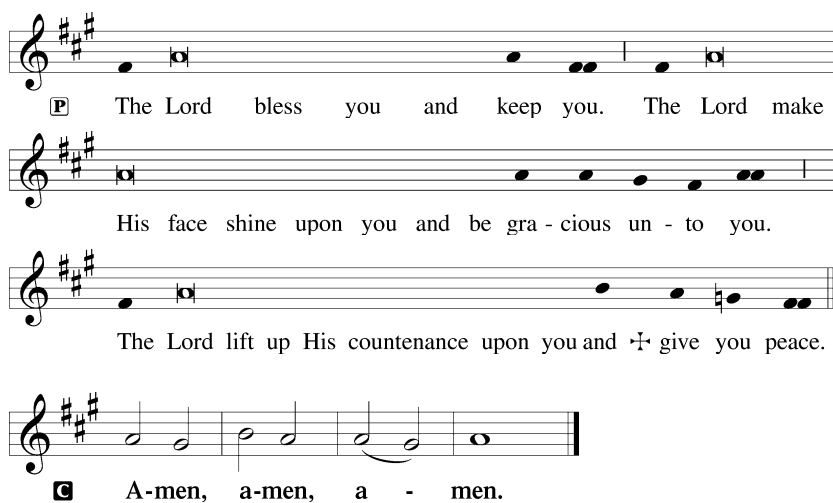
A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



Soli Deo Gloria!
(To God alone be the glory.)

Acknowledgments

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Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Scott Schlapkohl

10:30 a.m. – Andy Olson

Graduation Party



The Ogu family would like to invite you to a graduation party on Saturday, August 5 at 3 p.m., at General's Park in Aurora (1561 Quentin St., Aurora, CO 80011) to celebrate Nche's graduation from ThunderRidge High School in May. (Questions-contact Mavis at 303-960-7528)



July/August Mission Project

For the months of July and August, we are introducing a local Denver based organization formerly known as Street's Hope. They are now called Voluntad (/bolun'tad/ - referring to free will.)

Voluntad: The ability to choose with freedom and dignity

Street's Hope/Voluntad provides survivor-informed services to support and empower survivors of all forms of human trafficking. Street's Hope/Voluntad works to bring awareness and education to our community in the fight against exploitation and human trafficking. We envision a world where all people can choose the direction of their own lives, free from exploitation.

Pick up a card from the table in the narthex for more information.

Voluntad.org | 720-420-9951 | Admin@Voluntad.org

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life July 30, 2023

“The Church is under an incredible assault, but perhaps never has the opportunity been greater. The question is whether we wish to take it, whether we want to be salt, or whether we'll just mark time, leaving nothing but ruins for those who follow in our footsteps.”

*Rev. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary
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Petitions and Prayers: Through His Word you are assured that God hears your prayer, even when you can't find the right words to express what is in your heart.



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:

- **Joy Pinkston** is having knee replacement surgery on July 31.
- **Eric Pinkston** (son of **Bill and Joy**) is being tested for heart problems and high blood pressure.
- Friends of the **Pinkstons**: **Carolyn** having hip replacement surgery on 8/2; **Elaine** is having heart testing on 8/3; **Greg** has been on kidney dialysis for several years and his doctors are determining the wisdom of his getting a kidney transplant.
- **Jenny, Paul** and daughter **Ivy** who had a heart stint put in upon birth. Ivy is doing well and will go home in a couple of weeks (family friends of **Marie McQuarrie**)
- **Devon** Hanson (grandson of **Connie and Terry Mitchell**) – mental health issues
- **Dillon** (grandson of **Connie and Terry Mitchell** - health issues
- **Roger Frank** (brother of **Connie Mitchell**) cancer
- **Mary** (relative of **Tabris**) pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- **Angela** (single mother in Illinois) friend of **Helen Tabris** –waiting for heart transplant
- **Jamie** (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter **Jade** (is being adopted by family in Colorado)

**Our triune God, we give You humble thanks for Your steadfast love and provision. In the midst of our idolatry, selfishness, and wastefulness, You open Your hand and satisfy all our needs. Truly, how abundant is Your generosity to us poor sinners; how countless are Your unending mercies that are new every morning! May we ever praise You, for great is Your faithfulness. Amen.*



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**Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

Psalm 125:4

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