

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

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.



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

818 In Thee Is Gladness

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

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2



I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

I will greatly rejoice | in the LORD;*
my soul shall exult | in my God,

for he has clothed me with the garments of sal- | vation;*
he has covered me with the robe of | righteousness,

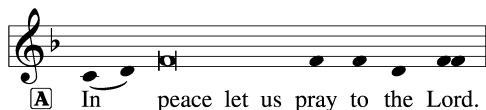
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest
with a beautiful | headdress,*
and as a bride adorns herself | with her jewels.

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.

I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

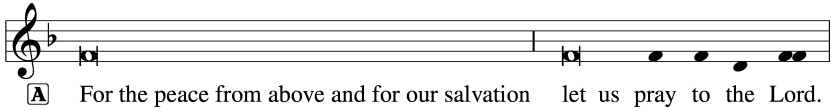
Kyrie

Mark 10:47





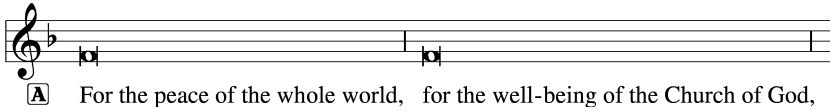
C Lord, have mer - cy.



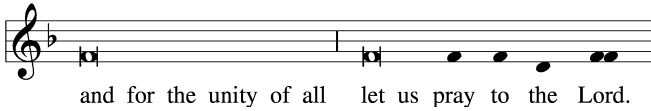
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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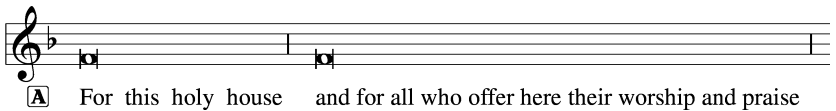
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



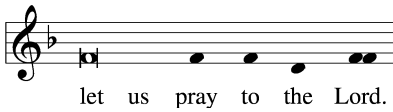
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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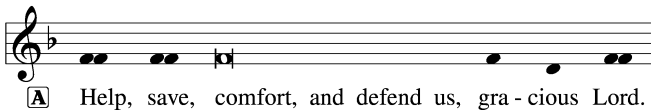
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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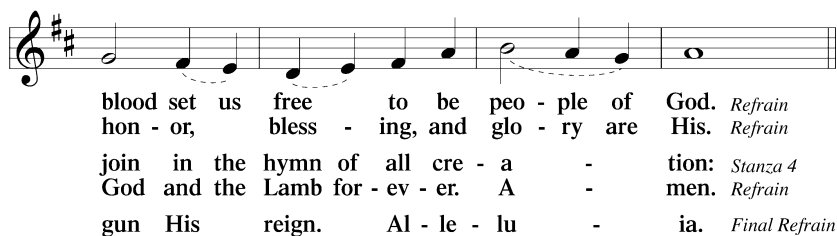
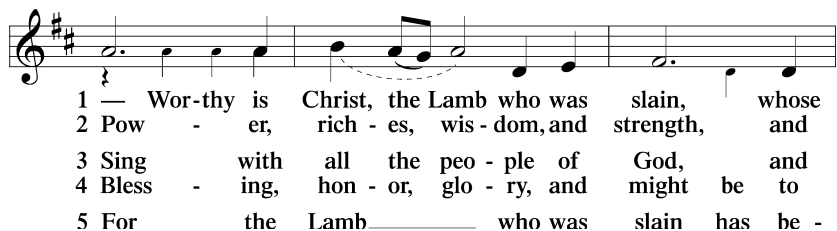
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



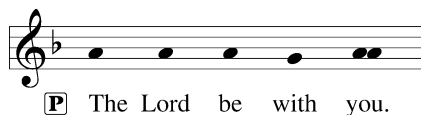
C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation.
Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the
greatness of Your mercy; 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: Isaiah 25:6–9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all
the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,
that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1



Epistle: Philippians 4:4–13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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



G Praise to You, O Christ.



510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

Sermon

"He Will Swallow up Death Forever"

Text: Isaiah 25:6-9

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



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.



Service of the Sacrament

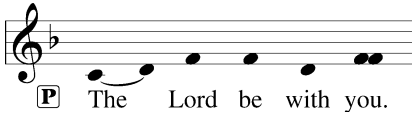


Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.



Preface

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



P The Lord be with you.



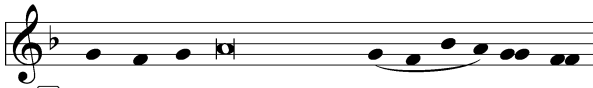
G And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



G We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



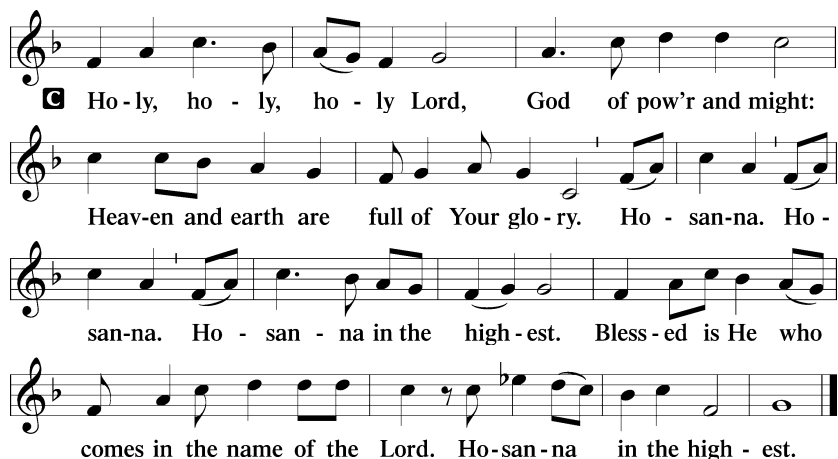
G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

- P** 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:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten 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.

C Amen.



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.

The Words of Our Lord

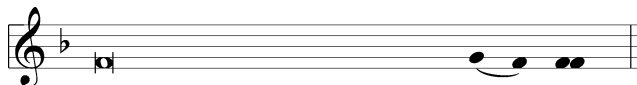
Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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 ✠ 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



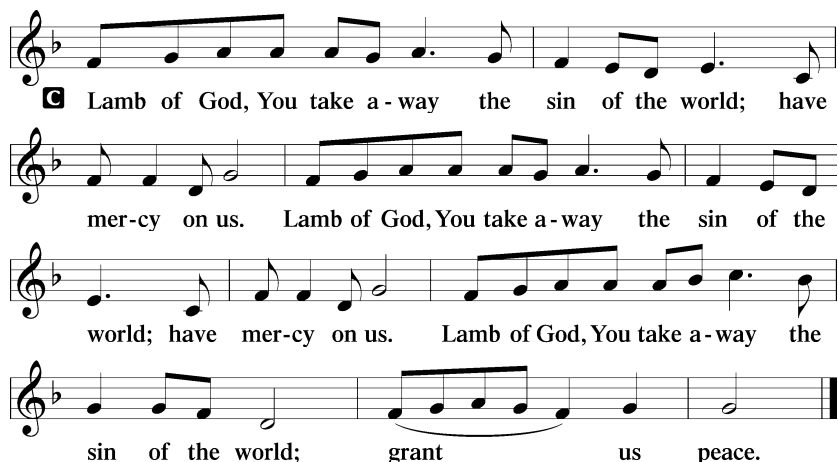
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



♩ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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.

633 At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

710 The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

Stand

Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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.

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.



917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise



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. – Joe Tabris



Dear friends at Holy Cross,

Thank you for the many prayers you brought before our heavenly Father on my behalf. I also appreciate the many expressions of encouragement I received in the form of phone calls, cards, and notes while I am continuing to recuperate from surgery for a badly broken right elbow. Please continue to keep me in your prayers for several more weeks as I have a lot of therapy still ahead of me.

Our faithful God continues to keep us in His care.

Paula Mayer



Pastor and Debbie Skelton request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Carol, to William Bassler, son of George Bassler. The service will be held at Holy Cross on Saturday, November 4 at 2:00 p.m. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow the ceremony. Everyone is welcome.



Season of Harvest Celebration

The fellowship committee is planning a Season of Harvest Celebration. It will be initiated on Sunday, October 22 with special snacks between services and end in November when we will enjoy "Turkey Bingo" (the date to be announced).

During this time we will be collecting food for the Help and Hope Center Food Pantry in Castle Rock serving Douglas and Elbert counties.

Help & Hope CENTER

Help and Hope Center
1638 Park Street
Castle Rock, CO 80109
303-688-1114
<https://www.helpandhopecenter.org>



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.



LWML Women of the Cross has enrolled in the King Soopers/City Market Community Rewards Program. To use the program simply visit the link <https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards>. Follow the easy steps provided.

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. King Soopers donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating King Soopers Community Rewards organizations.



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FREE CONCERTS



Here I Stand.

Sunday, October 15, 2023 2:30 pm

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

11453 E Wesley Ave, Aurora, CO

Sunday, October 15, 2023 6:30 pm

St. Philip Lutheran Church

7531 S Kendall Blvd, Littleton, CO



The Lutheran Choral



We are not selling tickets but appreciate your free will offerings.

Visit www.thelutheranchorage.org for more information.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9, 11-13

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15. APRISE_____
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20. GNHTTERS_____

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2nd Annual Bike Drive St. Mark Catholic Church (9905 Foothills Canyon Blvd, HR, CO 80129) Saturday – Sunday, October 21-22



Drop off your used bike in any size or condition. They will be fixed and offered free to children in Southern Colorado who can't afford them, veterans and families.

Patrick Wiest

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<https://abicyclecharityfoundation.org/>

Petitions and Prayers: When we pray, there is only one mediator (intercessor) between God and man: Jesus.



Health concerns:

Dear Jesus, You are the Great Physician. You took our flesh upon Yourself: You know our weaknesses because You bore them on the cross. We pray that You would deliver those with illnesses and afflictions. Likewise, enable them to believe that Your grace is sufficient for them in all circumstances. Thank You that we can look to You for hope and healing. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- **John Kingham**, brother of **Tom Kingham**, has been scheduled for open heart surgery at the end of this month.
- **Kathy**, daughter of **Helen** and **Joe Tabris**, is suffering with a rare esophagus disorder. She is scheduled for surgery on October 20.
- **McKinley Ford**, daughter of Erica and Andy Olson, is having doctor appointments trying to figure out the cause of a low white blood count and a resolution.
- **Becky Ryder** is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- **Paula Mayer** is recovering from surgery for broken arm. Pray for healing and renewed strength.
- **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** who has been adopted by family. Pray for the family's salvation.

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life October 15, 2023

“For all who have been damaged by the sin of abortion—and for all who have been complicit by not speaking up in defense of innocent babies—repent, and then hear the sweet and comforting words of Jesus: ‘Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest’ (Matthew 11:28). God give us courage to engage in the battle For Life!”

*Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan
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***The Lord is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.***

Psalm 28:8

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

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

Church Office.....303-683-1300

Rev. Bruce Skelton, Pastor, cell.....303-908-3339

Website.....www.hclchr.org

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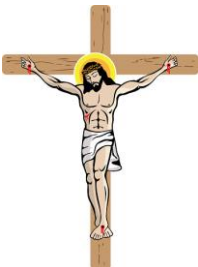
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