

# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

## **Divine Service One**

**The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 22, 2023**

**"Waiting for the Son"**

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**





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### Prayer for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, You are God in heaven and on the earth beneath; there is no other. These words of Moses assure us today as much as they did the Israelites that You are the only God and that there is no other God. You are life itself and the source of all that is good and perfect, of limitless and eternal abundance. O God, may You grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we become ever more desirous to read and study Your Word and thus know You better. Grant that the knowledge and insights gained fill our souls with that light that comes only from You. In this way we can and will be made wise in the saving faith. May we ever trust You for all our needs. In the name of Jesus, whom You sent to be the Savior of the world. Amen.



## Confession and Absolution

### 792 New Songs of Celebration Render

*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 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5*



The LORD is your | keeper;\*  
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

**I lift up my eyes | to the hills.\***  
**From where does my | help come?**

My help comes | from the LORD,\*  
who made | heaven and earth.

**He will not let your | foot be moved;\***  
**he who keeps you will not | slumber.**

Behold, he who keeps | Israel\*  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.

**The LORD will keep you from all | evil;\***  
**he will | keep your life.**

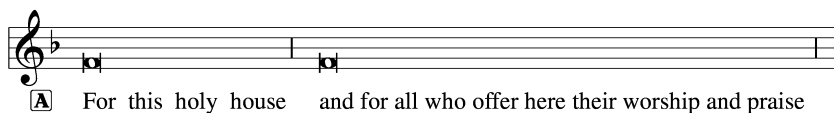
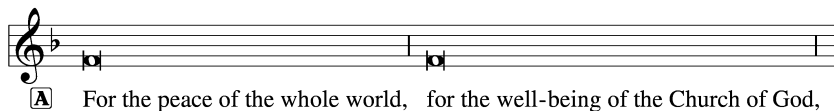
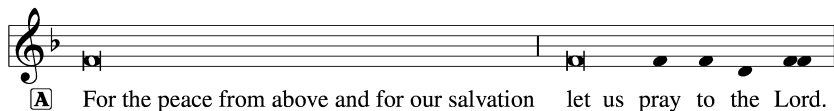
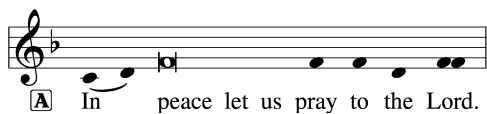
The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in\*  
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

**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.**

The LORD is your | keeper;\*  
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

# 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, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped,  
to subdue nations before him  
and to loose the belts of kings,  
to open doors before him  
that gates may not be closed:  
"I will go before you  
and level the exalted places,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and the hoards in secret places,  
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,

I name you, though you do not know me.  
 I am the LORD, and there is no other,  
 besides me there is no God;  
 I equip you, though you do not know me,  
 that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
 and from the west, that there is none besides me;  
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
 I form light and create darkness,  
 I make well-being and create calamity,  
 I am the LORD, who does all these things."

**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: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
 To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the  
 Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord



sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**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 22:15–22

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

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the

things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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



*Sit*

## 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

### Sermon

#### "Waiting for the Son"

Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

## 703 How Can I Thank You, Lord

*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 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.

## 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.**

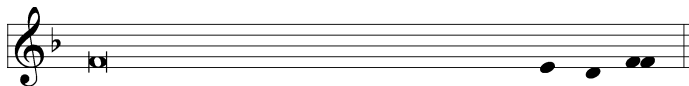
## Closing Collect

**P** Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; 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.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



## 850 God of Grace and God of Glory



### ***Soli Deo Gloria!***

***(To God alone be the glory.)***

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### **Announcements**



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Keith Christian

10:30 a.m. – Andy Olson



*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.*



*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*



## Season of Harvest Celebration

The fellowship committee is planning a Season of Harvest Celebration. It will be initiated today, Sunday, October 22 with special snacks between services and end in November when we will enjoy “Turkey Bingo/Chili Contest Lunch” on November 12.



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  
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# BEST CHILI CONTEST LUNCH & TURKEY BINGO!

Sponsored by the Elders and the Fellowship Committee



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

9 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: Worship Service (one service this week)

11:00 - 11:45 AM: Best Chili Contest Lunch and Voting

11:45 - 1:00 PM: Bingo, with Prizes

GRAND PRIZE BINGO: Frozen Thanksgiving Turkey!

BEST CHILI PRIZES, TOO!

Interested in entering the Best Chili Contest?  
Contact Kathy Harrington at 209-352-6893.



*Helga Weiss' birthday is October 25. Should you wish to send her a greeting please use the provided address which is directed to her son. She may not recognize any names; however, the cards will give her happiness.*

Mr. Tom Weiss  
c/o Dave Weiss  
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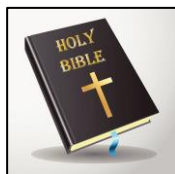
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**God wrote only one book.  
Don't you think you should read it?**



# Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21

Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)



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## FALL LEAVES MAZE



## A New Loyalty - 1st Thessalonians 1: 1-10

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peace	wrath	delivered	raised	prayers
joy	God	Macedonia	Achaia	affliction
followers	patience	Jesus	idols	Holy Ghost
brethren	love	Silvanus	Timotheus	epistle
loyalty				

### **“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life October 22, 2023**

“So no matter how offensive we find a neighbor, we do not regard her or him as enemy, adversary, or opponent. God has created, redeemed, and called each one as His own precious treasure, the same as us. We want to rejoice with them as brothers and sisters unto eternity in all the blessings our Savior Jesus has obtained for us.”

*Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life  
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Petitions and Prayers:** When we come to God in prayer through Jesus' intercessory name, we have assurance that, in confidence, "we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in (our) time of need."



### **Health concerns:**

*Lord Jesus, lift the spirits and strengthen the faith of those people who are ill, helping them to look beyond this present affliction. Remind them that You are near, even in this time of pain and suffering. Heal them if it be Your will; if not, give them the strength to endure in faith. We pray in Your name, our only Lord and Savior. Amen*

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- **Dave McCrosky's mother** has suffered a stroke. Pray for healing.
- **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 recovering from surgery on October 20. Pray for healing and restored faith.
- **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.



***Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.***

***Colossians 4:2***



***He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.***

***Psalms 96:13b***

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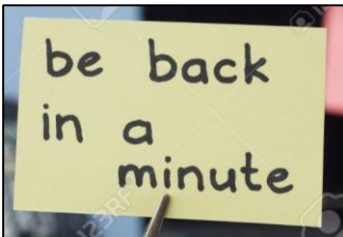
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minute.**