

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession & Absolution

P Let us confess our sin to God:

O Lord, merciful Father, you keep covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments.

C We confess that we have not listened to your servants the prophets. We have not heeded your law nor have we rejoiced in your gospel. We confess that things have fallen apart.

But Lord, you keep covenant even when we do not. Your love is steadfast when ours is frail and fallible. You are faithful even when we are faithless. We want you to be our God and we want to be your covenant people. Grant us the gift of faith.

By your Holy Spirit work in us steadfastness and singleness of heart, that we might manifest your love in the keeping of your commandments and the living of your gospel.

P O Lord, merciful Father, hear our prayers in the name of your well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the mediator of the new and eternal covenant, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

P Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John: "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

C Amen.

Opening Hymn #793

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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Psalm

Psalm 78:23–25, 72

- P** With upright heart he shepherded them
and guided them with his skillful hand.
- C** He commanded the skies above
and opened the doors of heaven,
- P** and he rained down on them manna to eat
and gave them the grain of heaven.
- C** Man ate of the bread of the angels;
he sent them food in abundance.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

²The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.” ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:1–16

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we

are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less babe!
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fiere - est drought and storm.
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a - gain!
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied;
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand;



My com - for - ter, my all in all here in the love of Christ I stand.
 for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.
 for I am His and He is mine bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Till He re - turns or calls me home here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Holy Gospel

John 6:22–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Apostles' Creed

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn #618

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Distribution Hymn

Jesus Paid It All



I Lord, For And hear now no when, the in - deed I have the Sav - ior I find the throne, say, find I Where I Thy Thy Where I

strength pow'r by stand in - deed is a small, lone, claim; Child of Can I'll wash my soul to weak - ness, the my to watch lep - er's gar - ments to

pray, spots white save, Find in me thine all in all. In And the melt the of heart Cal - v'ry's stone. Lamb. My blood lips shall still re - peat.

Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

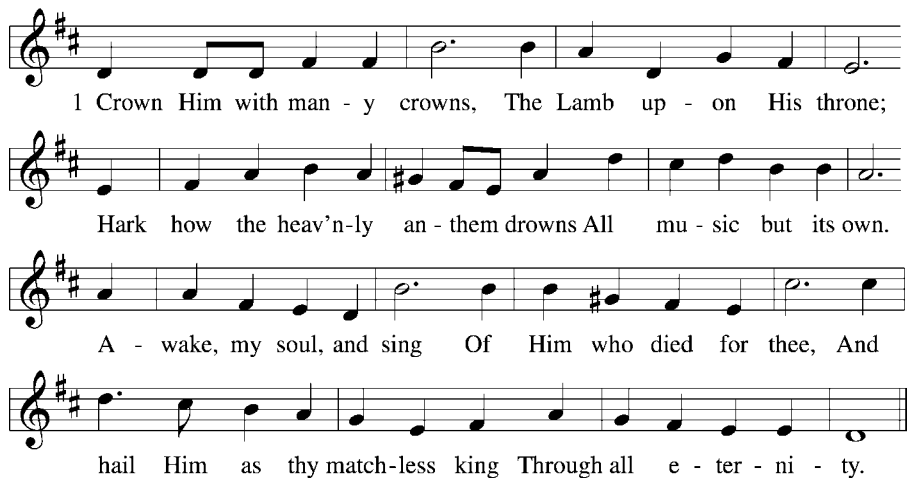
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Nunc Dimittis

- P** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- C** For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
Which You have prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #525

Crown Him with Many Crowns (st. 1)



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Benediction

- 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.
- C** Amen.

Announcements

Today

- **Bible Study** 9:30 AM Masks Optional: Adults meet in the Sanctuary; Children meet downstairs
- **Youth Confirmation** 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM
- **Sunday Evening Prayer** 5:30 PM
- **New Member Class** 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday

- **Men's Bible Study** – 6:30 AM
- **Youth Group** – 6:30- 8:00 PM

Wednesday

- **Zoom Bible Study** (*The Screwtape Letters*) 7:00 PM. Contact Aaron for a Zoom invitation.

Thursday

- **Yoga** 7:00 PM

Saturday

- **Women of Faith Bible Study:** 9:00 AM

Mission Opportunity: Next week, August 8th we will be taking up a freewill offering to provide the faculty and staff at Metro-East Lutheran High School with a beginning-of-the-school-year team building outing.

New Sunday Bible Study and Worship Times starting next Sunday, August 8th: 8:00 AM Worship Service (reservation online and masks required); 10:15 AM Worship Service; 9:15 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

Youth For Life: Calling All Highschoolers! Get Excited! The Metro East Y4L team is here! What is Y4Life? A team of high school students who want to support life at all stages in a Gospel-motivated way. Be ready for hands-on activities with other Lutheran schools and the public, virtual and in-person learning opportunities and a chance to go to the Life March on Washington in January 2022! Our first organizational meeting is August 17th at 4:30 pm at Metro-East Lutheran High School, 6305 Center Grove Road, Edwardsville. Youth group leaders and adults welcomes as well! Contact Pam Meister at pmmeister@outlook.com or text 618-799-9348, or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daaaf2ba2f5cf8-y4life>

Celebration Time! Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School is accomplishing our Facelift 2021 Phase 1 goals! Please join us on **Sunday, August 15 from 11:30am to 2:30 pm** for an old fashioned School Picnic in the gym to celebrate! We will have hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the goodies to go with it. Plus, kids can play in an indoor bounce house. Tours will be offered to show all the wonderful progress our Holy Cross community has made possible. We are excited to see you! The Facelift Committee

CCLS Open House: CCLS Academy will be hosting an open house on Saturday, August 7 from 1 - 3 pm at St. James Lutheran Church. We welcome anyone who wants to learn more about our new approach to the one-room school house for 5th-8th grade students. Come talk to the team launching the microschool and get a sneak peak at how and what the students will be learning. You can also learn more at the academy website: <https://ccls-stlouis.org/ccls-academy/>



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