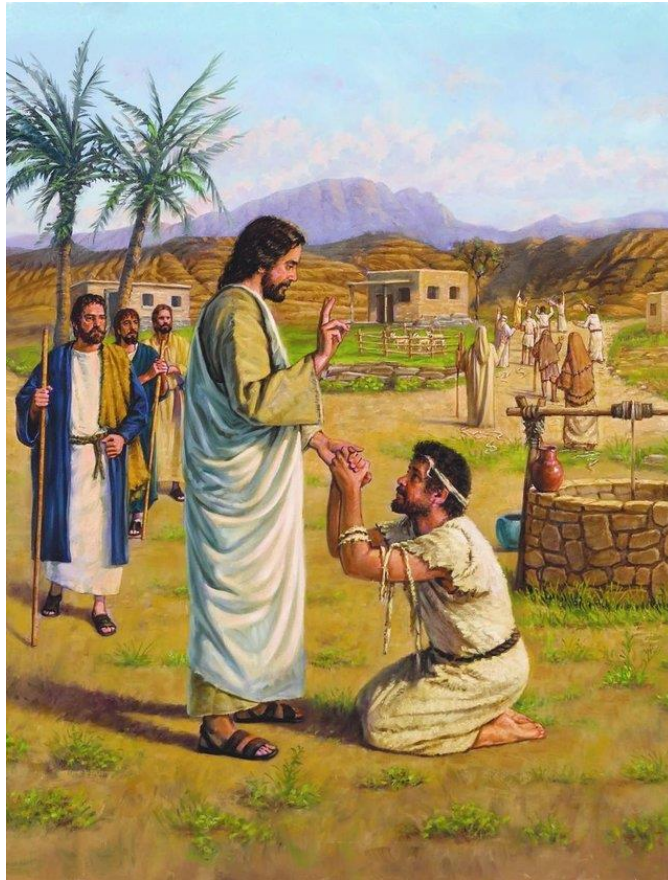


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The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

1 September A✠D 2024
Divine Service, Setting IV

✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we hear God's call to thankfulness for all that He has done for us in Christ. As sinners, we often fall into cold ingratitude, even toward God Himself. However, today the Lord calls us to remember the true glory of His salvation and all that it cost Him, that we might joyfully lift up our voices in heartfelt praise to God and live out our thanksgiving every day.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

Also, toward the end of our service today we will be celebrating Holy Communion, in which we will eat and drink Jesus' body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Therefore, we ask that you would please see the statement titled "On the Sacrament of Holy Communion," printed below, which describes our beliefs and practices regarding this sacred gift.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,
I humbly pray that You would open my heart
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: We believe that when we receive Holy Communion together, we are publicly declaring both our unity in Christ and our agreement in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10). We also believe that if we receive this sacrament in unbelief, we risk God's judgment (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

Therefore, communion at this altar is reserved for those who believe and confess the teachings of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those who have not been formally instructed in our teachings should wait to commune until completing a course of instruction with us.

If you are a VISITOR and would like to commune with us today, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you will not be communing, you are welcome to kneel at the altar with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing, or you may simply remain in your pew.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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.

C Amen.

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

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Service of the Word

Introit (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 84:1–2a, 4, 10b, 11b; antiphon: vv. 9–10a

- P** Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!
- C** For a day in your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
- P** How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD.
- C** Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

P I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

C **The LORD bestows favor and honor.**

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**All: 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.**

P Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

C **For a day in your courts**

is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 4:10–23

- ¹⁰Hear, my son, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.
- ¹¹I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- ¹²When you walk, your step will not be hampered,
and if you run, you will not stumble.
- ¹³Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.
- ¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked,
and do not walk in the way of the evil.
- ¹⁵Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.
- ¹⁶For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
- ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.
- ¹⁸But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.
- ¹⁹The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;
they do not know over what they stumble.
- ²⁰My son, be attentive to my words;
incline your ear to my sayings.
- ²¹Let them not escape from your sight;
keep them within your heart.
- ²²For they are life to those who find them,
and healing to all their flesh.
- ²³Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

Psalms 92:1–2

- P** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
- C** to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.

Epistle

Galatians 5:16–24

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he

said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

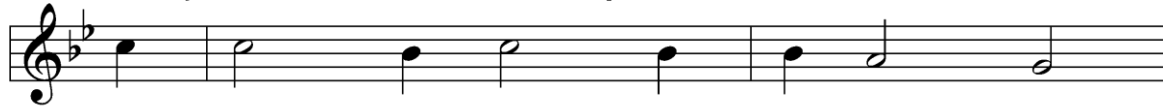
C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 544 O Love, How Deep



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

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Sermon *(If you are so moved, there is a page at the end of the bulletin for notes)*

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, You have had mercy upon us by sending Your only begotten Son to atone for our sins on the cross. Grant that we may receive Your forgiveness, life and salvation with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, You have prepared the Church of Christ to be a lovely court in the midst of a troubled world. Form our hearts to long for the place where Your glory dwells, that we may find healing and peace at His feet. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Father of all, hear us on behalf of the fathers in Your Church. Impart to them the boldness of Solomon to exhort their sons in wisdom and justice, that they would persist in the way of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, grant Your protection upon our land and people. Deliver us from violence and discord. Grant safety to all who work to bring peace to our land, including those in law enforcement and members of the armed forces. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of comfort, heal the sick, hospitalized and recovering, [*especially* _____,] and strengthen them to endure their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Good Lord, Your Son instituted the salutary gift of the Lord's Supper. Send Your blessing upon all who receive the body and blood of Jesus for their forgiveness. Grant thankful hearts that praise Your name to all who receive the Sacrament this day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, Your Son once healed 10 lepers, only one of whom returned to give thanks. As we celebrate the harvest and Your blessings to us, forgive our shallow gratitude and our lack of humility before Your generosity, and create right hearts within us to give You all glory, honor and praise. In the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering

During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

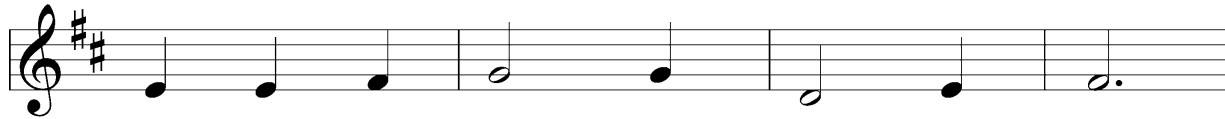
John 1:29



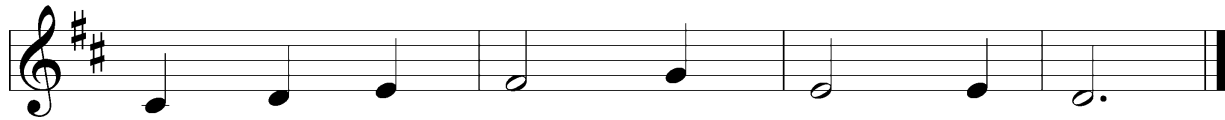
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

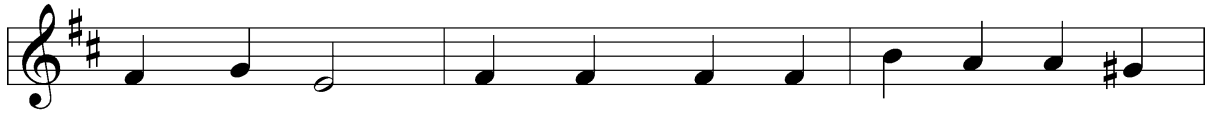
Distribution

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Distribution 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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Distribution Hymn: 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of the
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

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Stand
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

G Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Hymn to Depart: 895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. 9/1 **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
▪ **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
▪ **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m.

Mon. 9/2 **Labor Day (church office closed)**

Tue. 9/3 **Board of Elders' Meeting** 7 p.m.

Thurs. 9/5 **Quilting Bee**, 10 a.m.

Sun. 9/8 **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
▪ **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
▪ **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MISSION PLANNING WORKSHOP –On **Saturday, September 28**, The Council and Boards will be holding our annual Mission Planning Workshop. Anyone from the congregation is invited. On this day, we will gather to pray, give thanks to God, hear His holy Word, and make plans for our congregation for the upcoming year. This workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and will end at 2. Lunch will be provided.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – All are invited to attend **this morning's** Adult Bible Class with Pastor starting at **10:45 a.m.** in the basement Fellowship Hall.

QUILTING BEE ON THURSDAYS –Anyone who would like to learn how to quilt, (or even if you already know how to quilt) are welcome to join our Quilting Bee group that meets each Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs senior youth room. The quilters work pretty much year 'round to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and then LWR distributes the quilts to needy individuals worldwide. Many hands make for light work, so if you'd like to help, just show up on any Thursday!

QUILTS:

DISPLAY: The quilts made by our Quilting Bee will be September 22 and 29th.

BLESSING: The blessing of the quilts will be September 29th.

DOOR OFFERING COLLECTION: September 22 and 29th for:

LWR QUILT & KIT SHIPPING FUND – When you make and support Quilts, you join countless other servants of Christ who reach out to people in need around the world through this ministry. Together, L.W.L. distributed an incredible \$18 million worth of quilts in 2023! LWR currently spends about \$1.9 million annually to operate this program. They do their best to steward funds

efficiently, but the behind-the-scenes operating costs have increased in recent years. (This is largely due to the significant rise in shipping costs since 2020.) You can ensure LWR has the financial resources they need to distribute quilts where they're needed most by donating to the Quilt & Kit Shipping fund. This is a way for the congregation to support the quilt ministry. The Cost to ship just one quilt is \$2.80. St. Mark's Missionary League is accepting Donations to defray the cost of shipping our quilts. Donations can be made by cash or Check. If you are writing a **check**, please make it out to the **St. Mark's Missionary League**. Please place either type of payment in an envelope found in your pew and have it designated for the Quilt Shipping Fund-Missionary League. Thank you.

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER – We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼” of the envelope paper around the stamp.

THE FATHER'S HANDS FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING CLOSET here at St. Paul's Community Lutheran Church has been very busy this spring. We served over 300 families in the pantry alone since January. This has led to a depletion of our supplies. We are in urgent need for the following items:

- Powdered milk - 1qt envelopes or boxes
- Plain pasta - macaroni
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Non-starchy canned vegetables
- Peas, Corn or mixed vegetables
- Soups
- Rice
- Baked beans
- Protein bars
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Tuna or Chicken

Toilet paper, Tooth Paste, Hand sanitizer,
Large bars of soap and diapers (size 5)

For Larger families we need:

Family sized shampoo & conditioner
Large cans of baked beans
Large can of fruit
large can of vegetables
Large Rice, dried potatoes or spaghetti noodles
large cans of chicken or meat that will serve 5 or more.
Laundry detergent
Dishwashing soap
Dried soup that serve 8 or more.

We are open for drop off on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-4:30 and Wednesdays from Noon - 5pm. We greatly appreciate any and all donations. Address:
1133 Joslyn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48340

LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES (LSEM) is having **their 19th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 16th, 2024** and you're invited! Play a round of golf and raise funds for children who have learning needs in Christian schools here in SW Michigan and across the country. Golf, cart, breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included in your ticket price. There will be plenty of fun games to play as we fundraise for these kids. Register your team today or sponsor the event. Together we can help these children grow in learning and love of God. [https://2024 LSEM Golf Outing – LSEM \(luthsped.org\)](https://2024LSEM.org)

OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER PRESENTS OUR 29TH ANNUAL JULIE RUN/WALK 5K & 1K TO END HUNGER! We are pleased to announce our **29th Annual Julie Run/Walk 5K & 1K on Oakland Community College Highland Lakes Campus Saturday, September 21st 2024!** Check in 8:00AM at the Physical Education building off of Cooley Lake Rd. enjoy warm up exercises, photo booth FUN compliments of Witty Grin, race starts 9:00AM. Awards and announcements will be made after race completes. Sign up link below, **T-shirt guaranteed with registration by end of day September 8, 2024. Register and form your own team today. This year we are encouraging participants to ask for cash donations from friends and family to impact our community even more!** <https://runsignup.com/julieruntoendhunger>

Saturday September 21, 2024
OCC Highland Lakes Campus
7350 Cooley Lake Rd
Waterford, MI 48327
Check in 8:00AM
Race starts 9:00AM

SAVE THE DATE:

OPEN DOOR ADOPT-A-FAMILY – GIVING TREE

Once more this year, we will be collecting and distributing gifts for Christmas for those families in need. This year's date will be December 6 from 9-1 or 4-6 with family pick up December 12th. We need people to assist in this very important outreach. Those who can help through donations and those who can help with the collection and distribution of the gifts here at St. Mark's. Sign – Up sheet will be posted soon.

**The Body of Christ and the Public Square
October 5, 2024**

A Religious Liberty Conference Featuring:

Dr. Ben Carson,

Kyle Mann,

Father Calvin Robinson,

Rev. Dr. Christopher Thoma,

Major (Ret.) Jonathan Turnbull,

Timothy Goeglein

General Admission: \$75

VIP Admission: \$145

Clergy, Teacher, Student,

& Law Enforcement: \$40

Register **ONLINE ONLY** by visiting:

<https://www.bodyofchristandthepublicsquare.org/>

Morning Refreshments and Lunch will be provided.

Location:

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church & School (LCMS)

13667 W. Highland Rd.

Hartland, MI 48353

248-887-4300

Registration closes

Monday, September 30, 2024

or when seating capacity is met.

Doors open at 8:00 AM for general seating.

Program begins promptly at 9:00 AM.

Sermon Notes

Date: _____ Speaker: _____

Text: _____

Title: _____

Notes: _____

What I Learned: _____



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

Presiding Minister	Pastor Terry Nelson, Emeritus
Altar Guild	Jennie Kaufman
Elder on Duty	Darryl Swainson
Greeter(s)	Mary Ann Lockwood
Offering Counters	Mary Ann Lockwood & Jean Swainson
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Matt Maier

SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Presiding Minister	Pastor Frank Pies, Emeritus
Altar Guild	Jennie Kaufman
Elder on Duty	Trent Johnson
Greeter(s)	Gail Fitzgerald
Offering Counters	Mary Ann Lockwood & Jean Swainson
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Tom Kaufman