

THE OFFICE OF MATINS + 10 A.M.
13 SEPTEMBER 2020 + THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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WELCOME!

Now hosting Outdoor Worship per Los Angeles County Health Order. Please join us on Sunday at 10 a.m.! **Please keep your masks on at all times and remember to social distance.** This will continue until another directive is given. Please note the Announcements beginning on page 15. **If you plan to watch online,** Pastor's sermon will be posted online in the usual places early Sunday morning. As usual, the hymns are linked in blue, as we know that music and hymnody are very much a part of Lutheran worship, so just click on the links and sing along. **There are other links in blue** which are to additional devotional materials, so do check those out, too.

Announcements

Pr von Hindenburg

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,



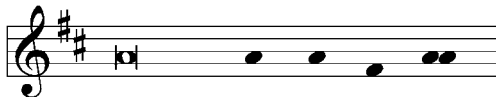
al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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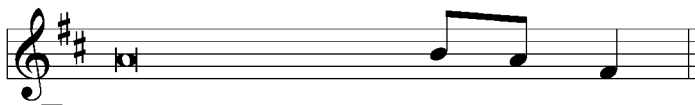
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Common Versicles

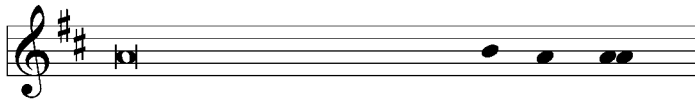
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



Psalmody

Antiphon

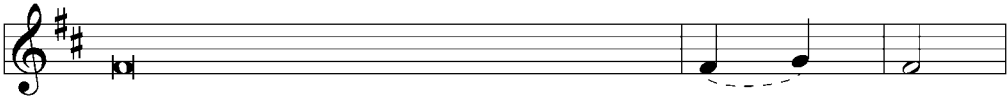


L The Lord has sanc - ti - fied us in the true faith.



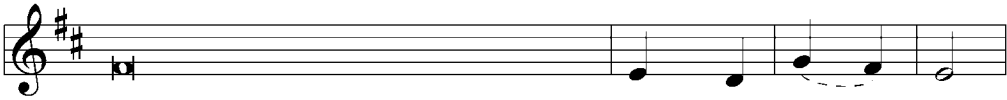
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite



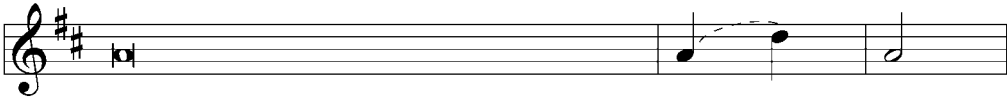
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

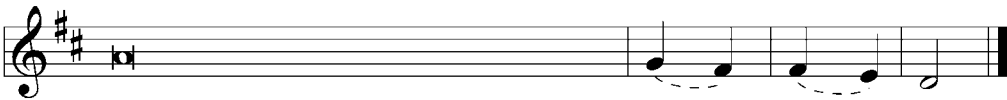


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon



☪ The Lord has sanc - ti - fied us in the true faith.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Additional Psalms

(Chanted)

Psalm 119:9-16; antiphon: v. 12

- P** Blessèd are you, | O LORD;*
teach me your | statutes!
- P** How can a young man keep his | way pure?*
- By guarding it according | to your word.
- C** **With my whole heart I | seek you;***
let me not wander from your com- | mandments!
- P** I have stored up your word | in my heart,*
that I might not sin a- | gainst you.
- C** **Blessèd are you, | O LORD;***
teach me your | statutes!
- P** With my lips | I declare*
all the just decrees | of your mouth.
- C** **In the way of your testimonies | I delight***
as much as in all | riches.
- P** I will meditate on your | precepts*
and fix my eyes | on your ways.
- C** **I will delight in your | statutes;***
I will not for- | get your word.

All: **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.

- P** Blessèd are you, | O LORD;*
teach me your | statutes!





1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Readings

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** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Reading

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 O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 17:11-19

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.”



Jesus heals a leper
Pen and ink drawing; 14.7 x 17.2 cm; c. 1655-60
Amsterdam, Rijksprentenkabinet

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

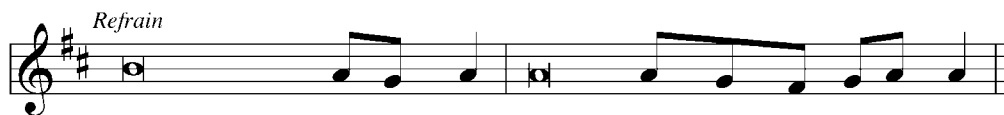
C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

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L 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



C Lord, I love
 the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

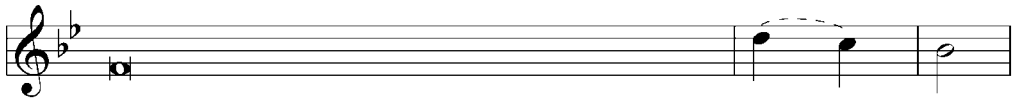
Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **C** Amen.

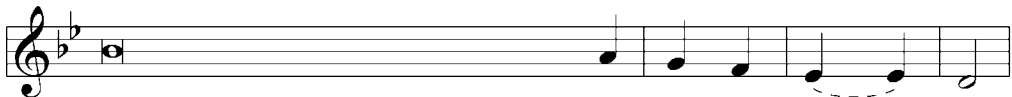
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Te Deum

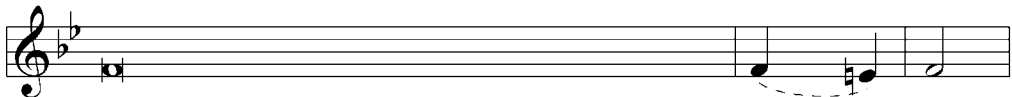
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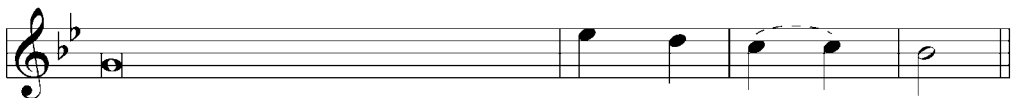
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



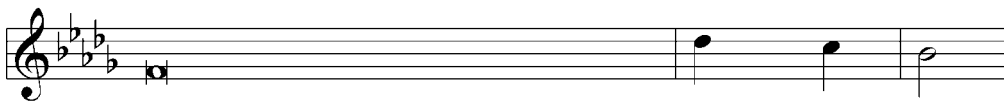
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



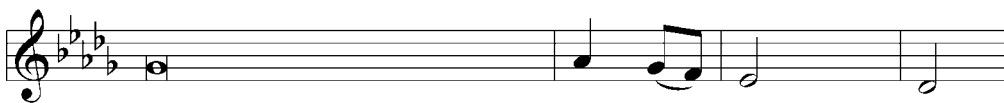
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;



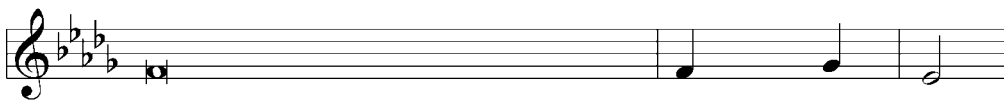
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



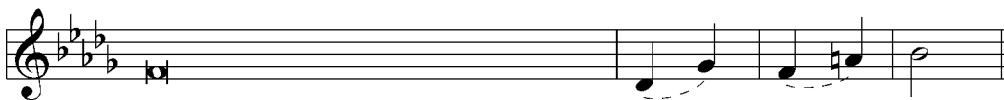
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



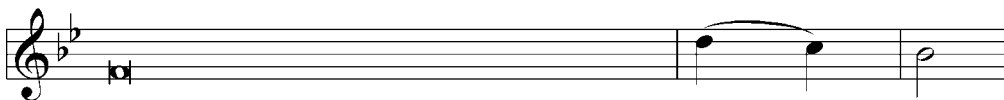
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



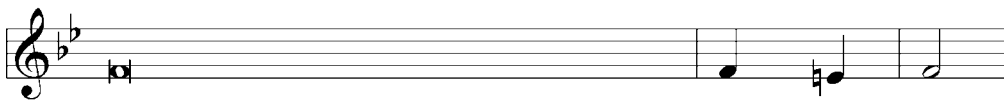
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



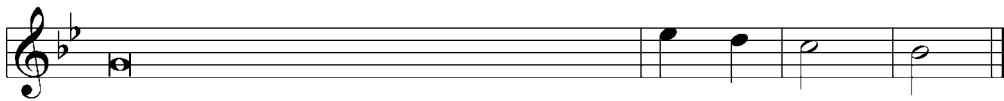
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.

Prayer

Kyrie

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

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.

Salutation

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

P 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 A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Response to petitions is, 'hear our prayer'.

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

Brief silence

Almighty God, we give You thanks for the innumerable blessings You have bestowed on us, especially for the revelation of Your will and grace in Jesus Christ, Your Son. Preserve for Your Church the pure doctrine of Your saving Word, raise up pastors to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Christ's name, and fill all Your baptized children with Your Spirit and His fruits. Lord, in Your mercy,

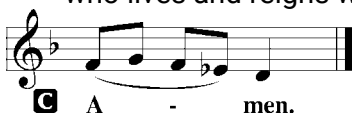
- ❏ In Your mercy, remember the enemies of Your Church. Grant them repentance and amendment of life, that they would know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and be joined to the communion of Your saints. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ To all those who have returned to school, give diligence in their studies, respect toward their teachers, and a desire to grow in knowledge. Keep students, teachers and staff safe from every danger. Bless especially the schools, universities and seminaries of our Synod. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ We give thanks for our president, for our national and state governments, and for our judges, and we pray that they would defend and protect life from the womb to the grave. We give thanks also for all those whose duty it is to protect and serve in our communities. Watch over them as they carry out their duties, and protect them – and us – from violence and every ill. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ We implore You to visit the sick, the suffering, the homebound, the grieving, and all who stand in need, *especially Abai, Alice, April, Bethany, Carmen, Charles, Charlotte, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Faith, Irmgard, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Katheryn, Lois, Lucy, Lynette, Marc, Marie, Marion and her family, Martin, Philip, Rex, Rodgers, Susan, Susie, and Tom*. Whatever their trials, have mercy on them, and comfort them with the knowledge that nothing can separate them from the love You have for them in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ❏ How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! Bless those who approach Your holy altar this day, that they would receive in faith, and with thanksgiving, the very body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

P Although we are worthy of none of the things for which we pray, we ask that You would grant them all to us by grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Hymn

846 [Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old](#)

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,

Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,

ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.

To You they came, the blind, the mute,
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 To hands that work and eyes that see

The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
 Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
 Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

Confession

- P** Do you confess to almighty God that you are a poor, miserable sinner?
- C** Yes.
- P** Do you confess to our merciful Father that you have sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed?
- C** Yes.
- P** Do you confess that you justly deserve His temporal and eternal punishment?
- C** Yes.
- P** Do you believe that our Lord Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?
- C** Yes.
- P** Do you pray God, for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of His beloved Son, to be gracious and merciful to you?
- C** Yes.



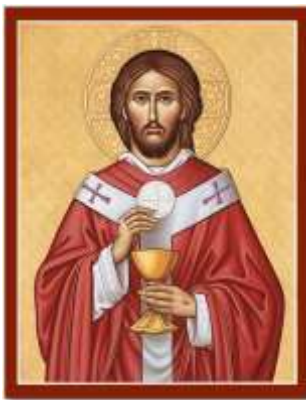
Absolution

- P** Let it be done for you as you believe.
In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all
your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** 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."



Sit

Remain seated for the Distribution of the Lord's Body and Blood

Distribution

P Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **R Amen.**

P Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **R Amen.**

Stand

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life ✝ everlasting.
Amen.

You may now help in "packing up" or return to your vehicle.

["Amani ya Bwana"]

✚ THIS WEEK'S NOTES ✚



Worshipping in the out-of-doors does not negate the need for social distancing. While on-site at TGS, please keep your masks on and remember to social distance.



Your weekly Around the Word devotion is [here](#).

Synod Sentences for The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Cry of Faith: Lord, Have Mercy



The ten lepers cried out from a distance, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” (Luke 17:11–19). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. “Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:16–24). Thus we cry out with the lepers, “Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy,” eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus’ help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus’ cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (Prov. 4:10–23).

LLL/LHM Virtual Fall Event

From the event website: Join together September 26 to learn from LHM leaders! You will have the chance to hear about featured products and programs from Lutheran Hour Ministries as well as attend a *Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age* training session. Registration for this virtual event is [here](#).



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Prayer for the Week

Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your blessed Word and Your holy Baptism You have mercifully cleansed all who believe from the fearful leprosy of sin, and You daily grant us Your gracious help in all our need: We beseech You so to enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may never forget these Your blessings, but ever live in Your fear, and, trusting fully in Your grace, with thankful hearts continually praise and glorify You; through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

A Life Thought for Trinity XIV from Lutherans For Life

Jesus' merciful words and ways work life and healing (Proverbs 4:20-22). He brings forth brilliant and abundant fruit (Galatians 5:22-23) even from flesh like ours (Galatians 5:19-21) that was born broken. We who take these words to heart—and the hearts we touch with them—will live indeed. *Gracious Savior, bring life to us and bring life through us. Amen.*

A Stewardship Thought for Trinity XIV

Luke 17:18-19 – “(Jesus said), ‘Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’ ” Faith and thanksgiving go together. How could they not go together? Our Lord gave Himself for us, and we trust Him and His every Word. Once we have this faith, we want to say thank you. It's only natural. And thus, our stewardship is only a natural part of the Christian faith. We thank the Lord with our gifts, which enable the Church to reach more with the Good News of Christ.

Celebrations this Week

The Feast of the Holy Cross – 14 September

Collect of the Day: *Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*



Wedding Anniversary: 18 September (1976) – Leon & Gayle

A Study on Today's Epistle: Read Galatians 5:16-24

1. In verses 16-17, St. Paul describes the conflict, within the believer, between the flesh and the Spirit, which are opposed to each other. Luther writes, "When someone becomes aware of this battle of the flesh, he should not lose heart on this account; but by the Spirit he should fight back and say: 'I am a sinner, and I am aware of my sin; for I have not yet put off my flesh, to which sin will cling as long as it lives. But I will obey the Spirit rather than the flesh. That is, by faith and hope I will take hold of Christ. I will fortify myself with His Word, and thus fortified I will refuse to gratify the desires of the flesh.'" *Rather than despair when he feels the urgings of the sinful nature, where is the Christian's confidence while facing temptation? What motivates the Christian's refusal to gratify the flesh, the Law or Christ's work of justifying sinners?*



2. Luther explains, "[It] is very beneficial if we sometimes become aware of the evil of our nature and our flesh, because in this way we are aroused and stirred up to have faith and to call upon Christ...Those who become aware of the desires of their flesh should not immediately despair of their salvation on that account. It is all right for them to be aware of it, provided that they do not assent to it;...In fact, the godlier one is, the more aware he is of this conflict." *Why might it be that as one grows in the faith, he becomes more aware of the Old Adam's struggle against the Spirit? How can this awareness ultimately prove beneficial to the Christian? To whom does this awareness drive the man of faith?*

3. In verses 19-20, St. Paul speaks of the "works of the flesh," providing a list of examples, and sternly warns that those who persist in such works will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Luther comments, "It is one thing to be aroused by the flesh and not to tolerate its desires any further but to walk and to withstand by the Spirit; it is quite another thing to give in to the flesh and to do its works with a smug air, to persist in them, and yet at the same time to put on a pretense of piety and to make a boast of the Spirit." *What is the difference between struggling with temptation and persistently doing the works of the flesh? Rather than persist in sin what is the Christian response when one falls into temptation?*



4. "Hence it was necessary to the highest degree for such a dreadful and fearful sentence to be pronounced by the apostle against such men, with their smug disdain

and stubborn hypocrisy. 'Those who do such things,' he says, 'shall not inherit the kingdom of God.' Perhaps this severe sentence would frighten some of them thoroughly, so that they would begin to battle against the works of the flesh by the Spirit and stop performing them." *How does such a harsh law statement, from Paul, ultimately serve the Gospel message of forgiveness?*

5. In verses 22-24, Paul describes the fruit of the Spirit and declares that those "who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." Luther writes, "Paul does not say 'works of the Spirit,' as he had said 'works of the flesh'; but he adorns these Christian virtues with a worthier title and calls them 'fruit of the Spirit.' For they bring very great benefits and fruit, because those who are equipped with them give glory to God and by these virtues invite others to the teaching and faith of Christ." *Who produces this "fruit" in the believer? From where do these virtues flow, and how can understanding this free the Christian to "walk by the Spirit"?*



As long as we live in the flesh we Christians will have the battle raging within us between the new man—the man of faith—and the Old Adam. However, as we struggle in this battle we need not despair of our salvation, for our salvation depends solely on Christ's righteousness alone. As Luther says, "our righteousness is more abundant than our sin, because the

holiness and the righteousness of Christ, our Propitiator, vastly surpasses the sin of the entire world. Consequently, the forgiveness of sins, which we have through Him, is so great, so abundant, and so infinite that it easily swallows up every sin, provided that we persevere in faith and hope toward Him."