



**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, A+D 2023**



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

The Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus

After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord “began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised” (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this “theology of the cross,” Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic “theology of glory.” But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus’ cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we “live peaceably with all” (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we “rejoice in hope,” and we are “patient in tribulation” and “constant in prayer” (Rom. 12:12).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

Stand

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

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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- 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

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- 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.**

Declaration of Grace

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- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

- P** Delight yourself in the LORD,
C **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**
P Commit your way to the LORD;
C **trust in him, and he will act.**
P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
C **and your justice as the noonday.**
P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
C **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**
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.**
P Delight yourself in the LORD,
C **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Kyrie

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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



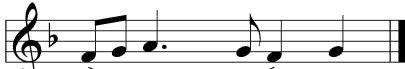
- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

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C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

A The Old Testament Reading for The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the fifteenth chapter of the prophecy of Jeremiah.

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;

know that for your sake I bear reproach.
¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
 and your words became to me a joy
 and the delight of my heart,
 for I am called by your name,
 O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
 nor did I rejoice;
 I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
 for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
 my wound incurable,
 refusing to be healed?
 Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
 like waters that fail?
¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
 "If you return, I will restore you,
 and you shall stand before me.
 If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
 you shall be as my mouth.
 They shall turn to you,
 but you shall not turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
 they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
 for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
 declares the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

A The Second Reading is from the twelfth chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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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 16:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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G 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.

Sit

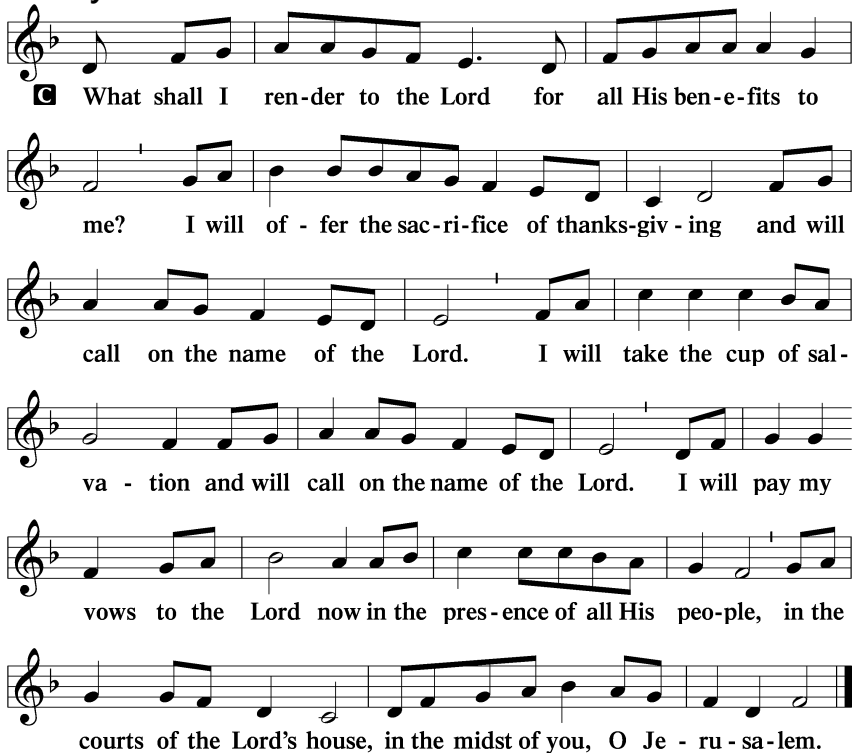
Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

Offertory

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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.

Prayer of the Church

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- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

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- 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**

Concluding Collect

- P** Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Benediction

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- 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 A - men.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*Silent Prayer**Announcements*

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Come join our Church



Hot Dogs, Hamburgers

**Bring your favorite Salad or Desert to share
Located at Church this year
Fellowship, Games**

**Sunday, September 24th 11:00 Pm till ??
Bring a chair and spend the day**

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Thanksgiving Blessings

Dear Food Basket Helpers,

Thank you for your support of our Food Basket program! It has been a blessing to many who struggle throughout the year. As we look forward to the upcoming holidays, we would like to provide support for those in need. However, due to the continued impact of the Corona Virus, we will continue to purchase Aldi gift cards to send to our families in need. If you would like to donate to help purchase the gift cards in place of the items you would normally be purchasing, it would be much appreciated.

Include your donations with your offering and mark your envelope Social Ministry Food Baskets.

This is a difficult time for all, but we still need to care for those less fortunate. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

Social Ministry





The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

September 3, 2023

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Steve & Shirley Kipley, Family Jill
Deb & Brian Kolosh, Family Garrett, Samantha
Dana & Kevin Krieger, Family Kaylee, Hope
Bryan Lively, Family Rachel
Margaret Loitz

BIRTHDAYS

Karen Baker, 9/3
Ocean Middleton, 9/3
Jessica Ovalle, 9/5
Austin Brandy, 9/7

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Michelle Michels, 9/7

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Edward & Barbara Hoeksema Jr., 9/3

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Akers, Gene Allen, Janice Abel, Bob Brandy, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Latricia Harris, Judy Peterson, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE

The bulletin for today is given to the glory of God and in memory of Debbi Bloom, Saturday September 2 would have been their anniversary by Dave Bloom

The eternal light for this week is given to the glory of God and in memory of E. Richard and Beulah Bloom on their 75th wedding anniversary.



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday September 13, to review *Safe Haven* by Nicholas Sparks. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members. Book Club is in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

Christ For You this week on KFuo.org: Finish the book of Acts and begin 1 Peter on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Leviticus 7-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear the 3rd episode in our Leadership series with Bishop Jamison Hardy on The Coffee Hour (9/6 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFuo Radio app!

Lutheran Battle for the Bible Series... How did the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod defend itself 50 years ago from a liberal approach to the Bible? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently interviewed several guests about the Lutheran battle for the Bible. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at issuesetc.org/battleforthebible..

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“We are made holy by the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ, ours by faith in His life, death, and resurrection. Yet we are holy in another sense, too. We have been set apart, called out, by a holy God for God’s holy

purposes—to love God and our neighbor, to serve, to make disciples. We have been set apart to serve as spouses, parents and grandparents, citizens, workers.” Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

[Our teachers] have always taught that Christians are to bear the cross [Matthew 16:24] by enduring afflictions. This is genuine and sincere subduing of the flesh [1 Peter 2:11], to be crucified with Christ through various afflictions. Furthermore, they teach that every Christian ought to train and subdue himself with bodily restraints, or bodily exercises and labors. Then neither overindulgence nor laziness may tempt him to sin. But [our teachers] do not teach that we may merit grace or make satisfaction for sins by such exercises. Such outward discipline ought to be taught at all times, not only on a few set days. Christ commands, "Watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness" (Luke 21:34). Also in Matthew 17:21, "This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." Paul also says, "I discipline my body and keep it under control" (1 Corinthians 9:27). Here he clearly shows that he was keeping his body under control, not to merit forgiveness of sins by that discipline, but to keep his body in subjection and prepared for spiritual things, for carrying out the duties of his calling. Therefore, we do not condemn fasting in itself [Isaiah 58:3-7], but the traditions that require certain days and certain meats, with peril of conscience, as though such works were a necessary service.

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

August 27th Attendance 28, 24 Communed, 5 Online

Basket	\$141.00	Weekly Missions	\$40.00
Envelopes	1,386.00	Luth. Church Charity	30.00
Organist		Church Maint	10.00
		Social Ministry	50.00
Budgeted Total	1,527.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$130.00
Offering Needed	1,233.00		
	\$294.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, Sep 3, 9:30 AM	Sun, Sep 10, 9:30 AM
Pastor		Pastor Fluechtling
Usher	Dave Bloom	Aaron Schassburger
Lay Reader	Dave Bloom	Tracy Middleton

DONATIONS



FOOD PANTRY



GENERAL FUND