

A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

September 1, 2024

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!*” (St. 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, since 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).



Readings for Next Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Prophecy of the Day: 1 Kings 17:8-16
Epistle of the Day: Galatians 5:25-6:10
Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Matthew 6:24-34

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Surge vade quia fides tua te salvum fecit
“Arise, go thy way;
for thy faith hath made thee whole”

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity **The Ten Lepers Sunday**

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice closed communion. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn "O God, Forsake Me Not" #731

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The Service of the Word begins with the Introit

Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of Your anointed!
For a day in Your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD.
Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house,
ever singing Your praise!
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
The LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does He withhold from those who walk up rightly.

(Ps. 84:1-2a, 4, 10b, 11b; antiphon: Ps. 84:9-10a)

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Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity – 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. **A - - - men!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **Proverbs 4:10-23**
[Watch Over Your Heart]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Gradual

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

(Ps. 92:1-2)

Epistle of the Day **Galatians 5:16-24**
[Walking in the Spirit]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Triple Alleluia** p. 190

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**
Holy Gospel of the Day **St. Luke 17:11-19**
[The Ten Lepers]

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day
"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #849

Sermon

[We rise] **Offertory** p. 192

[We are seated]

The offering is received
God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

Rite of Confirmation
Mr. Kekoa Lagunero

[We rise] **Prayer of the Church**

[Please review our Communion Policy inside this Guide]

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[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body & Blood of Christ]

Hymn "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" #421
[We rise] **Doxology** #805

Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction p. 199

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" #707