

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 25, 2024 – 9:00 AM
Thursday, August 29, 2024 – 6:30 PM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 557
Seek Where You May to Find a Way

Divine Service Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book p. 184

The Introit

Psalm 26:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8

The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

O LORD, I love the habitation | of Your house*
and the place where Your | glory dwells.

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,*
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.

Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;*
test my heart | and my mind.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, | O LORD,*
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your | wondrous deeds.



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

O LORD, I love the habitation | of Your house*
and the place where Your | glory dwells.

Kyrie

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:11-19

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.”

¹³And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,
¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”

¹⁶You turn things upside down!

Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,

“He did not make me”;

or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
“He has no understanding”?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear

the words of a book,

and out of their gloom and darkness

the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,

and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:22-33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia and Verse

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of His disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of

the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And He said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors Me with their lips,
but their heart is far from Me;

⁷in vain do they worship Me,

teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”



⁹And He said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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✘ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✘

Visitors, we welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the () if you will be communing with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	8/15/24	6:30 p.m.	27
Sunday	8/18/24	9:00 a.m.	147

FLOWERS are given by the Goetz family in memory of Gerald Goetz.

BULLETINS are given by Candace Kolter in memory of her daughter Lisibess Alma Oelkers.

WE PRAY for Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Randall Gray (brother of Linda Goetz), Richard Hanson, Konnie Otto and Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski).

PRAYER OF COMFORT for the family of Shirley E. Nelson, who passed away on Thursday, August 15. The visitation will be Wednesday, August 28, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Our Father’s Lutheran Church, with the funeral service to follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at Highland Memorial Park, 14875 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin, after the service. Blessed are those who die in the Lord for they shall inherit eternal life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for 2024-2025 begins on Sunday, September 8 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We welcome all children ages 3 through 6th grade students. Registration forms are located in the narthex and office, and may be returned to either the box (same location) or church office. If you are interested in helping out or becoming a Sunday School teacher, please call Christina Janetzke at (414) 975-4826 or email cwingy10@yahoo.com.

REMINDER Church services return to 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. in two weeks, on Sunday, September 8. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School also resume on this day.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE will collect mite boxes today, *Sunday*, August 25.

ANNUAL PICNIC for Our Father’s Lutheran Church, School, and Childcare is Sunday, September 8. More details to follow. Please join us for fellowship and fun!

TROJAN HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK School is off to a great start! We began our 60th year on Wednesday, with Chapel led by Pastor Nuckols. We are blessed to have 103 eager students who will learn so much this year, and more importantly, hear the Gospel each and every day. Thank you for keeping us in your daily prayers.

ADULT HANDBELLS will be starting *soon*. Rehearsals will be selected Tuesday evenings beginning at 5:45 p.m., and we ring for Divine services approximately once every 5 or 6 weeks. No previous bell ringing experience is required - although the ability to read music is very helpful. If you are interested - please reach out to Stephen Johnson (sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org) for more details.

INVITE PASTOR FOR DINNER The sign-up sheet starting with August dates is now up in the Narthex, if you would like to host a dinner for Pastor on Thursdays before church. If you have any questions, please contact LeAnn Lagerman at 414-333-7994.

OFLS ALUMNI If you or someone you know graduated from Our Father's and went into full-time church work, served in the US Armed Forces, or worked as a first responder, we would like to connect with you. Please contact Principal Cahill at bcahill@ourfatherslutheran.org for more details.

OUR FATHER'S LUTHERAN CHILDCARE is **now enrolling preschoolers** ages 3 and 4 years old starting this September! Our Father's is a state licensed childcare facility which operates year-round Monday-Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please contact Amanda McGraw or Michelle Sroka at (414) 282-9057 to learn more about this great opportunity to give your child a Christ-centered education in a family-like environment.

COACHES NEEDED! Our Father's Lutheran School's Athletic Department is looking for volunteer coaches for the 2024-25 school year. Head Coach and Assistant positions are available. Sports include Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer and Track and Field. Coaching experience is not required. If you or someone you know may be interested, please email Ben Janetzke at bjanetzke@ourfatherslutheran.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on October 12 for the first Lutheran Classical Academy Cornhole Tournament and Hog Roast! This event, hosted by St John's Lutheran in Port Washington (217 N Freeman Drive), will include a delicious hog roast, sides, and beverages available for purchase; a fun 50/50 raffle; prizes for the top three teams! Please sign up to play via the QR code on the poster. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church – Lutheran Classical Academy. We invite you to join us for a fun time to help support the good cause of Lutheran Education!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	8/25	DIVINE SERVICE	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	8/28	CHAPEL SERVICE Morning Bible Study	8:10 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Thursday	8/29	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Friday	8/30	No School	
Sunday	9/1	DIVINE SERVICE	9:00 a.m.

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*“Command of God, Tradition of Men”
August 25 through August 31, 2024*

The first reading this week is a reminder of the judgment which God will carry out upon all who do not believe in His Son. Jehu's destruction of Ahab's house is pleasing to God for that was the way of faith, but Jehu soon turned his back on the way of faith and did not walk in the law of the Lord. He took up false gods and walked in the way of Jeroboam. Faith trusts the promise of God so that it always desires the way of obedience to God's law. The wicked Athaliah is a reminder of the false church which always tries to destroy God's Bride. Her goal is to destroy all the heirs and leave the kingdom without a ruler. So Satan worked through Herod who sought to destroy the real ruler of the kingdom and forced Christ's flight to Egypt. Only after six years did God bring Joash out of hiding to bring a sabbath, a rest, from the rule of Athaliah. The rest is established as Joash restores the temple.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

THE CREED

VERSE: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever! **Psalms 111:10**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
AMEN

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 29

PSALMODY PRAYER: O Lord, whose name is above every name, open my ears to hear Your voice alone amidst all the conflicting voices of this life. Your voice in Word and Sacrament is the voice of the Creator and Preserver of all life and brings peace to all Your people. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	1 Samuel 21:1-22:2
Tuesday	1 Samuel 22:3-23
Wednesday	1 Samuel 23:1-13
Thursday	1 Samuel 23:14-29
Friday	No School
Saturday	Mark 7:14-23

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Luther, Large Catechism, Third Commandment: The plain sense of this commandment, then, is that since we observe holidays in any case, we should use them for learning God's Word. For the sake of young people and the neglected masses, the ministry of the Word should be the special concern of this day. However, the observance of the day of rest should not be so narrowly restrictive that it forbids incidental and unavoidable work. If, then, someone asks the meaning of "Thou shalt sanctify the holy day," then reply, "To sanctify the holy day means to keep it holy." But what is "keeping it holy?" It is nothing else than to reserve it for holy words, holy works, and holy living. For the day as such requires no sanctifying for it was created holy in itself. But God wants it to be holy for you. It is through you that it becomes holy or unholy depending on whether what you do on that day is holy or unholy. How, then, is such sanctifying accomplished? Not by sitting cozily in a corner and avoiding hard work, nor by decking oneself with flower garlands and putting on one's best clothes, but, as stated, by our being occupied with God's Word and putting it into practice. Indeed, we Christians ought to observe an ongoing holy day and be totally involved with holy things, that is, daily occupy ourselves with God's Word, carrying it in our hearts and on our lips. But because not everyone has the time and leisure for this, we must, as was pointed out, use several hours during the week for the young and at least one day of the week for the whole community, solely in order to focus on these things, especially on the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. In that way, our entire life and being will be under the direction of God's Word.

Be the time slot what it may, wherever there are such activities and exercises, there a true holy day is kept. Wherever these are lacking, it cannot be called a Christian holy day. . . . The treasure that sanctifies all things is the Word of God, by which the saints themselves were all sanctified. In whatever hour one uses, preaches, hears, reads, or thinks about God’s Word, it sanctifies the person, his day, and his work, not because of the external act, but because of the Word that makes saints of us all. Therefore, I keep repeating that if our life and labor are to be God-pleasing or holy, they must be conducted in the light of the Word of God. Where that happens, there the Third Commandment is being observed according to its full intent. . . . So much depends on God’s Word that without it no holy day is sanctified. We should, therefore, realize that God wants this commandment to be strictly kept and will punish all who despise God’s Word and do not want to hear or learn it, especially at the times set aside for it. (LC, 26-28, St. Louis: Concordia, 1978)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 713 “From God Can Nothing Move Me” (stanza 2)*

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WEEK OF THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

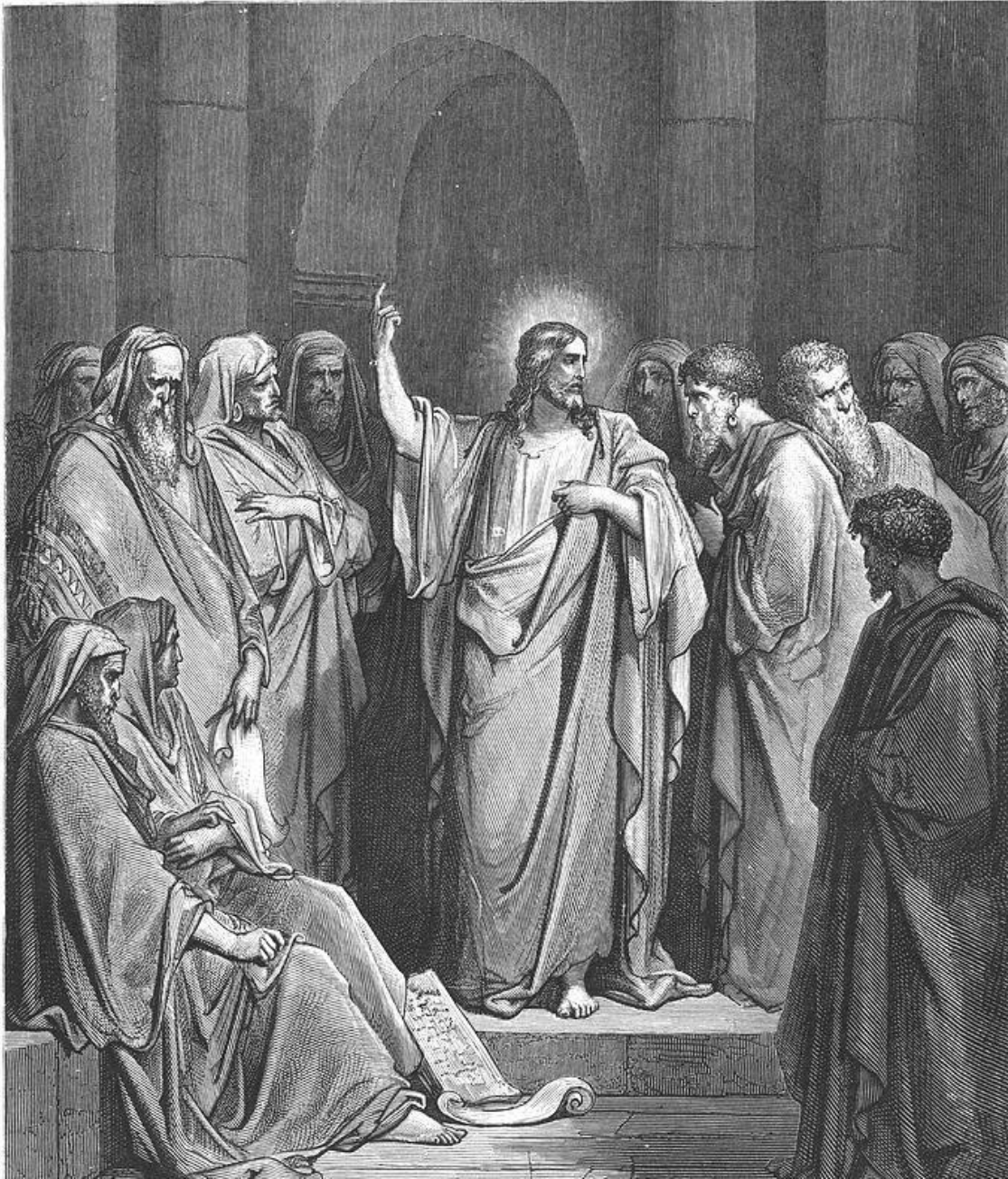
“The Heart of Man”
September 1, 2024

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 656, 566, 867, 524, 565, 624, 665

READINGS

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9
Ephesians 6:10-20
Mark 7:14-23

Jesus' words fly in the face of contemporary Christianity's obsession with practical results. In this text, He repeatedly points out that the problem with man is an internal one. To treat the problem it must be attacked and cure at the point of its internal origin. Like the Jews of Jesus' day, contemporary Christians often become obsessed with "how to" books which deal with externals. What really needs to happen is not an attack on those external behavioral problems, but an admission that the problem is really the deep-seeded sinfulness of man's heart. Only the Word of God which comes into man from outside can deal with the cleansing of the heart. Cleaning up the external behavior does not cleanse the heart. The washing of water and the Word cleanses man's heart. This Word is not to be altered by man or adapted to different cultures. It is the Word of life for all peoples and all cultures. Your opinions come from your heart and are therefore sinful, but the Word of God comes from outside of you to cleanse your heart. The true tradition of the Church is firmly grounded in the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures. It is not optional. That Word is the sword of the Spirit with which you may slay the principalities of this world. Your armor against temptation is not from within (inner strength), but is placed upon you by God Himself. In His grace He defends you in the faith and preserves you for eternal life. As Paul himself says, pray for your pastors that they may open their mouths boldly to make known the mystery of this Gospel which cleanses the heart.



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