

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Four

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O holy God, grant that we have daily recourse to Your Word so that we not torment ourselves with all sorts of doubts as to Your ways with man and thus willfully close our eyes to the light which Christ offers us in the Scriptures. May we ever trust that the Bible is Your Word and clearly reveals to us what is necessary for our salvation: it shows Your heart as it tells us of Jesus and His salvation, it explains the task Jesus had to accomplish and the words He spoke, and it assures us of Your grace, the forgiveness of our sins and our eternal salvation. Let us ever remember that it is by means of this Word that the Holy Spirit comes to us, illumines the Gospel in our hearts so that we believe Your Word, find comfort in it and silence again any doubts that arise in our hearts. In the name of Jesus who is the holy light, our divine guide. Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

869 With the Lord Begin Your Task

Stand

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

Exhortation

Psalms 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

- 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.

Confession of Sins

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

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

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.

G Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4



Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Commit your way | to the LORD;*
trust in him, and | he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!

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.

Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



G 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-shiped 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.

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 Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15:15–21

O 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.
Your 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.
I 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.
Why is my pain unceasing,
 my wound incurable,
 refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
 like waters that fail?

Therefore 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.
And 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.
I 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.**



Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



**Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.**

Epistle: Romans 12:9–21

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

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To 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." Do 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



John 20:31



Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21–28

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

From 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. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But 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."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For 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? For 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. Truly, 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.

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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Sermon

“Overcoming Evil with Good”

Text: Romans 12:9-21

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

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

Sit

Offering

*(Please add your name to the red fellowship
book and pass it to your fellow worshipers.)*



Service of the Sacrament

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*Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the
inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.*

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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.**

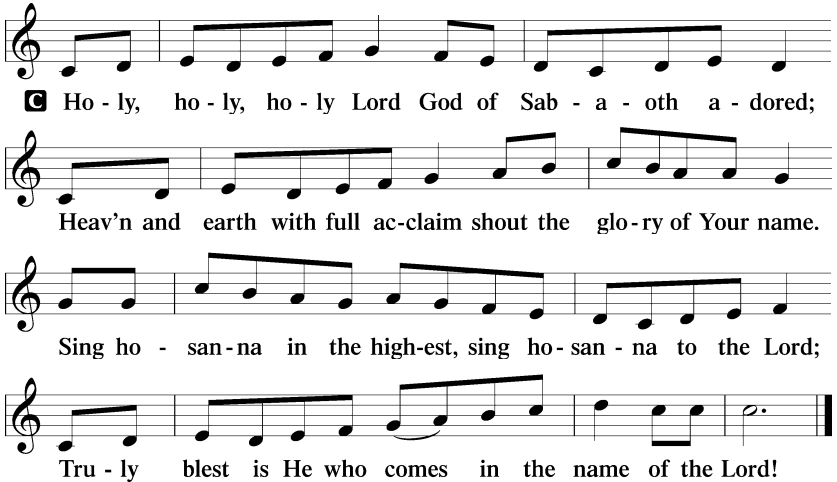
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 singing:

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

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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."

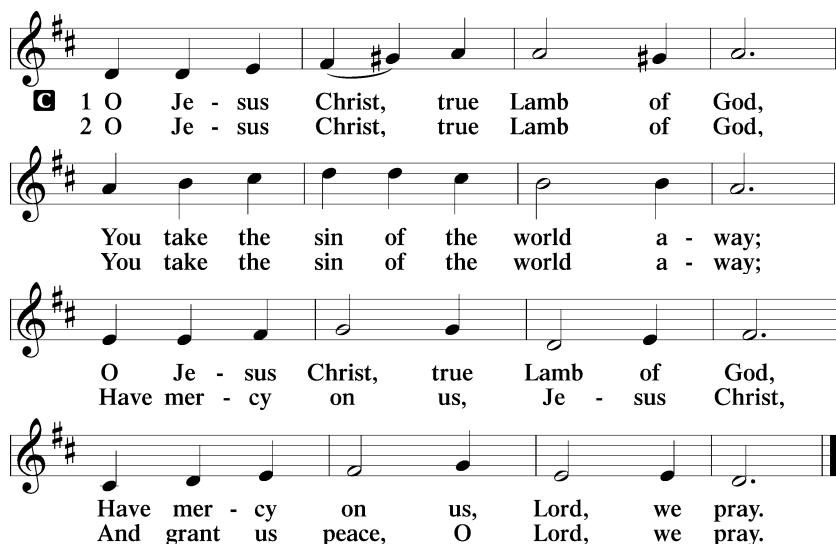
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Distribution

Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
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 be - 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.

G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

G Amen.

837 Lift High the Cross



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

Acknowledgments

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Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Steve White

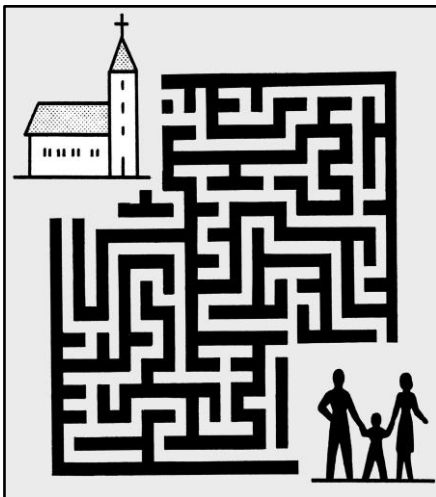
10:30 a.m. – Andy Olson



Pre-confirmation Class will begin Monday, September 11, 2023. The Pre-confirmation Class is for students in grades 4 and 5 and will be held from 5:45-6:30 p.m. on Monday's. Call the church office at 303-683-1300 if you have any questions.

Back to School

You desire our children to come to you, Jesus, and to learn what it means to honor Your Father by growing in wisdom, stature, and favor. We humbly ask you to bless students, teachers, staff, and administrators of the schools in our nation. Grant wisdom, Lord Jesus, so they understand how to teach children to follow Your moral and spiritual example of love for the Father, His creatures, and creation. Amen.



Roman 12:9-21

P	A	T	I	E	N	T	Z	R	C
J	A	B	H	O	R	Q	U	O	E
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Romans
bless
kindly
real

abhor
patient
good
love

peace
hope
cleave

prayer
affection
evil



**Everyone should
eat and drink and
take pleasure in all
his toil—this is
God’s gift to man.**

Ecclesiastes 3:13

Working for the Lord

Labor Day in the United States was declared a national holiday in 1894 with the call for an eight-hour workday for workers to be balanced with eight hours of sleep and eight hours of recreation a day. Scripture likewise provides guidance about how we are to live.

In Psalm 127:1, Solomon says if we don’t know the Lord, “we labor in vain” and consequently worry and work too much. Those who know the Lord know His love and can rest from their work. Paul tells us to make the best use of our time and seek the Lord’s will. We are to be wise and not act foolishly in our lives.

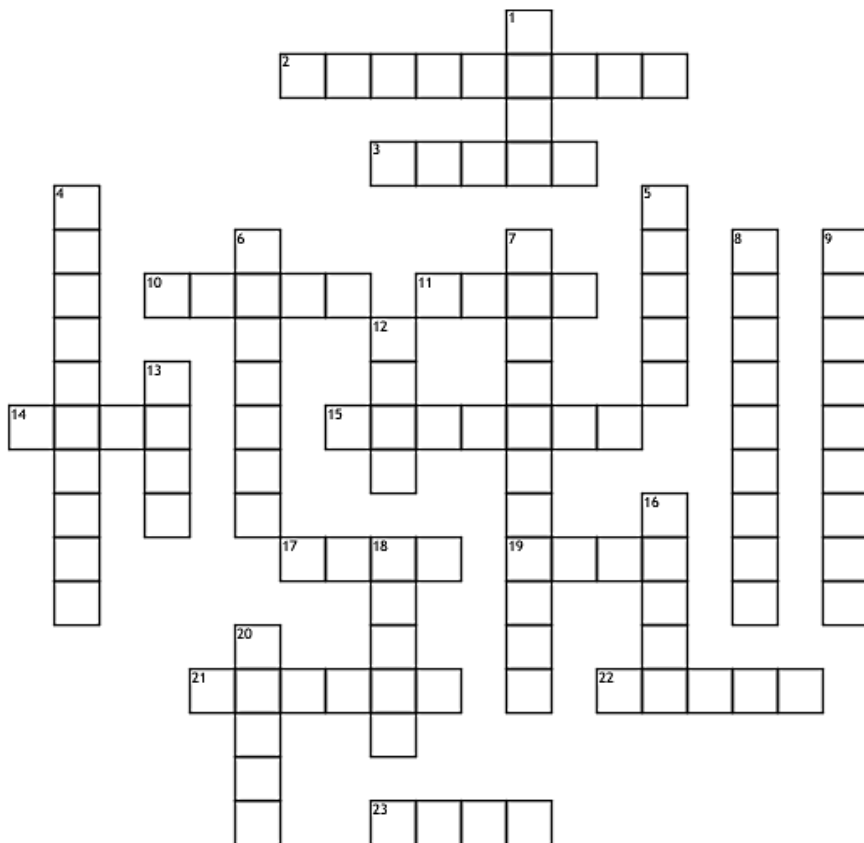
As does the Lord, employers want workers who use their time wisely and aren’t foolish. No matter what our vocations are, we should work as if we are working for the Lord—demonstrating wisdom and using our time wisely while we continually seek to know the Lord. Our vocations also provide us with opportunities to show our fellow workers forgiveness and the love we know in Christ. Then, at the end of the day, we can rest—knowing we are in the Lord’s care, and He will give us peace each night and eternally.

*Lord Jesus, may I find time on this day of rest from
work—and on all my days—to seek to know Your will. Amen.*

This life, therefore, is not righteousness but growth in righteousness, not health but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise; we are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished, but it is going on; this is not the end, but it is the road; all does not yet gleam with glory, but all is being purified.

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Romans 12:9-21



Across

2. We are to _____ in tribulation.
3. Associate with the _____.
10. _____ those who persecute you.
11. What are we to cling to?
14. Do not be _____ in your own estimation!
15. Rejoice with those who _____.
17. Be of the same _____ with one another.
19. What are we to be devoted to?
21. We are to be devoted to _____.
22. Be at _____ with all men.
23. We are to rejoice in _____.

Down

1. What are you to abhor?
4. We are to _____ to the needs of the saints.
5. Give preference to on another in? _____.
6. Never take your own _____.
7. We are to practice _____.
8. What should love be without?
9. Not lagging behind in?
12. Weep with those who _____.
13. If your enemy is hungry, _____ him.
16. We are to _____ the Lord.
18. _____ pay back evil for evil to anyone!
20. If he is thirsty, give him a _____.

Petitions and Prayers: When we call upon God in prayer, we are to confess who we are: sinners who are undeserving of His mercy.



Health concerns:

Dear Lord Jesus, much of Your ministry on this earth was to heal and restore the sick. Great miracles were done by Your hand of healing and Your mercy. That is why we confidently ask for those who suffer from various diseases that Your power and Your grace reach them by healing their illness, according to Your gracious will. May they be witnesses of Your goodness, in Your holy name. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- **Mark Von Soosten**, husband of Carol (Marie McQuarries friend) has pancreatic cancer. Pray for the Lord's guidance in treatment and the Lord's will for Mark and family.
- **Joy** and **Bil Pinkston** are grateful for the prayers offered by Pastor Skelton and the congregation the last few weeks on behalf of the following people:
 - * **Joy** continues to heal from her knee surgery.
 - * **Carolyn** is healing from hip replacement surgery.
 - * **Eric Pinkston's** condition has improved with testing and changes in medications and treatment for his heart problems.
 - * **Elaine** has a test re her heart condition in September.
 - * **Greg** (on kidney dialysis for several years) has an appointment at the May Clinic regarding a possible kidney transplant.
- **Devon** Hanson (grandson of **Connie and Terry Mitchell**) – mental health issues
- **Dillon** (grandson of **Connie and Terry Mitchell** - health issues
- **Roger Frank** (brother of **Connie Mitchell**) cancer
- **Mary** (relative of **Tabris'**) pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- **Angela** (single mother in Illinois) friend of **Helen Tabris** –waiting for heart transplant
- **Jamie** (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter **Jade** (is being adopted by family in Colorado)

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life September 3, 2023

“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”
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Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies. Give me not up to the will of my adversaries.

Psalm 27:11-12

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Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

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Back to School
What else do you
need to get back to?

