

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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OPENING HYMN

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

LSB 707

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!  
O that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!**

**Order my footsteps by Thy Word and make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way; restore Thy wand'ring sheep.**

**Make me to walk in Thy commands-- 'tis a delightful road--  
Nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.**

*Ps. 119:5, 33, 133, 176; Ezek. 34:11-12; Matt. 18:12-14*

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*

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.** *Psalms 130:3-4*

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. *Luke 18:13*

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

**C: Amen.**

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### INTROIT

How great are your works, O Lord, Your thoughts are very deep! 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, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. 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. How great are Your works, O Lord, Your thoughts are very deep! *Psalms 92:1-5*

KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

**To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing--  
our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To you, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heart-felt cry,  
Where you in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High, in God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with You.**

P: Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set out minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

**C: Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: Romans 13:1-10

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *John 20:31***

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

LSB 853

**How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed Your call: to live according to Your Word  
And daily learn, refreshed, restored, that You are Lord of all and will not let us fall.**

**But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear;  
If worldly pressures fray the mind, and love itself cannot unwind  
Its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.**

**We marvel how Your saints become in hindrances more sure;  
Whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear Your name,  
And by our faults obscure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.**

**In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone, in old routines and ventures new,  
May we not cease to look to You, the cross You hung upon—all You endeavored done.**

*Luke 5:1-11; Matt. 11:28-30; Heb. 12:1-4*

SERMON: "Privilege and Responsibility" *Matthew 18:1-20*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.** *Colossians 3:1*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *Psalm 136*

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto 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:

THE SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

Here us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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!**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION

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“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

LSB 686

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.**

**Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransomed soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.**

*Jn 4:14; 1 Sam. 7:3-12; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Eph. 1:13-14*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: 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,

**C: Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29-32*

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace, for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles unto your holy hill, the glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“May We Thy Precepts Lord, Fulfill”

LSB 698

**May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill and do on earth our Father's will as angels do above;  
Still walk in Christ, the living way, with all Thy children and obey the law of Christian love.**

**So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess, from sin and strife to flee.  
One is our calling, one our name, the end of all our hopes the same, a crown of life with Thee.**

**Spirit of life, of love and peace, unite our hearts, our joy increase, Thy gracious help supply.  
To each of us the blessing give in Christian fellowship to live, in joyful hope to die.**

*Ex. 20:3-17; Matt. 6:10*