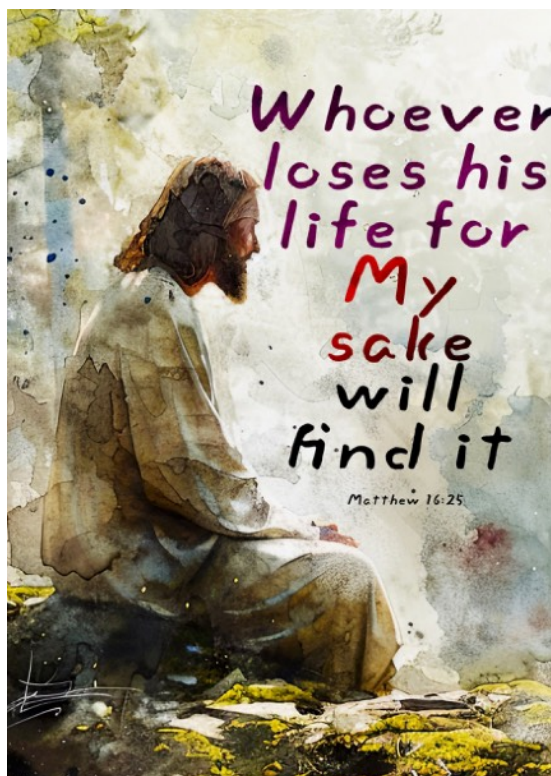


Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Prayer Upon Entering Church: O Lord, God the Father, my Maker, Lord Jesus, my Redeemer, Holy Spirit, my Comforter in life and death, I have entered Your house to hear what You will speak to me. Lord, renew now my heart through Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, that from Your Word I learn to grieve over my sins, trust in Jesus in life and in death, and daily to better myself in holy life and conduct. Hear and answer me through Jesus Christ. Amen.

About This Service: The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If you don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Communion Statement: All visitors are asked to speak with Pastor before the service and prior to coming up for communion. We invite those who are active communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS but wish to come receive a blessing, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

Ring of the Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn TLH 421 "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"

**Come, follow Me, the Savior spake, All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.**

**I am the Light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day, I keep your feet from straying.
I am the Way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.**

**My heart bounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.**

**I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from every guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the Refuge of the soul And lead you to your heavenly goal.**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suffering be undaunted.
For who bears not the battle's strain The crown of life shall not obtain. Amen.**

The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH

Invocation: TLH Page 15 [Responses Sung]

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Confession of Sins TLH Page 16

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution TLH Page 16

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: [Sung] Amen.

Introit (P: Pastor **C: Congregation**) *Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

P: Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**C: Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.**

P: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

**C: 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 devices!**

Gloria Patri: *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH Pages 17-19 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect

TLH Page 19

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And with thy spirit!

(prayed together) – **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.**

Response: [Sung] Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 15:15-21

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.”

Epistle Reading – Romans 12:9-21

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.

Gradual (*Pastor speaks, congregation responds with "Hallelujahs!"*)

P: 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.

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings... **C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 16:21-28

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."

The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...

C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!

The Nicene Creed *TLH Page 22*

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

Sermon Hymn TLH 367 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

**Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior, Who hast borne our sin and shame,
By whose merits we find favor! Life is given through Thy name.**

**Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.
Every sin may be forgiven Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Open is the gate of heaven, Peace is made 'twixt man and God.**

**Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory, There forever to abide!
All the heavenly host adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading, There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.**

**Worship, honor, power, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing, Meet it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise. Amen.**

The Sermon

Offertory *TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]*

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Prayers *TLH Pages 23-24*

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Preface: *TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.	C: And with thy spirit.
P: Lift up your hearts.	C: We lift them up unto the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.	C: It is meet and right so to do.
P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:	

The Sanctus: *TLH Page 26 [Sung]*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer: *TLH Page 27*

**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;**

[Sung] For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution: *TLH Page 27*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini: TLH Page 27

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

C: *[Sung]* A - - - men.

The Agnus Dei: TLH Page 28 *[Sung]*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

The Distribution *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us.)*

Distribution Hymns TLH 409 "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Flee the world, which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in His footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

Let us suffer here with Jesus, To His image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.
Tho' we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap with heav'nly joy;
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with Thee; There, oh, share Thy joy with me!

Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee There to live eternally.

Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since He's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, Thou art now our Head,
We are truly Thine own members; Where Thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to Thee, Also there eternally. Amen.

TLH 425 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,
Tho' all earthly wealth depart. He who trusts with faith unshaken
In his God is not forsaken And e'er keeps a dauntless heart.

He who hitherto hath fed me And to many joys hath led me,
Is and ever shall be mine. He who did so gently school me,
He who still doth guide and rule me, Will remain my Help divine.

Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure And that now is seldom found.

When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope my heart anew will quicken,
All my longing shall be stilled. To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender; For in Him alone I build.

Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never--
As God wills, so be it ever--I to Him commit my way.

If on earth my days He lengthen, He my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Thanksgiving: *TLH Page 30*

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer: *TLH Pages 30-31*

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God,
world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

The Benedicamus: *TLH Page 31*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction: *TLH Page 31*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn **TLH 410** "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless;
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.

If the way be drear, If the Foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us, Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For though many a woe To our home we go.

When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us, Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland. Amen.

Silent Prayer - Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO:

STANDING FOR THE GOSPEL & “PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST”

We stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel, not because the other Scripture readings are less important. Rather, in the reading of the Holy Gospel, we hear the voice of Christ Jesus speaking to His Church, and we stand in reverence, ready to hear Him speak.

“Together with the response after the Gospel, “Praise be to Thee, O Christ,” they express our recognition of the real presence of Christ in our worship. We address Him as one actually present. We acknowledge the fact that the Christ of the Gospels and the Christ of the Sacrament are one and the same.”

Luther Reed, *The Lutheran Liturgy*, 282.

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Hymn #421: Scripture: Matthew 16:24; Mir nach, spricht Christus; Come Follow Me, The Savior Spake; Author: Johann Scheffler (1668, cento); Translator: Charles W. Schaeffer (+ 1896, alt.) Tune: Mach's mit mir, Gott; Composer: J. Hermann Schein (1628).

Hymn # 367: Scripture: Revelation 4:11; Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus; Author unknown, c. 1757; Tune: O Durchbrecher; Source: “Neues geistreiches Gesanbuch”, Halle, 1704

Hymn #409: John 11:16; Lasset un smit Jesu ziehen; Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus; Author: Sigismund von Birken (1653); Translator: J. Adam Bimbach (1900); Tune: Lasset un smit Jesu Ziehen; Composer: Georg G. Boltze (1788).

Hymn #425: Scripture: Proverbs 10:22; Alles ist an Gottes Segen; All Depends On Our Possessing; Author Unknown (c. 1673); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1858, alt); Tune: Alles ist an Gottes Segen; Composer: Johann B. König (1738).

Hymn # 410: Scripture: Luke 5:11; Jesu, geh voran; Jesus Lead Thou On; Author: Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1721); Tune: Cento by Christian Gregor (1778); Translator: Jane Borthwick (1854, alt.); Tune: Seelenbroutigan; Composer: Adam Drese (1697).

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Catechism Recitation for the Week:

Table of Duties: To Workers of All Kinds

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Eph. 6:5–8

Daily Bible Reading:

- **Monday, August 31st**: Daniel 8
- **Tuesday, September 1st**: Daniel 9
- **Wednesday, September 2nd**: Daniel 10
- **Thursday, September 3rd**: Daniel 11
- **Friday, September 4th**: Daniel 12
- **Saturday, September 5th**: Jonah 1
- **Sunday, September 6th**: Jonah 2

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Prayer for Departing Church: O Lord, I give thanks to You with all my heart. You have taught me Your will that I might perform it. Help me now, my God, by Your Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake, that I may treasure Your Word in a heart unblemished, and fortified in faith, lead a sanctified life after the manner of our forefathers, and therein find solace in life and in death. Amen.