

# THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Hymn ----- Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices**

CW 194

1. Oh, that I had a thousand voices  
    To praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,  
    Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.
2. Dear Father, endless praise I render For soul and body, nobly joined;  
I praise you, Guardian kind and tender, For all the daily joys I find  
So richly spread on ev'ry side And freely for my use supplied.
3. I praise you, Savior, whose compassion  
    Has brought you down to ransom me.  
Your pitying heart sought my salvation; You bore the cross triumphantly,  
Brought me from bondage full release,  
    Made me your own, and gave me peace.
4. Glory and praise, still onward reaching, Be yours, O Spirit of all grace,  
Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching  
    Give me among your saints a place.  
Whatever good by me is done Is worked by grace divine alone.
5. Shall I not then be filled with gladness? Shall I not praise you evermore  
And triumph over fear and sadness, Although my cup of woe runs o'er?  
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear, Your endless love is ever near.

***Stand.***

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

#### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*Kyrie*

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C: Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

*O Lord, Our Lord*



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin;

you com-fort our spir-it; you make us pure and

ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your on-ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa-ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



### *Prayer of the Day*

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Be seated.*

### THE WORD

#### **First Lesson ----- Deuteronomy 8:10–18**

Then you will eat, and you will be filled, and you will praise the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Be very careful so that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and ordinances and his statutes that I am commanding you today. When you eat and are satisfied, and you build nice houses and move into them, and your herds and

your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold increase, and everything that you have prospers, watch out so that your heart does not become arrogant and forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, where you were slaves. Do not forget the LORD, who led you in the great and terrifying wilderness, where there were venomous snakes and scorpions, where the

thirsty ground had no water, but the LORD made water come out of a flint rock for you. Do not forget the LORD, who in the wilderness fed you manna, which your fathers had not known before, to humble you and to test you so that it would be good for you later on.

You might say in your heart, "My ability and

the power of my hand have earned this wealth for me." But then you are to remember that the LORD your God is the one who gives you the ability to produce wealth, to confirm his covenant that he promised to your fathers with an oath, as he does to this day.

**Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 84**

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*Refrain*

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,\*

O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,\*

for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;\*

they are ever praising you.

*Refrain*

Better is one day in your courts\*

than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God\*

than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O LORD Almighty,\*

blessed are they who trust in you.

**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.    *Refrain***

## Second Lesson ----- Galatians 5:16-24

What I am saying is this: Walk by the spirit, and you will not carry out what the sinful flesh desires. For the sinful flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful flesh. In fact, these two continually oppose one another, so that you do not continue to do these things you want to do. But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the control of the law.

Now the works of the sinful flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, complete lack of restraint, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, discord, jeal-

ousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things similar to these. I warn you, just as I also warned you before, that those who continue to do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful flesh with its passions and desires.

### *Verse of the Day*

*Psalms 105:1*

M: Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord. Proclaim his name. Make his deeds known among the peoples. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Stand.*

## Gospel ----- Luke 17:11-19

On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee. When he entered a certain village, ten men with leprosy met him. Standing at a distance, they called out loudly, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they went away they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. Jesus responded, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you.”

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*Be seated.*

## Hymn of the Day ----- Now Thank We All Our God

CW 610

1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,  
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

**Sermon ----- Luke 17:11–19**

*A Courageous Faith Gives Thanks*

*Stand.*

*Nicene Creed*

**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Be seated.*

*Offering*

*Stand.*

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*of the Gospel here and around the world.*



## *Prayer of the Church*

*The minister calls for the petitions and the congregation prays with “**Lord, have mercy.**”*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: In thanksgiving for His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For true unity in the faith; for the preservation of pure doctrine; for harmony in our congregation, district and Synod; and for charitable hearts that put the best construction on what we see and hear, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the fathers of the Church, that with the boldness of Solomon they would exhort their sons to wisdom, justice and persistence in the way of salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our land and its people, that God would deliver us from violence and discord; and for all who work to bring peace, including law enforcement and members of the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the sick and needy, [*including \_\_\_\_\_,*] that Christ would turn their sicknesses to health and their troubles to joy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the followers of Christ here and in every place, that receiving His crucified body and His blood in the Sacrament, we would be taught and strengthened to crucify our own flesh daily and walk according to His Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: In thanksgiving for [*\_\_\_\_\_ and*] all the saints who have walked before us, resisting the flesh, after whose example we, too, may cultivate the fruit of the Spirit by the power of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For hearts that always long for the dwelling place of the Lord's glory, that we would find our healing and eternal peace in the lovely courts of Christ's Church, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: **Amen.**

### *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 SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts



C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



### *Words of Institution*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

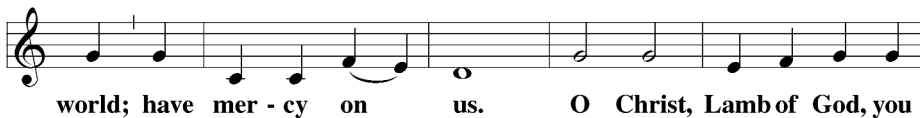
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



### *O Christ, Lamb of God*

### *Agnus Dei*





***Be seated.***

#### DISTRIBUTION

*In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.*

*During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:*

**Hymn ----- How Can I Thank You, Lord**  
CW 460

1. How can I thank you, Lord, For all your loving-kindness,  
That you have patiently Borne with me in my blindness!  
When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay,  
I kindled, holy God, Your anger ev'ry day.
2. It is your work alone That I am now converted;  
O'er Satan's work in me You have your pow'r asserted.  
Your mercy and your grace That rise afresh each morn  
Have turned my stony heart Into a heart new-born.

3. Lord, you have raised me up To joy and exultation  
And clearly shown the way That leads me to salvation.  
My sins are washed away; For this I thank you, Lord.  
Now with my heart and soul All evil I abhor.
4. Grant that your Spirit's help To me be always given  
Lest I should fall again And lose the way to heaven.  
Grant that he give me strength In my infirmity;  
May he renew my heart To serve you willingly.
5. O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;  
O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;  
O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide  
That I may serve you here And there with you abide.

**Hymn ----- O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

CW 441

1. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home,
2. Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in your sight Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.
6. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

# THANKSGIVING

*Stand.*

*Thank the Lord*



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

### *Blessing*

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



### *Be seated.*

**Hymn ----- Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink**

CW 405

1. Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though pressed by many a foe,  
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe,
2. That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chast'ning rod,  
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God,
3. A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without,  
That, when in danger, knows no fear, In darkness feels no doubt,
4. That bears unmoved the world's dread frown  
Nor heeds its scornful smile,  
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown Nor Satan's arts beguile,
5. A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled  
And with a pure and heav'nly ray Lights up the dying bed.
6. Lord, give us such a faith as this, And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.

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