

THE FOURTEENTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

Old Testament Reading: *Proverbs 4:10–23*

Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble. My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

Epistle: *Galatians 5:16–24*

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are

evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who 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, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Holy Gospel: *Luke 17:11–19*

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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✠ The Cry of Faith: Lord, Have Mercy ✠

The ten lepers cried out from a distance, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” (Luke 17:11–19). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. “Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:16–24). Thus we cry out with the lepers, “Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy,” eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus’ help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus’ cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (Prov. 4:10–23).

The Fourteenth Week after Trinity

Sep 13, Year of Our ✠ Lord 2020

COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT: Communion is offered today for those who: (1) repent of their sins, (2) believe in Jesus as their Savior, (3) believe that with the bread and the wine Christ gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and (4) desire to amend their sinful ways with the help of the Holy Spirit. We also believe that Holy Communion is a fellowship meal with those of the same confession of faith: therefore, we ask that those **NOT** of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the American Association of Lutheran Churches, or Lutheran Church Canada **please speak with the Pastor before communing.**

Introit *(Sing to the Tune of C)*

**☞ Behold our shield, | O God;
look on the face of you're a- | nointed!**

**For a day | in your courts
is better than a thousand | elsewhere.**

**How lovely is your dwelling place, O | Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord.**

**Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,
ever sing- | ing your praise!**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house | of my God
than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.**

**The Lord bestows favor and | honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk
up- | rightly.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. | Amen.**

**Behold our shield, | O God;
look on the face of you're a- | nointed!**

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Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Almighty God, we give You thanks for the innumerable blessings You have bestowed on us, especially for the revelation of Your will and grace in Jesus Christ, Your Son. Preserve for Your Church the pure doctrine of Your saving Word, raise up pastors to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Christ's name, and fill all Your baptized children with Your Spirit and His fruits. Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

P In Your mercy, remember the enemies of Your Church. Grant them repentance and amendment of life, that they would know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and be joined to the communion of Your saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

P To all those who have returned to school, give diligence in their studies, respect toward their teachers, and a desire to grow in knowledge. Keep students, teachers and staff safe from every danger. Bless especially the schools, universities and seminaries of our Synod. Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

P We give thanks for our president, for our national and state governments, and for our judges, and we pray that they would defend and protect life from the womb to the grave. We give thanks also for all those whose duty it is to protect and serve in our communities. Watch over them as they carry out their duties, and protect them — and us — from violence and every ill. Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

P We implore You to visit the sick, the suffering, the homebound, the grieving and all who stand in need especially.... Whatever their trials, have mercy on them, and comfort them with the knowledge that nothing can separate them from the love You have for them in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Lord, have mercy.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☞ Amen.

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