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**+ THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY +**  
**Service of Prayer & Preaching**  
**September 10, 2023**

***As We Gather:*** 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).

**Hymn 'Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies'**

**LSB 873**



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise; Tri - umph o'er the shades of night.  
 Joy-less is the day's re - turn Till Thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 Till they in - ward light im - part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 More and more Thy - self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

*Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88*  
*Tune: attr. Johann G. Werner, 1777–1822*  
*Text and tune: Public domain*

**Opening Versicles: Common**

LSB 260

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**  
**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**C Teach me Your paths.**  
**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.  
**C Your Word is truth.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**C** **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.**

# Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

*Refrain*

■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that  
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,  
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -  
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done  
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the  
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

## Reading

*Proverbs 4:10–23*

- 10 Hear, my son, and receive my words,  
that the years of your life may be many.
- 11 I have taught you the way of wisdom;  
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- 12 When you walk, your step will not be hampered,  
and if you run, you will not stumble.
- 13 Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;  
guard her, for she is your life.

14 Do not enter the path of the wicked,  
and do not walk in the way of the evil.

15 Avoid it; do not go on it;  
turn away from it and pass on.

16 For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;  
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness  
and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,  
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

19 The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;  
they do not know over what they stumble.

20 My son, be attentive to my words;  
incline your ear to my sayings.

21 Let them not escape from your sight;  
keep them within your heart.

22 For they are life to those who find them,  
and healing to all their flesh.

23 Keep your heart with all vigilance,  
for from it flow the springs of life.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Introit**

*Psalm 84:1–2a, 4, 10b, 11b; antiphon: vv. 9–10a*



Behold our shield, | O God;\*  
look on the face of your 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 will be forever. | Amen.**  
Behold our shield, | O God;\*  
look on the face of your a- | nointed!  
For a day | in your courts\*  
is better than a thousand | elsewhere.

### **Reading**

*Galatians 5:16–24*

16But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For 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. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21envy, 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. 22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Reading**

*Luke 17:11–19*

11On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” 14When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. 15Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has saved you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsory: Common**

LSB 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**Ten Commandments**

C **You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

**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.

**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.

**Hymn 'O God, My Faithful God'**

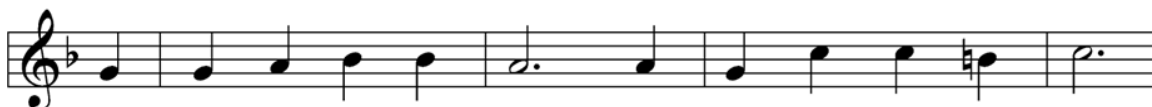
LSB 696



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;  
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small





A con-science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life  
Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul  
That it may live forever;  
And let my body have  
A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave;  
And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day  
When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand,  
My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice,  
Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice  
With those who love Your name.

*Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.*

*Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen*

## Sermon

“Faith Wants To Be With Jesus”

Luke 17:11-19

## Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart  
and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout  
the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the  
calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the  
common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

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

### **Collect of the Day**

L O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Collect for the Word**

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Hymn 'God's Word Is Our Great Heritage'

LSB 582

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

*Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.*

*Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924*

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## Blessing

### Benedicamus

LSB 267

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

LSB 267

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

# Closing Hymn 'Let Me Be Thine Forever'

LSB 689



1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;  
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,  
3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for - sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!  
Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead - fast - ness,  
For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
Him to the end con - fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
Give me Thy con - stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

*Text: tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.; (st. 1): Nicolaus Selnecker, 1532–92; (sts. 2–3): Gesang-Büchlein, 1688, Rudolstadt*

*Tune: Musika Teutsch, 1532, Nürnberg*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Readings for Next Sunday:** 1 Kings 17:8–16, Galatians 5:25—6:10, and Matthew 6:24–34.

**Stewardship:** Luke 17:18-19 – “Then Jesus answered ... ‘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.’” Faith and thanksgiving go together. How could they not go together? Our Lord gave Himself for us and we trust Him and His every Word. Once we have this faith, we want to say thank you — it’s only natural. Thus, our stewardship is a natural part of the Christian faith. We thank the Lord with our gifts which enable the church to reach more people with the Good News of Christ.

**Sunday School:** The lesson this week is “The Idle Idol.” Atop Mount Sinai, Moses receives the Law from God. Meanwhile, the Israelites grow impatient and convince Aaron to create a golden idol. When God sends Moses down from the mountain, Moses sees the people’s wanton worship and smashes the stone tablets. The people are punished for their idolatry. Moses returns to Sinai to plead God’s mercy for the people.

**Building Healthy Families for Sept 10th:** Spend \$1.50 on a new ink pen and you can use it to write 45,000 words before it runs dry. For such a small cost and an investment of a few minutes of time, you can use a cheap ink pen to make an incredible difference in someone’s life. This week, use that pen to write an encouraging note to an older man or woman living alone or in a care center in your community, or a grandchild or previous Sunday School student who has moved away, including your favorite hymn or Bible verse or prayer among the encouraging words you share. Perhaps at a critical moment of loneliness or doubt, God will use your note to remind them that they have not been forgotten - by Him or you. Bonus points for extending the value of your investment in that pen: with an average of 40 words per note counting the recipient’s name and address on the envelope, you can bring life, light, and joy to the lives of 1125 people this year before that pen runs dry! Happy note writing!  
Lutheran Family Service ~ [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).

**Life Quote for Sept 10th:** “God has taken away your sins. He has changed your heart. He gives you the ability to put yourself last so that you can humbly serve others. That’s greatness and a great life in God’s eyes. That humble serving attitude values and serves every life whether that life is a few cells old or a gene short of worldly greatness.” Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)**

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for Sept. 17th:** Hear “Pure Michigan and the Problem of Praise” based on Psalm 103 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. People praise that which they find laudable, valuable, beautiful. But when does praise become a problem? ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:** Abortion doesn’t just end unborn lives. It also breaks hearts with grief and guilt. So the Lord doesn’t exempt it from condemnation. He commands us to warn our brothers and sisters about its sinfulness (Ezekiel 33:7-8). Nor does He exclude abortion from His forgiveness. He would have us apply His absolution as explicitly to this iniquity as to our own (Psalm 32:5).

**KIDS HAVE QUESTIONS SERIES...** Have your children or grandchildren ever asked you questions about Science & Faith; The Problem of Evil & Suffering; Sexuality & Identity; Heaven, Death & Dying; Relationships, Life Issues and Mental Health? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, has a series that can help you answer those questions. You can listen to the entire series on-demand at [issuesetc.org/kidshavequestions](http://issuesetc.org/kidshavequestions).

**Join us** via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month at 9am for a Young Women’s Bible Study! While these Bible Studies will be focused toward teens and young adults, we welcome all to participate! Some weeks we will dive into a CPH Bible Studies while others will be a special topic session led by a pastor within the Iowa East. Email [hmraebel@gmail.com](mailto:hmraebel@gmail.com) for more information and join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month!

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**Cleaning:** Household(s) responsible for the week of 9/10-9/16 is **Shell**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 9/17-9/23 is **Sittig**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber at immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net. Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean. **Beginning January 1, 2023, the cost of cleaning sub is raising from \$50.00 to \$75.00.**

**Confirmation Memory Work for Sept. 13th**

5th/6th Grades:

*All Books of the Old Testament*

7th/8th Grades:

*Baptism: 2nd Part*

**Baptismal Birthdays**

*Saturday...Richard Huedepohl*

**Birthdays**

*Saturday...Dianna Kelting*

***We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.***

**Loose Giving Envelopes** are available in the pews and on the entryway table for visitors and for regular churchgoers who may have forgotten their offering envelopes.

**General Fund & Mission Giving:** When making gifts for both the general fund and missions, please provide the offerings in two separate checks as the church has separate bank accounts for these funds. Thank you.

**We encourage members to consider electronic giving.** It is a secure and convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. We would love for you to get started! Pick up an authorization form on the entryway table and return to the church secretary.



## Fall Rally

### “LIVING IN JOY”

St John Lutheran Church  
2370 Merino Ave.  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

October 7, 2023  
9:15am—3:00pm

Registration \$5.00

Speaker: Wanda Pritzel  
Lutheran Family Services

RSVP by October 1, 2023  
RSVP to [office@stjohnosky.org](mailto:office@stjohnosky.org)  
Or 641-673-6546



# ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

September 3, 2023

Attendance	44
General Fund	\$6905.00
Missions	\$145.00

## WEEK AHEAD

Today            8:00am Council Meeting  
                    9:00am Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
                    10:30am Bible Study/Sunday School  
                    11:30am Board of Education Meeting  
                         Greeter: Kelting  
                         Usher: Keith Thorpe  
                         Servers: Cheryl Christinson/Cayli Christinson  
                         Acolyte/Crucifer: Sloane/Cole  
                         Elder: Steve Haase

Monday          9:00am Winkle: Pastors in Grinnell

Tuesday        10:30am Pastor in class

Wednesday 4-5:15pm 5th/6th Grades Confirmation  
                    6:30-8pm 7th/8th Grades Confirmation

Thursday      11:00am Bible Study

Next Sunday 9:00am Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity  
                    10:30am Bible Study/Sunday School  
                         Greeter: Loudon  
                         Usher: Dan Huebner  
                         Servers: Barb Shell/Kris Gilman  
                         Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia/Kaitlynn  
                         Elder: Joel McDonough