

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



Blessing of Communicants

Lectionary 22 / Proper 17
14th Sunday after Pentecost
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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

ORGAN PRELUDE

Let the Spirit prepare your heart for worship.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The presiding minister may comment briefly on the service of the day, and then invite all to confession.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

The leader announces God's forgiveness.

By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Wherefore by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and in his stead, I forgive you all your sins.

Amen.

KYRIE

A Lord have mercy upon us.

C **Lord have mercy.**

A Christ, have mercy upon us.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

A Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Lord, have mercy.**



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

WORD

We hear and respond to God's Word

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A ¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Ps 15

- A ¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**
³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**
⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

- A ¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

James 1:18

P Alleluia. God gave us birth by the word of truth

C so that we would become a kind of first fruits of creation.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Lord of Light
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4 Only

ELW 832

1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis - dom you have spo - ken;
 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin - ner's death en - dur - ing:
 3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as - cend - ed:
 4 My Lord of lords, one Trin - i - ty, to your pure name be giv - en

but those who heard your wise com-mands your ho - ly law have bro - ken.
 for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing.
 your burn - ing love is now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed.
 all glo - ry now and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav-en.

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THE NICENE CREED

A With the church of God around the world, let us affirm our faith in the words of the 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Made heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who reveal your love to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those in civil authority, including the governors, legislators and president of these United States. Give them wisdom, discernment, and the courage to work hand-in-hand for the benefit of every person. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need. Bring security to the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, Ethiopia, Ukraine and in our own neighborhoods. Support and encourage people everywhere who live in danger of poverty, persecution or death. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. Guide the work of Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, and Habitat for Humanity. Bless the new Habitat homebuyers, Jasmine Smith and her family. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year in Fauquier and Prince William Counties. Grant wisdom to teachers, administrators, and students. Keep them safe from violence and disease. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We pray for the sick, and all those who need special care. Be with (*names*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful departed who showed us how to honor God with our heart (*especially: names*). Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

COMMUNION CLASS BLESSING

- P Dear friends, as we gather this morning, we celebrate. We celebrate that God loves us always. We celebrate that we can learn about the Communion Meal. And we celebrate with these students who have been learning about this Feast of Love.
- P First, we invite Yvonne Rodgers to come forward as the initiate teacher.
- A The following students have completed the Holy Communion classes and now come forward for a blessing. For some it is their first time to receive the Meal, whereas for others, this class has strengthened their knowledge and love of God through a Meal they have already been receiving.
- A As I call your names, please line up on either side of the Baptismal Font, facing the altar.

Derek Ducharme
Madelyn Harper
Maggie Scott
Ash Steigelman
Mordecai Tucker

The Presider asks God to bless the students. All return to their places for the Offering.

PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **And also with you.**

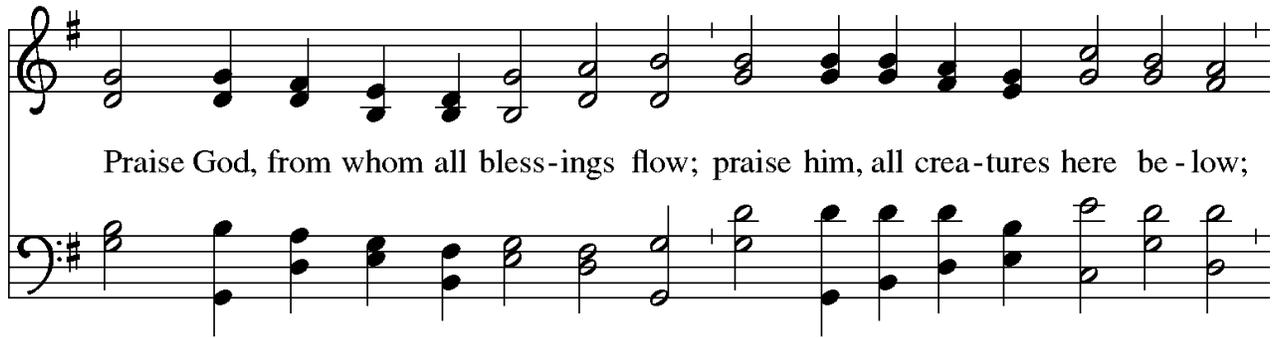
OFFERING

- P Let us offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions — signs of God's gracious love.

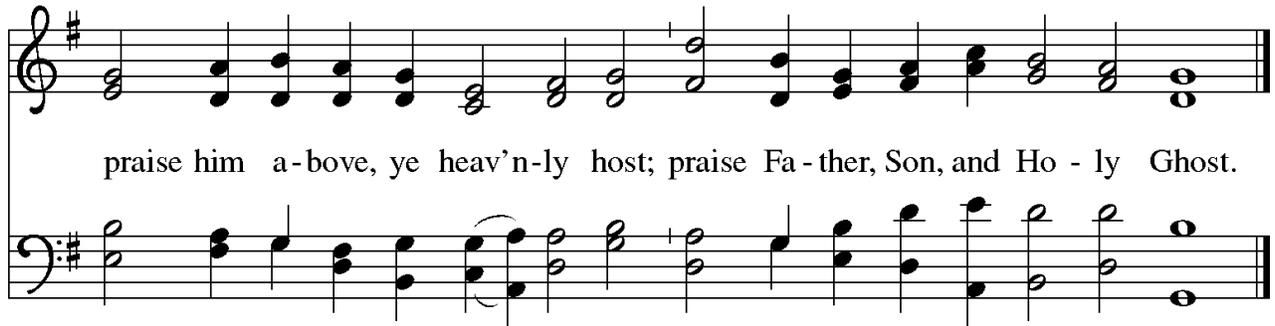
OFFERTORY PROCESSION

The gifts are brought forward to support the work of the church.

OFFERTORY CANTICLE



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;



praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.



A - men.



OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister invites the people to prayer.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Spoken by the presiding minister

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3 & Matthew 21:9

Spoken by the assembly

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Led by the presiding minister.

We give God thanks for this meal, recall God's saving deeds, and call the Holy Spirit to be present as we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving

and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

**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 presiding minister invites the assembly to the table in the words of Psalm 34:

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C **Happy are those who take refuge in him.**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

Communing of Communion Class and Parents. After the worship leaders receive communion, the Communion Class comes forward with their families. Others may follow as usual.

We will use a pouring chalice to administer the Blood. After you have consumed the Body, a worship leader will pour from the shared chalice into an individual cup. When you have consumed this, please place the cup in a tray.

If you prefer not to receive this way, please remember the words of St. Augustine, "but believe and thou hast eaten."

As the Minister gives the bread and wine, he or she says these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P Almighty God, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

All Stanzas



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



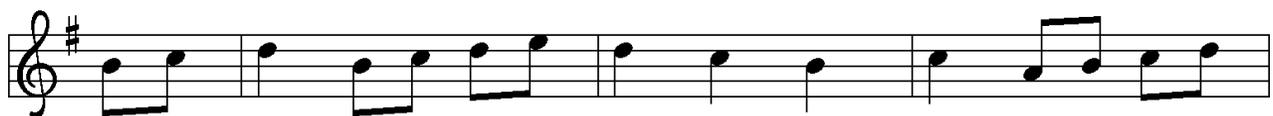
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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DISMISSAL

The Assisting Minister dismisses the assembly:

- A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Bible Readings

for Daily Prayer

These may be read by themselves or
as part of the Matins and Vespers services.

Monday

Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48
Deuteronomy 4:9-14
1 Timothy 4:6-16

Tuesday

Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48
Deuteronomy 4:15-20
1 Peter 2:19-25

Wednesday

Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48
Deuteronomy 4:21-40
Mark 7:9-23

Thursday

Psalm 146
Isaiah 30:27-33
Romans 2:1-11

Friday

Psalm 146
Isaiah 32:1-8
Romans 2:12-16

Saturday

Psalm 146
Isaiah 33:1-9
Matthew 15:21-31

Sunday, Lectionary 23, 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-10, 14-17
Mark 7:24-37



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