

# Wednesday of Trinity XIV

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church U. A. C.  
& Rainbow Preschool  
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*THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD*

## Hymn of Invocation: 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Order of Worship: p. 184

### Introit

*Psalm 84:1–2a; antiphon: vv. 9–10a*



Behold, O | God, our shield,\*  
and look upon the face of Thine a- | nointed.

For a day | in Thy courts\*  
is better than a | thousand.

How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O | LORD of Hosts!:\*  
my soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts | of the LORD.



**G** Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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and look upon the face of Thine a- | nointed.

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### Kyrie - Collect of the Day *p. 186ff*

**P** Keep, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy: and because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### First Lesson

*II Corinthians 6:14–7:1*

Brethren: Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:40–45*

At that time: A leper came to Jesus, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.” Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.” As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.

## Apostles’ Creed

**Hymn of the Day: 585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide**

**Sermon**

**Hymn: 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

**Offertory** *p. 192 ff*

**Prayer of the Church** **[P]** let us pray to the Lord: **[C]** Lord, have mercy.

**Preface - Agnus Dei** *p. 194ff*

**Distribution Voluntary: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**Nunc Dimittis - Benediction** *p. 199 ff*

**Hymn to Depart: 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus**

## Looking Forward to Sunday (Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity)

Lessons: Ezekiel 2:8–3:11; Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 9:9-13

Hymns: 740-760-TLH 520(printed)/632/864/732/725-922

## Looking Forward to Next Wednesday

Lessons: Colossians 1:12-20; Matthew 5:33-42

Hymns: 351-760-774-889

## We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

### Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

### The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



### Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

*"Repetitio est mater studiorum:* Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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