



**The unfolding of your  
words gives light;  
it imparts understanding  
to the simple.**

**Psalm 119.130**

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Order of Worship**

**August 26, 2018 | 10:00 am**

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*

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# *Welcome to God's House today!!!*

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

## *Today's Focus - The True Tradition of the Church*

The true tradition of the Church is the Gospel. Other traditions, although not commanded by God, may serve and support that sacred tradition of the Gospel. But the Church dare not “[**reject**] **the commandment of God**” in order to establish or hold to “the tradition of men” (Mark 7:8–9). Sinful people attempt to draw near to the Lord “**with their mouth**” and to honor Him “**with their lips,**” while their hearts are far removed from Him (Is. 29:13). Yet, He is “**the Holy One of Israel,**” who brings about salvation by His cross. This mystery of Christ is profound, for He is the Husband of the Church, and He is her Savior.

*Children are welcome in worship!* If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

*Is there something you'd like us to pray for today?* “*Prayer Request*” cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

**The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

**The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)**

# 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**AS WE GATHER:** Because of our sin, we often find ourselves giving in to sin and compromising instead of staying firm in our conviction to our relationship with God and with others. One of the underlying problems is that to follow God's Word is not just keeping the letter of the law; rather it is the incorporation of God's intention for us to reflect His purity.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      *"Bless the Lord, My Soul"*      **LSB 814**

**INVOCATION**      *Psalm 14:1-3,7*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**HYMN OF REFLECTION**      *"Have Thine Own Way Lord"*

**GOD'S ABSOLUTION**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT**      *Isaiah 29:11-19*      **NLT**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**      *Ephesians 5:21-33*      **TLB**

**GOSPEL ANTHEM**      *"In the Light of the Cross"*      **Ken Bible**

**GOSPEL LESSON**      *Mark 7:1-13*      **NLT**

**THE APOSTLES CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*      **LSB 575**

**SERMON**      *"From the Lips to the Heart"*      **Mark 7:1-13**

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**OFFERTORY**      *"Create in Me"*      **Hopkins**

**THE OFFERINGS AND TITHES OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**      *(based on the 10 commandments)*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**      *"On What Has Now Been Sown"*      **LSB 921**

*+ Silent Prayer +*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

## **NO Wednesday Bible Study August 29**

### **Sunday Bible Study: Next class – September 9th**

#### **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**August 26 "What Is Best" (Philippians 1:9-10)**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Far too many people assume there are differences in commercial products, political candidates and school systems, but these same people believe all religions are the same. Today we join with the Apostle Paul in praying people may discern what is best when it comes to their Savior.

#### **NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

**September 2 "Eager to Preach the Good News" (Romans 1:14-17)**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

The Good News is God's gift and it belongs to ALL men!

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:** "When we see post-abortive women and men ... vulnerable, helpless, destined perhaps to their own destruction—we are compelled to speak and defend and help because it is the *Christ* thing to do. As Christ, we get down in the ditch with them. We offer healing that can only come from the objective and complete forgiveness in Christ. We lift them up and walk beside them." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

*(For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a [Word of Hope](#), Lutherans For Life's post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email [info@word-of-hope.org](mailto:info@word-of-hope.org).)*

**STEWARDSHIP: August 26 (Proper 16)**

**Mark 7:11 – "But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)."** Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church, and in society have a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the Kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our churches, and our communities each in the proper proportion.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 26<sup>th</sup> James Norman, Jr. 31<sup>st</sup> Michelle Panning

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** Shirley and Rudy Holzinger –

In Memory of Father, Alvin's Birthday (27<sup>th</sup>)

**FLOWERS:** Roselyn Norman – In honor of James' Birthday (26<sup>th</sup>)

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson, Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris, Robert & Delores Kluwe, Nanc Rixe, Ada Samson, James Sather

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards and support when I had my knee replaced. They were very much appreciated. Carin Anderson

### **IN OUR EXTENDED PRAYERS**

**Larry Derksen** (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

**Lewis & Vera Gade** (Pastor's parents) COPD/dementia

**John Gillund** (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

**Dick Gillund** (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

**Elaine Gillund** – surgery and radiation

**Roxie Johnson** (Morelli's niece) heart issues

**Steve Kaiser** (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

**Jack Olson** former member of Gloria Dei, brother-in-law to Meridel and Patty, complications of kidney failure after heart surgery

**Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker** – Chronic Illness

**Doris Rixe**, (Nanc's mother) – heart valve issues

**Jimmy Royal & Dave** (friends of Dick Gillund)

NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.

### **Those Battling Cancer**

**Lynn & Edith Engel** (friends of Sandy & Bob Bauer) Radiation

**Amy Price** (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

**Marvin & Norma Thor** – poor health/stomach cancer

**Nancy Tousant** (Krystal Kruse's co-worker) – Cancer

### **Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas**

#### **"IN OUR PRAYERS" AND "REQUESTED PRAYERS"**

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list?

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

**8/26 Sun Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Guest Pastor – Rev. Al Braun**

**10:00 am Worship**

**6:00 pm NA**

**8/27 Mon 6:30 pm AIAnon 1**

**8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2**

**8/29 Wed NO Bible Study**

**6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study**

**8/31 Fri 5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice**

**8:00 pm AA/AIAnon**

**9/01 Sat 10:00 am TLWCC Worship**

**6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship**

**9/02 Sun Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Guest Pastor – Rev. Al Braun**

**10:00 am Worship w/HC**

**6:00 pm NA**

### SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer**

**Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer**

**Altar Care: Diane Gade**

**Attendance: 8/19/2018: 38**

**Offerings -- Regular \$2,335; Loose Plate \$30; Rental \$1,400**

**Total: \$3,765**

**Needed each week for 2018: \$3,480.87**

**Custard with a Cop - September 4 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

The St. Anthony Police Department invites residents to Custard with a Cop, an informal chat and a cup of custard, Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 4-6 pm, at Culvers, 4000 Silver Lake Road. Info: [savmn.com/191/Police-Department](http://savmn.com/191/Police-Department).

**Holy Cross Church SeptemberFest - September 7 - 9**

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1621 University Ave. NE, invites all to its annual SeptemberFest celebration, Friday, Sept. 7, 5-10 pm, Saturday, Sept. 8, 5-10 pm, and Sunday, Sept. 9, 9 am-3 pm. The festival will include food, fun, games, beer, wine, and prizes. Saturday night is **Northeast Reunion Night**. **Sunday Family Day** will start with an **Ideal Diner pancake breakfast bar**, 8 am-1 pm. **Admission is free all three days.**

## **Update on Street Repair Fund**

We have a balance of \$5,100 in our Street Repair Fund. Plans are to pay the assessment of a little over \$18,000 in November. If anyone would like to contribute to this fund, please mark your envelope "Street Repair". Thank you to all who have already donated! ☺

## **Free Produce Market**

**Little Kitchen Food Shelf | 1500 Sixth Street NE**  
**Distribution Dates: Sept 8, Sept 22**

Distribution of product starts at 11 am and distribution ends at 1 pm. Takes place on the Fifth Street side of the building near the entrance to Little Kitchen food shelf. For more information about volunteering call Jennifer at 612-788-2444 x12.

## **Mattress Firm seeks donated school supplies**

Now through September 2, all Mattress Firm stores in Minneapolis will accept school supplies to provide local foster children and teens with the tools they need to succeed. All donations collected during the Mattress Firm Foster Kids School Supply Drive will stay in the Minneapolis community and will be distributed through local nonprofit partner, Family Alternatives. Mattress Firm is located at 1710 New Brighton Blvd near the Quarry shopping center.

## **Northeast Minneapolis Iris Gardens Sale**

Sunday, August 26, 9 am-3 pm, or while supplies last. Fireplace room, Columbia Manor, 3300 Central Ave. NE. **This is where you will find the real iris bargains.** All of the rhizomes they have left from their annual sale at the Arboretum will be **buy one, get one free**, and admission is free to attend this sale. All proceeds go towards growing and maintaining the Northeast Minneapolis Municipal Iris Gardens. Info: [Facebook.com/NEMMIG](https://www.facebook.com/NEMMIG), [nemmig.org](http://nemmig.org).

## **Memorial Blood Drive | August 29 @ 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

Memorial Blood Centers will hold a blood drive **Wednesday, August 29, 4-7:30 pm**, at Sociable Cider Werks, 1500 Fillmore St. NE. To help support the need for blood in local hospitals, this August, all donors with Memorial Blood Centers will be automatically entered to win Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Gophers football tickets. Walk-in donors are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. Info and registration: [mbc.org](http://mbc.org).

## **Twelve days of fun August 23 - Labor Day, September 3** **Did You Know? From Minnesota State Fair**

"The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended expositions in North America, attracting nearly 2 million visitors annually. In addition to being a showcase for Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry, the fair features hundreds of entertainment options including music all around the fairgrounds; educational exhibits; hands-on experiences; more than 60 carnival rides; thousands of competitions; 11 nights of Grandstand shows; and more than 300 different foods."

While you're there, be sure to check out the **Camp Omega Restaurant**. Camp Omega owns and operates a restaurant called China Town Minnesota. All proceeds from the fair go to the Camp Omega "For the Children Campership Fund." This fund is set aside to help families in need send their children to summer camp.

**Discount Days:** Seniors & Kids Day (Monday, Aug. 27), Military Appreciation Day (Tuesday, Aug. 28), Read & Ride Day (Wednesday, Aug. 29), Seniors Day (Thursday, Aug. 30), Kids & Last Chance Day (Monday, Sept. 3).

### *The Irish Friendship Blessing*

*In thanks for the fullness of days spent together,  
The friends that we pray will be with us forever.  
The feelings we've shared the food and the fun,  
with faith that God's blessing have only begun.*



# **Catechesis Note for the Week**

## **MAN'S TRADITION OR GOD'S WORD?**

Tradition has had a way of creeping up again and again throughout the history of the church. It was primarily the tradition of the church that Martin Luther reacted against during the Reformation. His writings infuriated the Pope. At the Diet of Worms in April of 1521 Luther was called upon to recant (take back) his writings against the traditions of the church. When asked if the writings on the table beside him were his, he replied affirmatively. Then Dr. Luther was asked to deny what was taught in those books, Luther responded:

**Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason – I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other – my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen.**

The "authority of the popes and councils" was the tradition of the Church and Luther rejected those in favor of "the Word of God" which alone bound his conscience. It is exactly the same kind of tradition encountered by Jesus in Gospel reading today.

The problem of human tradition is not just a 1st Century Jewish problem with which Jesus dealt, nor is it just a Middle Ages Catholic problem with which Luther dealt. It is a human problem that each of us must deal with: both in our churches and within our own hearts.

Jesus responds to the Pharisees by stating that man's tradition includes hypocritical words. His response to the Pharisee's question was to call them hypocrites. A hypocrite is someone who says one thing, but whose heart is in another place.

The worship of the Pharisees was all external with no corresponding internal reality. Therefore, Christ declares it vain or fruitlessly. Their worship has no purpose, no fruit, and no importance. Jesus describes their vain worship as consisting of "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Jesus concludes his response to the question by the Pharisees by saying man's tradition rejects God's Word. Thus, in the end, Jesus declares the tradition of the Pharisees to be not only a hindrance to integrity by producing hypocritical words but also by producing false worship, and an outright rejection of the very Word of God.

# **Today's Scripture Readings**

**Isaiah 29:11-19:** *The blindness of which the Prophet Isaiah speaks concerns the blindness of unbelief. Holy Scripture cannot be understood at all unless one approaches the Scriptures with faith in Christ and God's undeserved mercy. Scripture is a closed book to those who hold any kind of "work's righteous faith" and who do not see Christ and His work of atonement as the center of Scripture. Paradoxically, the Scriptures are a closed book to those who do not believe in God's grace, it is through the very proclamation of God's grace from the Scriptures through which darkened hearts are opened.*

**Ephesians 5:21-33:** *St. Paul teaches us that our marriages are patterned after Christ's union with His bride, the Church. The husband's office is the office of Christ in marriage. He is the head of his bride the Church, but his headship is characterized by self-sacrifice for the benefit of his wife. He is called to lay down his life for his bride and to cover her with forgiveness and love, even as Christ gave Himself for His bride, the Church. The wife is called to "submit" to her husband as the Church submits to Christ. This means that she is called to allow her husband to love her, to sacrifice himself for her good, and to cover her with his mercy. This is a radical view of marriage, but a powerful one because it anchors marriage in Christ's sacrifice of love for His bride, the Church.*

**Mark 7:1-13:** *Quoting Isaiah, Jesus said, "This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." Human traditions, customs, and laws in the Church can serve a salutary purpose when they promote true piety and a repentant faith in God's mercy, but when such traditions, laws, and customs are placed above the Word of God and are seen as a law in themselves through which we merit God's grace, they are not only to be rejected, but they contradict the very Gospel of salvation by grace alone. In this passage, Jesus counters the works righteous faith that is characteristic of the flesh of all of us, so that we might keep our eyes fixed solely upon God's grace in Christ*

## **Lessons for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9; Ps 119:129-136; Ephesians 6:10-20; Mark 7:14-23*