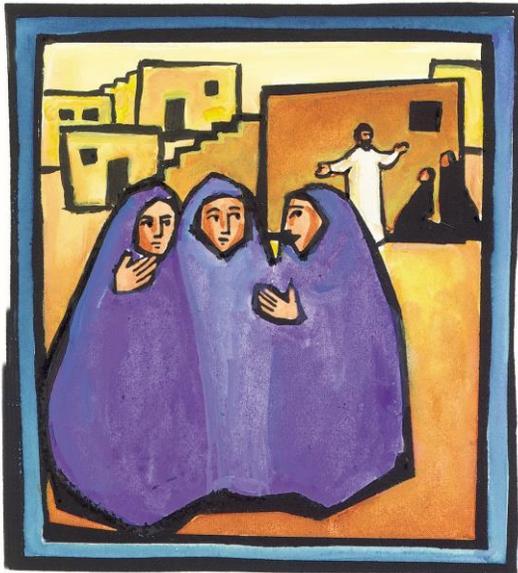


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# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

August 29, 2021

9:30 a.m.

HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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~ New Hope, MN 55427

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*Our Mission & Ministry: “Grounded in Christ’s love,  
Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is a welcoming community dedicated to  
helping all know God’s love through worship, service, and fellowship.”*

Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30am in person or on Facebook “LIVE”  
at [facebook.com/holynativitynewhope/](https://facebook.com/holynativitynewhope/)

*In accordance with CDC guidelines,  
fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a mask.  
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### Staff Members:

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Worship “Stream” Team: Mark Chamberlain, Andrew Kubly,  
Chris Daniels, Greg Eklund, Brian Hanson, Mark Eggert

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## **ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

*Quote: “I wore black because I liked it. I still do, and wearing it still means something to me. It’s still my symbol of rebellion—against a stagnant status quo, against our hypocritical houses of God, against people whose minds are closed to others’ ideas.” -Johnny Cash*

### **WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

*This is a time to quietly listen, pause to pray,  
and reflect on why we are here.*

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

*“Pavane”*

Gabriel Faure/arr. Paxton

#### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHOIR TALK** Greg Eklund

#### **INVOCATION**

*P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen**

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**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (P-Pastor, C-Congregation)**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*(silence is kept for reflection)*

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

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# WE PRAISE GOD

## GATHERING HYMN

*“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”*

Hymnal #527

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in  
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O  
4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and

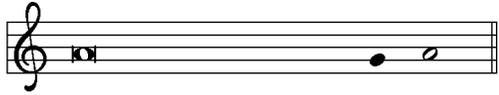
hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
end - less hymns through all our days; in - crease our faith and  
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord Most High!” And in the light of  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

light di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine.  
light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.  
that blest place we then shall see you face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

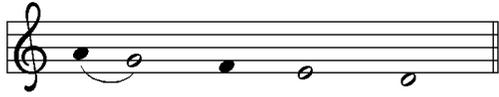
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# GREETING & KYRIE

Hymnal Pg. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



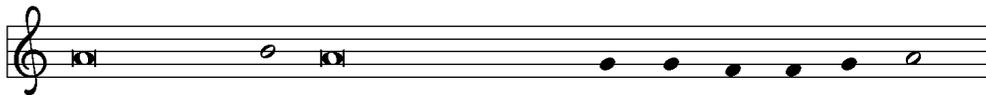
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal Pg. 148

Assisting minister



A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, ending with a quarter rest.

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

All



A musical staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody features quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter rests.

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



A musical staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody continues with quarter notes and eighth notes.

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



A musical staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody includes quarter notes and half notes.

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



A musical staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody features quarter notes and eighth notes.

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



A musical staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody includes quarter notes and eighth notes.

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



A musical staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes.

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



A musical staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody features quarter notes and eighth notes.

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



A musical staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody includes quarter notes and eighth notes.

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



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land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You 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. <sup>6</sup>You 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!” <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup>But 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—

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words...*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## **SECOND READING**

James 1:17-27

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

<sup>17</sup>Every 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. <sup>18</sup>In 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. <sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the

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word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But 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. <sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion 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.

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words...*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL VERSE**

*“Alleluia ”*

Hymnal Pg. 151



**GOSPEL READING**

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

*Pastor: The holy gospel according to Mark...*

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe,

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the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)<sup>5</sup> So 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?”<sup>6</sup> He 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; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’<sup>8</sup> You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”<sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”<sup>21</sup> For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,<sup>22</sup> adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.<sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

*Pastor: The gospel of the Lord...*

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*“Evil (and Good) Within”*

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom

**MOMENT TO REFLECT** (*We pause in silence.*)

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## WE RESPOND

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”*

Hymnal #772

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

### APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal Pg. 105

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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## **OFFERING/CHILDREN’S TIME**

*(You are invited to mail or drop off your offering, or donate online – go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) and click on “Make Donation.” Thank you!)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(After each prayer petition... P: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.)*

**LORD’S PRAYER** (unison) **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 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**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P:** Now may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the presence of God watch over and protect us. For wherever we are, our God is also there. We close as we began, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

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# MISSION HYMN

*“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”*

Hymnal #864



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.  
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.  
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.  
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



## DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## SENDING MUSIC *“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”*

setting, Robert J. Powell

*Flowers by the altar are from Warren & Dorothy Jorenby in celebration of their 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.*

### WEEKLY INFORMATION

<p><b><i>Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup></i></b>  <b><i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>            9:30am Worship (in person and online)            10:30am Fellowship Time            10:30am Free Market &amp; Plant Swap            12:00pm Word of Life Worship            6:00pm Word of Life Youth</p>	<p><b><i>Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup></i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm            9:00am Quilters            9:00am Grounds Group              7:00pm Word of Life Worship</p>
<p><b><i>Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup></i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm</p>	<p><b><i>Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup></i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm            7:00pm Word of Life Choir</p>
<p><b><i>Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup></i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm            2:30pm Staff Meeting            7:00pm Bingo</p>	<p><b><i>Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup></i></b>            10:00am – 12:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved</p>
<p><b><i>Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup></i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm            11:15am HNCCCC Chapel              7:00pm Outreach</p>	<p><b><i>Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup></i></b>  <b><i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>            9:30am Worship w/Communion (in person and online)            10:30am Fellowship Time            1:00pm Word of Life Worship            6:00pm Word of Life Youth</p>
<p><b>PRISM is accepting donations</b> Monday to Friday from 10:00am – 4:00pm.  <b>August’s Mission Offering</b> is designated to Global Health Ministries.</p>	

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## **NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS...**

**Worship continues to be in-person and online. Update: In accordance with current CDC guidelines, please wear a mask even if you are vaccinated.** Worship at 9:30am continues to be livestreamed on Facebook for those who are uncomfortable or unable to attend worship in person.

**Fellowship time is at 10:30am!** We have coffee and donuts following worship. Coffee is served in disposable cups. Please sign up to help serve coffee this summer! Thank you!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b48afad2fa4fb6-coffee>

**Free Market & Plant Swap!** Today is our Free Market & Plant Swap day! When you come to worship, drop off your labeled items on the patio, then “shop” them following worship, during the Fellowship Time. Looking forward to some yummy garden goodies and new plants!

**Choir is back!!!** Nativity Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00pm.!!! As always, there are no auditions. Bring your voice, bring a friend, bring a desire to be part of something bigger than yourself. Please note that there is only one Sunday service at 9:30am for the time being. And for now, due to Covid concerns, anyone singing in the choir must be fully vaccinated. Direct questions to Iver Hubert at [ivercrest@gmail.com](mailto:ivercrest@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**God’s Work, Our Hands Day is returning this year!** Join our Wildfire partners as we meet together for breakfast, a short worship, and a selection of service projects. This year’s event will take place in the Holy Nativity parking lot on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am. The entire event will take place outside! Service projects

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include gathering and sorting food for Every Meal (Kidpack), letter writing for Bread for the World, and making birthday cards for LSS Camp Noah! Please bring a food item for Every Meal – canned fruit, vegetables, and meat are welcome, as well as boxes of pasta and rice.

**With the pandemic still a part of our lives, this fall, worship will be continuing on Sundays at 9:30am.** Education and fellowship time will follow worship at 10:45am. We anticipate in-person education for all ages to begin on Homecoming Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Adult forums will resume in-person in the sanctuary. Sunday School and youth forums will also resume in-person in their normal locations. Please consider joining us for these education opportunities. Fellowship time will continue to happen in the fellowship hall.

**Homecoming Tailgating Party!** Join us in the HN parking lot on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am for our Homecoming Tailgating Party! We're providing the hotdogs and ice cream. You provide the rest of your family meal. There will be sidewalk chalk, music and the Main Event Game! Stay tuned for further details! We're so excited!

**We are excited to welcome you back to Sunday School** on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School will meet from 10:45-11:30am following the 9:30am service. All children, ages 3 through 6th grade, are welcome to attend. As the pandemic is still impacting the population, we will be requiring masks for both teachers and children in Sunday School until further notice. Please register your children for Sunday School using the link on Holy Nativity's website. Please direct any questions to [Kristen@holynativity.net](mailto:Kristen@holynativity.net).

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**Thank you for your continued financial support!** If you are worshiping with us at home, there are still many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity!

1. **Mail your offering** (you may use your offering envelopes or mail checks to us at Holy Nativity, 3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope, MN 55427).
2. **Give online** via [our link](#). Or just go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) and click on “Make Donation.”
3. **Ask the office to send you a Simply Giving form** for automatic withdrawals.

*Council Host: Connie Toavs*

*Cantor: Nora Levenson*

*Scripture Reader: Nancy Hanson*

*Coffee Helpers: Jerry & Karen Gaasland*

*People & needs to keep in your prayers this week:*

*Mary Lazerine, Bill Hartman, Geri Lingen*

*If you have a prayer request or update,  
or wish to be added to our prayer group,  
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