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**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

“Fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.” *Psalm 34:9, 19*

**AS WE GATHER**

In the Te Deum, one of the greatest of the historical liturgical songs of the Church, we sing about “the noble army of martyrs.” The power of martyrdom is that it is a voluntary choice. By deciding to speak certain truths or carry out certain consequential actions, followers of Jesus Christ in every generation have often brought sentences of death upon themselves, sacrificing their lives for the sake of the Gospel of their Lord and Savior, who sacrificed His life for them and for all of us on the cross. Martyrdoms like that of John the Baptist have always been more than historical events. They are, each, an act of witnessing to Christ that has powerful effect on faithful believers … they are witnesses to what they stand for.

**PSALM** 71:1-8

**+ CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION +**

(*LSB*, Divine Service, Setting Five, pg. 213)

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**CANTICLE** *“Te Deum”* (*LSB* pg. 223-225)

**COLLECT OF THE DAY** *(bulletin insert)*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 *(bulletin insert)*

**GRADUAL** *(bulletin insert, below Collect of the Day)*

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 6:10-20 *(bulletin insert)*

**HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 7:14-23 *(bulletin insert)*

# NICENE CREED *(LSB*,back inside cover)

**HYMN** *“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”* (*LSB* 661)

**SERMON *“Stand Therefore”, Mark 6:14-29***

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*LSB*, pg. 215-216)

**RETURNING OF OUR FIRST FRUITS**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**Divine Service and the Close Fellowship of Holy Communion**

*Our Lord speaks and we listen. His Word bestows what it says. Faith that is born from what is heard acknowledges the gifts received with eager thankfulness and praise. The gifts include the Holy Supper in which we receive His true body and blood to eat and drink. Those welcome to the table acknowledge the real presence of the body and blood of Christ, confess their own sinfulness, and in true faith wish to receive the forgiveness and strength promised through this Holy Sacrament, as* ***instructed*** *… and* ***in unity of faith*** *… with God’s people here in this congregation. It is our sincerest desire that you join in the intimacy of this fellowship. However,* ***if you are not, yet, an instructed and confirmed member-in-good-standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, please visit with the pastor about such a fellowship before communing****. If you wish to come forward for a blessing, you are welcome to join us at the rail to receive such. Please cross your arms in front of you to indicate that desire.*

**PREFACE** (*LSB*, pg. 216)

**LORD’S PRAYER, SUNG** (*LSB*,front inside cover)

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**All are welcome …**

**… Christ is honored.**