

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17A)
30 August 2026

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayer of the Church — Responsive Form

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, ever righteous and faithful, all vengeance belongs to You. As our enemies rise against us, we place all things in Your hands, knowing justice will be done and that You, O Lord, will redeem us from the grasp of the ruthless. Turn their hearts from unbelief and evil in true repentance or limit their wickedness and harm. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant to Your Church pastors who say with Jeremiah, “Hear the Word of the Lord,” and who faithfully proclaim that Word to us. Strengthen our pastors and missionaries for the tasks to which You have called them, and care for their families. Be with all vacant congregations as they seek Your gift of a new called pastor, especially St. John’s, East Moline; Holy Cross, Moline; and Zion, Taylor Ridge. Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, You have done all things well. You make even the deaf hear and the mute speak. We thank You today for the 125 years in which Deaf Ministry in Central Illinois has helped people to know Your love through sign language and God’s printed Word. Continue to bless all who sign divine services in churches throughout the District, use Central Illinois Lutheran Deaf Outreach gatherings to draw the hearing impaired nearer to You and to equip more of Your people to use their hands as Your instruments to lead their neighbors to saving faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, look with favor on the households of this congregation, and grant that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, turn the eyes of all who make, execute and judge our laws to You, that they may receive wisdom and strength to faithfully carry out their duties. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, have mercy on all who are sick or suffering in any way, especially Linda, Ellen, Ann, Ralph, Marty, Paula, Lincoln, Cindy, Joyce, John, Betty, Chad, Marcia, Jessica, Rosalie, Larry, Linda, Jodi, Mary Jayne, Joline, Aaron, Justin, Drew, David, Jeff, Lyall, Carolyn, Carolyn, Marilyn and all who have requested our prayers. Grant that they may have relief from pain, and give them the courage to endure their crosses and tribulations. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, remember John and Kindra Thompson. Bless them in body and soul with all things needful for this life and eternity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Lord, until Your Son returns in glory, He gives us His body and blood to sustain us. Grant that all who receive this gift today may receive it in faith, trusting that it is given for the forgiveness of their sins and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rise up, O Lord, and avenge those who are persecuted for the name of Your Son, Jesus. In communion with all Your saints, grant us endurance to bear our crosses as Christ bore His for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

Presentation of the Offering

Generous Father, we have received in abundant measure from Your gracious and loving hand, and now it is our desire to praise and thank You through this offering. For Jesus' sake forgive our sins, including our selfishness and neglect that would keep us from returning a more generous portion and returning it with more joy. Fill us with the Holy Spirit's gracious power, that our gifts might increasingly reflect your great love for us in body and soul, in time and for eternity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.