

## Trinity 14

September 13, 2020

*Today's Old Testament lesson is from Proverbs. God's wisdom guides Christian believers to avoid evil and wickedness, that is, all that is contrary to God's gracious will for his people. On the other hand, Christians are to shine in this world by listening closely to God's word and guidance. That is how we "guard our heart, the wellspring of life." That is how we reflect true Godly wisdom in our lives.*

*In the Epistle reading the Apostle Paul draws a sharp distinction between the outward acts of the sinful nature, versus the fruits of the Spirit. While Christians always carry around a sinful nature and are prone to temptation and falling into sin, Christ was crucified to pay the price for our sins and take away our guilt. On account of that, Paul says, our sinful natures have been crucified also. We live by faith, the gift of the Holy Spirit, so the forgiven sinner seeks to live according to that Spirit.*

*In the Gospel reading, we see Jesus heal ten lepers. But only one returned to Jesus to give thanks, the Samaritan. While all ten were cleansed, it was the Samaritan here, unable to go to the temple because he was a foreigner, who is the one commended for his faith and showing that faith by praising God.*

**Order of Service:** Service of the Word, page 38

**Opening Hymn:** 431 v.1-4—I Walk in Danger All the Way

**Prayer of the Day:**

*M: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us to avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.** (sung)

**The Old Testament:** Proverbs 4:14-23

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 116, page 107

**The Epistle:** Galatians 5:16-24

**Verse of the Day:**

*Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart.  
Alleluia.*

**The Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-26

**Hymn of the Day:** 452—Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

**Sermon Text:** Proverbs 4:14-23

**Theme:** "Guard your heart."

**The Confession of Faith:** The Apostle's Creed, page 41

**The Prayer of The Church & The Lord's Prayer**  
**The Benediction**

**The Closing verses:** 431 v.5,6

## **Welcome to Our Savior Lutheran Church.**

*We are happy to have you worshipping with us. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please take a moment to sign our guest book.*

*Pastor Johnson is available anytime for spiritual counsel. Please give him a call if you would like to meet him at church, or have him visit your home.*

*Information about Our Savior, some devotional readings, a link for our FaceBook page, and more, can be found at the church's website:*

oursaviorperry.org

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### **Announcements:**

**Today:** Fellowship time outside between services

**Tuesday:** Noon Bible study

**Wednesday:** 7:00p.m.—Midweek Bible study

**Thursday:** 7:00p.m.—Church Council

**Next Sunday:** 9:00 & 10:30am—Worship w/ Holy Communion

**Today's altar flowers** are sponsored by JoAnn Southwell in memory of the birthdays of Jeff Southwell and Anna Norder. Thank you.

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