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**September 11, 2022; THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10:30 AM – Non-Communion Service/ ELW Setting 10**

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**Prelude - Allegro - G.F. Handel**

**Welcome - Announcements**

**Introduction to Worship**

*The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it's our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

(Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence for reflection)*  
God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God’s abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn - ELW #834 - "Immortal, Invisible"**

**Apostolic Greeting - ELW page 138**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Kyrie . . . . . ELW Page 203

**Prayer of the Day**

L: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

## First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

*While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.*

L: A reading from the 32<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

L: The Word of the Lord.      **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Psalm 51: 1-10

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me,  
and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17**

*The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

L: A reading from the first chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) ELW page 205**

### **The Holy Gospel - Luke 15: 1-10**

*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will

be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

## **Children's Message**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day – ELW#807 - "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**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 power of 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.**

## **Prayers and Intercessions:**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community and our partnerships within the Palisades cluster, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

**Offertory Music - Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy - Choir**

**Thanksgiving for the Word (ELW p.220)**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Blessing**

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: **Amen.**

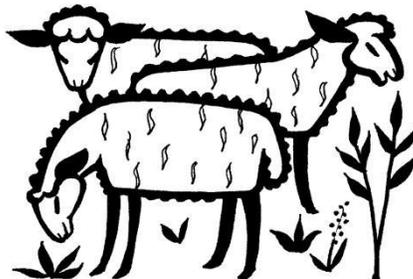
**Sending Song: ELW #676 - "Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak"**

**Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:**



**Helping in Worship**

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- TBD
Altar Guild	- Nancy Moskella and Val McGinn
Lector	- Joe Hlavaty
Greeters	- Beth Snyder / Bonnie Pyne
Usher	- James Beerer
Council Counting Team	-
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- TODAY, Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>- 14th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sunday school resumed TODAY at 9:15am
- TODAY, Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>- FALL WORSHIP BEGINS- **10:30 AM**
- TODAY, Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>- We will be participating with the Palisades Church in a collection as a part of God's Work, Our Hands. **All welcome** at St. Luke's Lutheran, Ferndale beginning at noon, as we put together the supplies, have a lite lunch and a time of devotion in remembrance of 9/11.

- Tuesday, September 12<sup>TH</sup> – 7:00 PM – Council Meeting
- Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 to 12:15 – OPENING OF CARE-A-LOT
- Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – 1 to 3:00 pm – Bible Study: “Was Jesus Married?”  
At home of Hlavary/Seip – Rides provided from the church.
- Next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>- 15th Sunday after Pentecost  
Dedication of new Play-Ground Equipment and Church Picnic following the service.  
Education Hour – 9:15 and Worship at 10:30
- A Fall Celebration for the Upperbucks Conference if being held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church in Perkasio. All are invited.
- On **Sunday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>** after church, Becky Prasner will share some of her experiences serving in the Foreign Service with her husband. We will provide breakfast refreshments prior to her presentation.
- SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS- SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> – Bob Fox and Barb Naska; SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> – Dot Peterman and Bonnie Pyne DePortillo; SEPTEMBER 15th - Laura Pyne
- SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES - SEPTEMBER 14th - Karen and Hans Rilling (59)
- SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS- SEPTEMBER 17th- Hunter Aquino
- Congratulations to Bethany and Joshua Michl on the birth of their daughter Julia Ann Michl on August 22, 2022; Grandparents Barbara & Ben Naska and Barbara & Daniel Foster.
- Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for Lutheran World Relief.
- There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for Food Basket donations. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.

**Please lift up in prayer the following ...**

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Barbara Naska; Bethany Naska; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Aiden Benoure; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Stephanie Courtney; Jacob Currie; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Lois James & family; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Becky; Naska; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Lisa Pezzino; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Jesse Stimell; Donna Storm; Jeffrey Tapler; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.