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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 11th, 2022

TODAY'S PRAYERS: Lorraine Osadchuk, Walter Harder, Irma Barten, Gary Edel, Dorothy Quiring, Bruce Bird, Wally Funk, Rick Fenske, Rev. Alvin and Jean Borchardt, Abe Hiebert, Kevin Patrick, Pat Sachvie, Pastor Schollenberg.

The Order of Service: Divine Service Setting One,

LSB 151

Opening Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

LSB 902

Psalm 30:2-5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b

- Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
 Our hearts in true devotion bow.
 Your Spirit send with light divine,
 And let Your truth within us shine.
- 2 Unseal our lips to sing Your praise In endless hymns through all our days. Increase our faith and light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.
- Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O holy, holy Lord Most High!"
 And in the light of that blest place
 We then shall see You face to face.
- △ 4 All glory to the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!

Text: Lutherisch Hand-Büchlein, 1648, Altenburg; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

- **P** In the Name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Introit

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

O LORD my God, I cried to You for help,

and You have healed me.

O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;

You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O You His saints,

and give thanks to His Holy Name.

For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

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is now, and will be forever. Amen.

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

KyrieIn peace let us pray to the Lord.

- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P 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.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

LSB 155

LSB 152

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Sit

The Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹"For thus says the Lord GoD: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 141 will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 Myself will be the Shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. 17" As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. 18 it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? 19 And must My sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119:169-176; antiphon: v. 176

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before You, O LORD; give me understanding according to Your Word!

¹⁷⁰Let my plea come before You; deliver me according to Your Word.

¹⁷¹My lips will pour forth praise, for You teach me Your Statutes.

¹⁷²My tongue will sing of Your Word, for all Your Commandments are right.

¹⁷³Let Your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen Your Precepts.

¹⁷⁴I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your Law is my delight.

¹⁷⁵Let my soul live and praise You, and let Your Just Decrees help me.

¹⁷⁶I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.

The Epistle Lesson 1st Timothy 1:5–17

⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the Law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. ⁸Now we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the Law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound Doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the glorious Gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted. ¹²I thank Him Who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He judged me faithful, appointing me to His service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, Immortal, Invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Stand

LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel Luke 15:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³So He told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his 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 persons who need no repentance. Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁴And 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.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609

- Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Oh, may all this saying ponder
 Who in sin's delusions live
 And from God and heaven wander!
 Here is hope for all who grieve:
 - Jesus sinners doth receive.
- We deserve but grief and shame,
 Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
 Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
 Here our ills have perfect healing.
 Firmly in these words believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

- I, a sinner, come to Thee
 With a penitent confession.
 Savior, mercy show to me;
 Grant for all my sins remission.
 Let these words my soul relieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Also I have been forgiven;
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

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Sermon: Sinners are Valuable to God!

Stand

The Nicene Creed

LSB 158

Luke 15:1-10

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \pm of the world to come. Amen. **Prayer of the Church** Offering: Praise and Thanksgiving LSB 789 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good: Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard. Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood. Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed. Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread. Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise guiding Teach us to share One with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know Your care. Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-84 Text: © 1987 Oxford University Press. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110006080 Offertory LSB 159 What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. **Preface** LSB 160 The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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Stand

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- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the Cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Saviour. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the Cross.

Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own Testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honour, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer LSB 162

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 us 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini LSB 163

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory

Fills my heart with joy and love,

Teach me ever to adore Thee;

May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,

Hither by Thy help I've come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,

Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

- Oh, to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be;
 Let that grace now like a fetter
 Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
 Prone to leave the God I love.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
 Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face; Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace! Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away; Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

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Baptismal Waters Cover Me

Baptismal waters cover me
 As I approach on bended knee;
 My Father's mercy here I plead,
 For grievous sins of thought and deed.

- I look to Christ upon the tree,
 His body broken there for me;
 I lay before Him all my sin,
 My darkest secrets from within.
- 3 Lord, may Your wounded hand impart Your healing to my broken heart; Your love alone can form in me A heart that serves You joyfully.
- 4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shepherd speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now stretches out, Forgiving sin, destroying doubt.
- 5 Baptismal waters cover me; Christ's wounded hand has set me free. Held in my Father's strong embrace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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LSB 616

LSB 625

- Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, May I in grace possess You. Let me with holy food be fed, In hunger I address You. Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored, Give me Your grace and mercy.
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me; Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me. Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek, To share Your cup of healing.
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition. Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily, Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me; In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me. In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously, O Christ, my Lord of mercy!
 Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt. Text: Public domain

Post Communion: Thank the Lord

LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

 $[\mathbf{P}]$ Let us pray.

> We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. **Benediction** LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen. \mathbf{C}

Hymn to Depart: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, Your love possessing,

Triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us; O refresh us,

Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration

For Your Gospel's joyful sound.

May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful

To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way, Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever

Reign with You in endless day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Divine Worship: Sunday Mornings @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Volunteers: Sunday School is in search of teachers for the coming 2022-23 year! The goal is to have a few volunteers in order to make up a teaching rotation schedule. If you are able to help or have any questions please contact Rebecca Borchardt via email: rrcb530@gmail.com Thank You for your consideration!

Stewardship Meeting: We will be getting together on Thursday, September 8th @ 7:00 p.m. in the basement. Hope everyone can make it out!

Elder's Meeting: A reminder of our meeting on Tuesday, September 13th @ 7:00 p.m. I pray everyone is able to make it to the meeting.

Bible Study: We will begin Bible Study again on Wednesday, September 21st @10:00 a.m. in the basement. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Confirmation Instruction Classes: We will begin Classes on Thursday, September 22nd @ 4:00 p.m. at the Church. Looking forward to seeing you!

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