

Sunday September 11, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

3 MINUTES OF SILENCE: *to prepare ourselves for worship*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing” #807 ELW

Please rise on the last verse



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: “Hith-er by thy help I've come”;
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
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.

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.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

Please be seated

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. 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 sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10

(Read Responsively)

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁶ **You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Please stand for the gospel

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “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? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ 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.

⁸ “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? ⁹ When she

has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

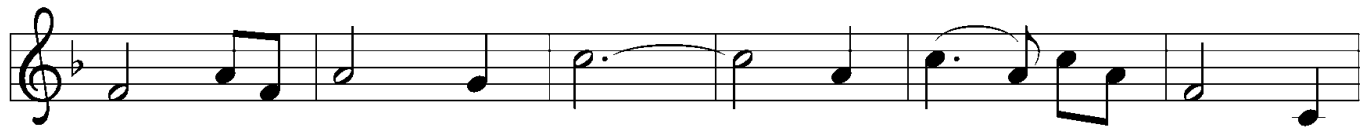
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Amazing Grace” #779 ELW



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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 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 of INTERCESSION

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 (*local ministries and partnerships may be named*), 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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,

you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

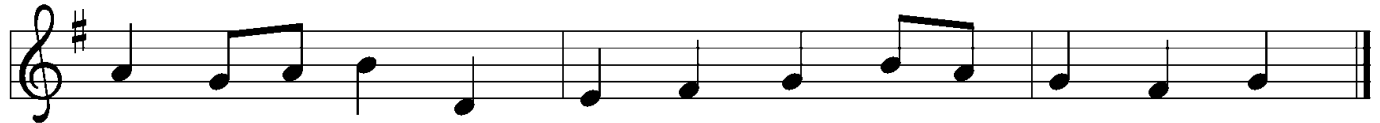
CLOSING HYMN: “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak” #676 ELW



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y•a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Ushers: The Vukelich Family

Greeters: The Vukelich Family

Hospitality: *Volunteers Needed!*

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, September 4, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 48 Online: 20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST:

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY if you can't sign up to serve, please bring treats for the freezer so others can serve.

HEARTLAND FALL GATHERING for all Women of the ELCA. See your bulletin for details for this event held on Sat. Sept. 24th.

THE REMEMBER PROJECT This free event will be an opportunity for our communities to engage in conversation about memory loss after watching a One Act play. Bethesda is one of the six viewing sites for this project. The first event will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, from 10:00-11:30am. You can also register to view from your home computer. Reserve tickets at: <https://aitkin-fortune2022.eventbrite.com> or call 218-927-1383. Please help spread the word about this amazing presentation and help build a dementia friendly community. More information posted in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda September 12, 2022 – September 18, 2022

Monday	9/12	9:00 am	Crafters
		11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	9/13	3:30 pm	Grief Share Meeting
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team
Wednesday	9/14	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	9/15	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Sunday	9/18	9:00 am	Worship in person and live stream

Heartland Fall Gathering

Light of the Cross in Garrison

Saturday, Sept. 24 - Registration 8:30-9:00

Dear Sisters in Christ,

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you who are willing to learn with my eyes upon you.” Psalms 32:8. This is the theme for our Fall Gathering. Registration is \$10.00 and will be from 8:30-9:00. Coffee and treats will be served by women from Bethel of South Long Lake. Bring items valued at \$10 and under for

the Buy it Now. Think of creative, seasonal, useful items for the Silent Auction section. Mixes in jars, anything in a jar, theme baskets, cuddly items, you get the idea. There will be a prize for the most creative donation to the Silent Auction. Bid forms will be available at the tables close to registration. Money from these sales go toward the Triennial convention expense.

To begin our day, worship and communion will be led by Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem. Offering can be placed in the baskets as you enter the sanctuary at 9:00. Half of the Gathering Offering will Light of the Cross choice and the other half goes to churchwide. The Love Offering goes toward leadership training and scholarship.

Sarah Lancaster, a first-grade teacher in Onamia was named the 2022 Minnesota Teacher of the Year. She will be the speaker for our Fall Gathering. It will be very interesting to hear what Sarah will share with us. Mark that day and bring a friend to attend the gathering. You are invited to bring school supplies to share with her students. This is not an In-Kind project; it is a sharing and caring effort. The theme for the day is “Nurturing Cultural Diversity Today and Tomorrow.”

Luncheon will be served following our business meeting, Our In-Kind project this year is Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The instructions and list are available: <https://lwr.org/kits/personal-care-kits> There is great need around the world for quilts and these kits.

Blessings,
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