FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025
Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

10:30 am – livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



AS WE GATHER

The charge against Jesus was always the same—He keeps the wrong company. But Jesus has come for sinners, and if you are not a sinner, He does not have anything for you. To emphasize why He has come, our Lord tells the stories of ninety-nine sheep left behind to find one who is lost and a woman who rejoices over finding one lost coin. You are that lost sheep and lost coin for whom Christ has come and in whom heaven rejoices. Jesus has come for you, and for you He has offered Himself upon the cross and been laid in the tomb. This is the heavenly joy of the angels above, and it is our earthly joy as well. Christ came for us!

+++GATHERING+++

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (arr. Thomas W. Jefferson)



INVOCATION

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** 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.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- **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 neighbors 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.

+++ WORD +++

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

Leader: You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;*
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!



- O Lord my God, I cried to | you for help,* and you have | healed me.
- Leader: 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.

Leader: 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 be- | ginning,* 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 for- | ever!

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – *Mark* 10:47

- **P** In 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.
- 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.





SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT – Ezekiel 34:11-24 – The Lord promises to rescue His sheep and to set up a shepherd who will lead them to eternal life.

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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁸Is 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? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰"Therefore, 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."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

- A Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!
- Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE – 1 Timothy 1:5-17 – Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

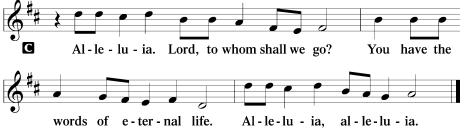
⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they 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 honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

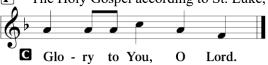
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- **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – John 6:68



HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 15:1-10 – Jesus tells the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.

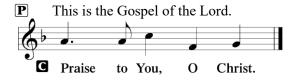
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.



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."

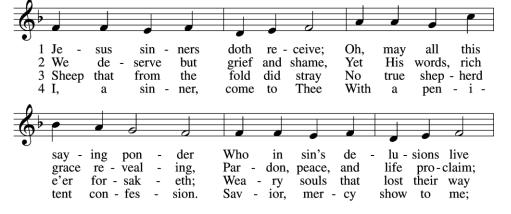
³So he told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just 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.

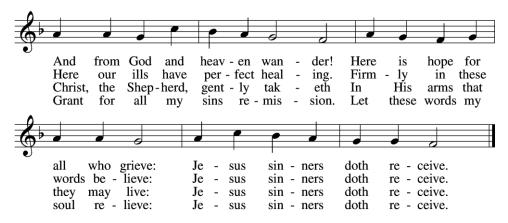
8"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



8:00 am - CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY - LSB 609 - 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.

6 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.

7 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 – The Stewardship of Souls – Luke 15:1-10

8:00 am - APOSTLES' CREED

■ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

10:30 am & 5:00 pm - NICENE CREED

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

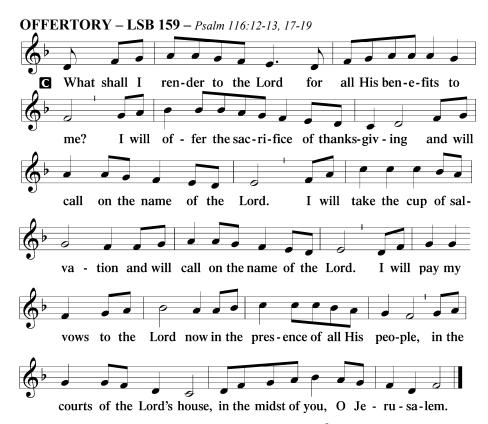
one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again 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.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 🛨 of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Lord, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- P ...confident that You will hear and answer us, O Lord. C Amen.

OFFERING – *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive* (arr. Robert J. Powell)



+++ SACRAMENT ++++ beginning at LSB 160

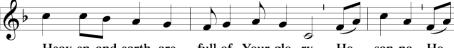
PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- **P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and singing:

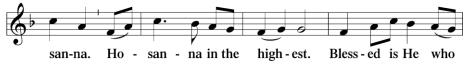




□ Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -





comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth ... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.

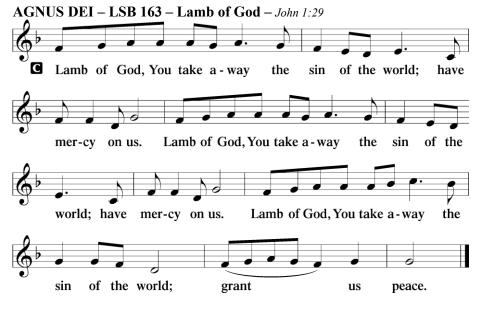
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – John 20:19

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



Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a* trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.

DISTRIBUTION

Anthem -

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (arr. William Bradley Roberts) Gennavieve Wrobel, oboe

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care: In thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will; Do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us; love us still.

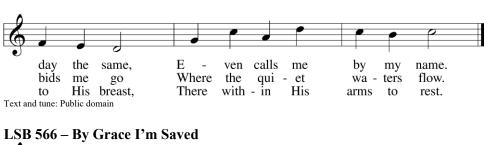
LSB 709 - The King of Love My Shepherd Is



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth! 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!
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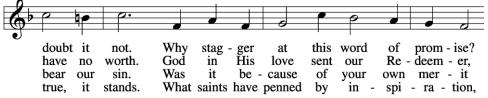
LSB 740 – I Am Jesus' Little Lamb





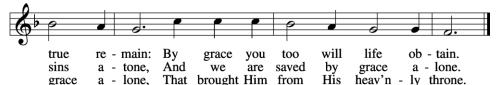


- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer it; Our works and con duct
- 3 By grace God's Son, our on ly Sav ior, Came down to earth to 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer tain; As long as God is





ev - er Has Scrip-ture false - hood taught? No! Then this word must Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our That Je - sus died your soul win? No. to it was grace, and His Word our God com-mands, Our faith in what our



5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

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6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE - LSB 164 - Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

- \mathbf{P} The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

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HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 839 – O Christ, our True and Only Light



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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC - O Christ, Our True and Only Light (arr. Steven Wente)

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TUESDAY, September 16

9:30am Chinese Bible study (Grand Hall)

5:15pm First Steps in Music (ages 0-5)

5:45pm Children's Ministry Team

6:30pm **PPC**



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the **Tinsley Family** in loving memory of **David**.



WEDNESDAY, September 17

10:00 am **Bible study**

11:00 am <u>Lunch & Learn</u> – Over the Counter, not over the top:

Medication Safety (JD Faulkner)

7:00 pm Senior Choir



Scan the code for **Time & Talents**, or follow the link in Friday@Faith or at <u>FaithBtown.org</u>. Paper copies are also available.

Stewardship packets,

including pledge folders and other information, are available from an usher or in the narthex. Please return them on Loyalty Sunday, September 28.

Ladies NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, September 19

6:30pm Ladies' Night Out (home of Autumn Battaglia)

Stewardship Under The Cross



Sept 7 - Luke 14:25-35 Discipleship under the Cross

Sept 14 - Luke 15:1-10 The Stewardship of Souls

Sept 21 - Luke 16:1-13 Faithful Stewardship

Sept 28 - Luke 16:19-31 The Goal of God's Gifts

Sunday, October 5

9:30am

- Sunday School for kids through 6th grade
- · Youth/Adults set up for picnic



10:30am Worship

SINGLE service including Commissioning & Installation of Dr. Priscilla Gabriel as Director of Parish Music



RSVP on the podium in the narthex or at FaithBtown.org



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