



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

God is faithful. It is one of His attributes. Unlike humanity, He is completely and perfectly faithful. As God's children, we are called to live lives of faithfulness, just as He has been faithful to us. This deep-rooted trust in God's provision and redemption calls us to find fullness in Christ and empty ourselves into His discipleship.

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✙ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

PRELUDE & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 711 *"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P 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 | Entrance *Psalm 30:2–5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b*

- P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
C **O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**
P O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
C **and you have healed me.**
P O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
C **you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**
P Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
C **and give thanks to his holy name.**
P For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
C **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
P You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
C **O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

KYRIE | Lord, Have Mercy *Mark 10:47; for text with tune, see page 204.*

- C** (sung) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS | Glory to God in the Highest *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

For text with tune, see page 204.

- C** (sung) To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

VERSE OF THE MONTH *Isaiah 49:13*

C Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 34:11–24*

Like a shepherd seeking out his scattered flock, the Lord will seek His lost and scattered people. God will establish one flock and one shepherd—ultimately though Jesus Christ.

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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 1:5–17*

After confessing his own sinful guilt, Saint Paul teaches that 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *John 20:31; for text with music, see page 205.*

C (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1–10*

Jesus tells the parables (stories) of the lost sheep and the lost coin.

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

C 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 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *See the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

SERMON HYMN 740 *"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"*

SERMON *Faith-FULL: "Flock"*

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

INSTALLATION OF PRINCIPAL MATT MUELLER *(8:00 am)*

WORSHIP MILESTONE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

The 8:00 am service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, Benediction, and Closing Hymn 710, "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (choir: v. 2).



We receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

The 10:30 am service continues with the Preface on page 208 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord's Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord's Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music during distribution:

HYMN 641 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

HYMN 609 “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

HYMN 625 “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship
of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

*The service concludes with the Nunc Dimittis, Post-Communion Collect,
and Benediction on pages 211–212.*

CLOSING HYMN 710 “The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want” (choir: v. 2, 8 am)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

This week's takeaway: In the stories He tells in Luke 15, Jesus defines repentance as "acceptance of being found. ... Repentance is not a work which earns our rescue. Rather, the sinner accepts being found" (Bailey, 33–34). God's flock celebrates grace. God's grace finds each of us lost in our sin, rescues us, and restores us to eternal life with our Good Shepherd.

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist*; Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Preacher*
Katie Drefs, *Organist*; Rachel Martens, *Trumpet*
Titus Drefs, *Trombone*; Lindsay McKeage, *Flute*
Cooper Steinkukler, Kiefer Lange, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*
Addilyn Batye, Gracie Brackman, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*
Tim & Robin Kersiek, *Greeters (8:00 am)*
Ann Wolters, *Greeter (10:30 am)*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.

Our pastor "on call" number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

New: Diane Stumpenhous, Evelyn Kincaid, Bobbie Poese, Lisa Arnett, Wilmer Ziegelbein, Ricky Flandermeyer, Ron Roepe, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Barbie Cowherd, Diane Heimsoth, James Hemme, Baby Felix, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Gene Virus, Susan Reeves, Les Bruns

Ongoing: Robert Pottschmidt, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Hudson Kloos, Joe Connell, Ron Cordes, Beth Maggert, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerds, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Dannie Grifft, Lari Huntze, Johnny Cowherd, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Death: Jesse Kunkel

Nation and World: the people of Papua New Guinea

Partners in Mission: Zion Lutheran Church; Lone Elm, MO and Rev. Paul Weisenborn; Lutheran Bible Translators

Birthdays: (9/14) Kellen Fiene, Melissa Hartwig, Adam Inman, Harry Rehkop, III; (9/15) Kyle Fiene, Geri Fuhrman; (9/16) Nash Bowles, Terry Kammeyer, Sandra Schelp; (9/17) Kim Brandt, Memphis Heimsoth, Abbie Wasson; (9/18) Marissa

Decker, Poppy Flandermeyer, Luwella Gray, Casey Meyer, Elijah Rankin, Derek Woodall; (9/19) Ron Heins, Alicia Maggert, Patty McGinnis, Matthew McKeage, Jon Petersen; (9/20) Hudson Estes, Jacob Heimsoth, Sandra Henke
Anniversaries: (9/15) Mark & Lynette Northen, Ashley & Shelly Rolf; (9/16) John & Tracy Bobzin, Gerald & Sherry Meyer; (9/18) Stephen & Donna Moyers; (9/19) Russel & Amanda Farris; (9/20) Phillip & Rachel Lange

FAMILY FOOTNOTES

Gina Martens, Family Life Director

I know that God is at work behind the scenes in my daily life; I firmly believe that. Sometimes, however, I have to be reminded of this truth because it feels as if He isn't showing up. Do you ever think, "Ok God, I could really use some direction here. I know you are working behind the scenes, but would you please come to the forefront on this one?" One of my devotions this past week took me to the book of Ruth. Naomi was feeling pretty bitter towards God. She had lost her husband, her sons, her friends, her wealth and security. Her faith was shaken, and she didn't seem to have much left. Ruth, Naomi's daughter-in-law, insisted on traveling back to Bethlehem with her where they could only hope to find food and start life again. It is here in the fields that Ruth meets Boaz. God has this all under control. He did from the very beginning. Ruth and Boaz eventually marry and have a son, Obed, who is the grandfather of King David who is in the genealogy of Jesus. To make a long story short, God provides for Naomi and Ruth, and He continues to provide for us today even when He seems absent. Ruth is a short book, only four chapters. Take a look at it today and see how God provided for His people. We do not just live according to happenstance or good luck. God most certainly has His hand in our daily life. "Lord Jesus, when You act in ways we do not understand, direct us to our Baptism. There, You bound Yourself to us in forgiveness and love so that, like Naomi and Ruth, we will see Your deliverance in Your time. Amen." (Prayer taken from *The Lutheran Study Bible* -pg 425).

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Luke 16:1-15

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 782, 781, 842, 785, 788, 786



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