

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

Offering *(The children’s offering basket is on the floor in front of the altar so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*

Offertory Hymn *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessings* ELW #807

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn *This Little Light of Mine* ELW #677

Sending: P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord
C: Thanks Be to God!



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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!
“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”

Sunday, September 11th, 2022; 9:30 am Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

Invocation

Call to Worship

P: God of abundant grace,
C: may your Holy Spirit be with us now
as we worship you this day.
P: Open our eyes to truly see one another,
C: that we might discover your presence
in the smile of a neighbor.
P: Open our ears to the needs of the world,
C: that we might hear your wisdom
in the words spoken around us.
P: And open our hearts to your grace and love,
C:that we might find guidance
and strength for the journey,
for ourselves and for one another. Amen

Opening Hymn *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* ELW #608

Prayer of the Day (All)

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.

First Lesson Exodus 32:7-14 Susan Kruse

⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they 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 worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now 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.”

¹¹But 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? ¹²Why 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. ¹³Remember 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 forever.’ ” ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Second Lesson 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.

Alleluia Verse *More Precious than Silver*

Lord, You are more precious than silver.
Lord, You are more costly than gold.

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares with You.
(repeat)

Gospel Luke 15:1-10

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

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

³So 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? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And 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.’ 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 of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When 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.”

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

Children’s Sermon Beth Flier

Sermon “Little Shepherds” Pastor Greg Johnson

Hymn of the Day *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW #502 (vss. 1, 3, 6)

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;**