

## **September 14, 2025 + Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.*

### **Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, our sins are forgiven! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **Opening Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

1. Immortal, invisible, god only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high rising above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render; oh, help us to see 'ts only the splendor of light hideth thee!

### **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### **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.**

### **First Reading – 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

*Christ Jesus came for sinners*

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 51:1-10** *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

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

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

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

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-10** *Looking for the lost sheep, silver coin: Jesus eating with sinners*

Before: The holy Gospel . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message** "Lost and Found" Pastor Bill Nelsen

### **Hymn of the Day "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound!"**

1. Amazing grace!— how sweet the sound—  
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the People**

Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.

### **Offering & Giving Prayer**

**Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### **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**

### **Blessing**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining  
have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and  
defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend you.

4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**