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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 - 10:45 AM

(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)

PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Thomas W. Jefferson

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn 686
([10:45]Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,

Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er

glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine

ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Please kneel or be seated.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

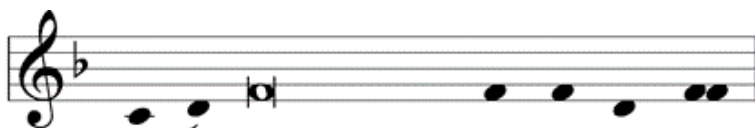
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a 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.

People: Amen.

*KYRIE

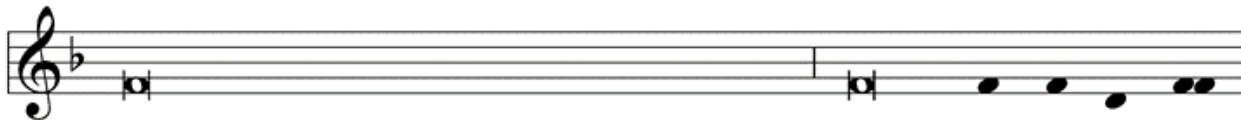
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A 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.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-24

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. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I 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. ¹⁸ Is 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? ¹⁹ And 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. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

[10:45] ANTHEM

“Rejoice, I Found the Lost”
(Grace Chorale)

Wayne Wold

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But 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. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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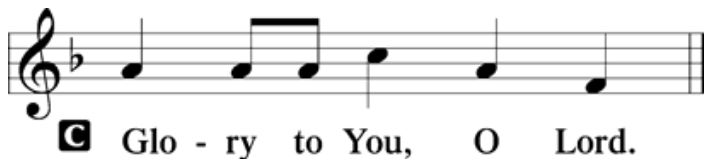


*THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

People:



¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



[10:45] CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

***SERMON HYMN**

“Chief of Sinners, Though I Be”
([10:45] Choir sings v. 3)

Hymn 611



ALL 1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
ALL 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
Choir 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
ALL 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
ALL 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

THE SERMON

“Examples of God’s Patience: That’s Us!” 1 Timothy 1:12-17

***CONFESSION OF FAITH - 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.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
 People: Hear our prayer.

*PREFACE

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.
 People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
 People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS

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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 -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



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

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

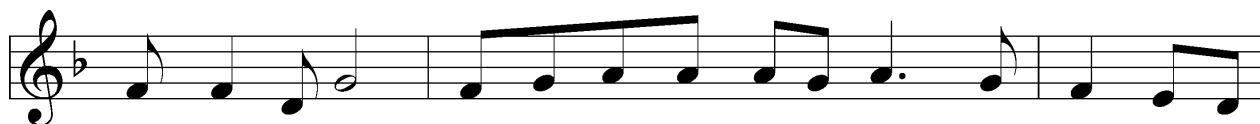
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

*AGNUS DEI

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☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“Jesus, Sinners Doth Receive” (vv. 1, 3-5, 7)

Hymn 609

1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -
 5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scar - let
 7 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Al - so I have

say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;
 my trans - gres - sion, It shall be as white as snow
 been for - giv - en; And when I this earth must leave,

And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my
 By Thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion; For these words I
 I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to

all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 now be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 Him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

Hymn 710

1 The Lord’s my shep - herd, I’ll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly

down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -

lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND CONSECRATION FOR THE LORD'S WORK

*BENEDICTION *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 And be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

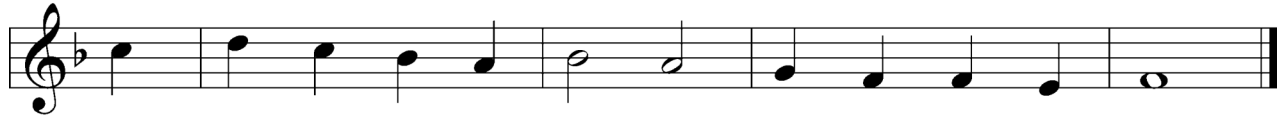
Hymn 895

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,

Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Paul Manz

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Preacher	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
Celebrant/Liturgist	The Rev. Steve M. Braun
Organist	Thomas Schulteis
Communion Deacon	Vickie Ryan
Lector	Roger Walker
Usher/Greeter Team	Don & Connie March, Jennifer March

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

Preacher	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
Celebrant	The Rev. Steve M. Braun
Liturgist	Vicar Stephen Moore
Organist	Thomas Schulteis
Cantor	Robert Garst
Sound Technician	Bruce Wales
Elder on Duty	Jennifer Smith
Communion Deacons	Janet Hostler, Dr. Terry Hostler, Martha Walker
Lectors	Rob Petersilge, Christy Hemenway
Greeters	Brett & Tabatha Shirah <i>with Grace Trailmen</i>
Crucifer	Charlee LeFan
Acolytes	John Locke, Hudson String
Ushers	Janice Graydon, Douglas Hall, Ernie Harben, Bonnie Petersilge, Rob Petersilge, Carl Rod, Larry Walker, <i>with Grace Trailmen</i>

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