

Sunday, September 11, 2022  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Pick a Hymn Month



**Thought:** Jesus is criticized for eating and drinking with sinners. Jesus defends himself with his parables of the shepherd who searches for the wandering, lost sheep, and the woman who seeks the one lost coin. The love of God is seeking and saving, always pushing beyond the bounds of the lost and found.

God does not change his mind! God in Christ is always searching with the intent of saving.

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prayer Concerns

## Sharing of the Peace

## Call to Worship

A: We come because our souls thirst for God.

C: We come to offer our hearts, our thanksgiving, and our praise, to the one who grants us peace.

A: Come, Holy Spirit, empower our worship and change our lives.

C: Come, Lord Christ, receive and embolden your church for your service.

A: Come, Lord of All, open our hearts to your wondrous grace.

C: Come, Lord of All, open our lives to your astounding love.

Gathering Hymn - "Children of the Heavenly Father" ELW# 781

<https://youtu.be/f1Le7-y9xVI>

Children of the Heavenly Father - SA Samonte

## Invocation

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

P: Beloved of God:

Your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

## Kyrie

**P:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen and Amen!**

**Hymn of Praise** - “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” ELW# 599

<https://youtu.be/gtPD24Bvn38>

Lord Jesus, Think on Me - Chet Valley Churches

## Prayer of the Day

**A:** O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray.

**C:** Preserve and keep us 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.

The Word  
Old Testament reading - Exodus 32:7-14

*God changes his mind and brings mercy and forgiveness*

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they 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!’ ” <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now 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.”

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

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 51:1-10

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

## Epistle reading - 1 Timothy 1:12-17

*Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God*

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the

grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But 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. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel - Luke 15:1-10**  
<https://youtu.be/5aoiJ51sGxs>

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you O Lord.**

*God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.*

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

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“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? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And 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.’ <sup>7</sup>Just 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.

<sup>8</sup>“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?”

<sup>9</sup>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.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ.

Children of God<https://youtu.be/OtBRdeMXxBk> time

Homily - “Searching, Seeking, Savior”

<https://youtu.be/zypA8BFx5kE>

Hymn of the Day - “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” ELW # 759

<https://youtu.be/X5g-Att0bmE>

My Faith Looks Up to Thee - Vagle Brothers

### 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;  
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.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need (*especially*). God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community (*local ministries and partnerships may be named*), that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,

**C:** hear our prayer.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A:** Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. God of grace,

**C:** hear our prayer.

**P:** Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### Offering/Offertory Prayer

**A:** Almighty Father, you are rich in mercy,

**C:** despite what we truly deserve.

**A:** Make us rich in mercy, as well,

**C:** that our gifts might be multiplied to the glory of your kingdom.

**A:** Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## The Preface

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

"Here is Bread" ELW #483

<https://youtu.be/GgysV3EZKas>

Here is Bread - Chet Valley Churches

## Words of Institution

### The 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.

### Distribution

### Communion Music

### Post Communion Blessing - Pastor

### Post Communion Prayer

**A:** Lord Jesus Christ, you have saved us, lost and alone, and have called us to eat at your table.

**C:** Give us gracious hearts, that we might invite many to join us, here -

**A:** and in your heavenly courts above. You are the Lord forevermore.

**C:** Amen.

### Benediction from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn - "This Is My Song"

ELW # 887

<https://youtu.be/eXooDIWVRZs>

This Is My Song - VOCES8

## Dismissal

A: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

