

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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 the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

¹The 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. ⁸Or 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.”

Lessons for Next Week

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Luke 16:1-15



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This congregation practices “open communion”. We invite all who believe that our Lord’s body and blood are truly and essentially present in the bread and wine to share in the sacrament. We believe Christians are worthy to receive communion when, according to the teaching of Scripture and Lutheran tradition the words, “given and shed for you” are accepted by grace through faith. You may receive the wine by dipping the bread into the dipping chalice or by drinking from the principal chalice. Repent, and be served!

The Order of Word and Sacrament
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 14, 2025

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First 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. 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. ¹⁷As 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? ²⁰Therefore, 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.”

Psalm 119:169-176

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding, according to your word.
¹⁷⁰**Let my supplication come before you; deliver me, according to your promise.**
¹⁷¹My lips shall pour forth your praise, when you teach me your statutes.
¹⁷²**My tongue shall sing of your promise, for all your commandments are righteous.**
¹⁷³Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your commandments.
¹⁷⁴**I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.**
¹⁷⁵Let me live, and I will praise you, and let your judgments help me.
¹⁷⁶**I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.**

What's Happening

Today:

- Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Marj Pontius. Thank you Marj!
- Join us for ham and scalloped potatoes after the service, even if you didn't bring a dish to share. Let's eat together!

This Week:

Tuesday	6 pm	"The Chosen" Evening Group
Wednesday	6:30-8 pm	Men's Fellowship at Otium Brewing
Thursday	1 pm	"The Chosen" Afternoon Group
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Council Meeting

Notes and News

- Children's Church sessions will not be held on Sundays when we have a visiting pastor, such as this second Sunday of the month with Pastor Blayne.
- Viewing and discussion of Season 3 of "The Chosen" video series starts this week! Please let us know if you are interested, and if so, you are encouraged to watch or review Seasons 1 and 2 before our first meeting.
- The Let Me Shine Preschool Fall Butterbraid Fundraiser has begun. Place your orders by October 3 with students, teachers or online at <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/e07068d8-f676-4ef0-9a00-afdc43b00129>.
- All are invited to the Sacred Heart Parish Harvest Dinner Sunday, September 28 from 11-2 pm.



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