

Sunday, September 14, 2025

The Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

9:30am: Hope Lutheran Church
1801 62nd Avenue N

11:00am: Trinity Lutheran Church (Livestream)
401 5th St N



 **PRELUDE**

 **WELCOME**

 **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our light, our strength, and our salvation.
Amen.

In the presence of God and of one another,
let us confess our sin.

We take time to reflect on our actions and choices.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your people, but we do not follow your ways.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your goodness to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive us.
Rejoice over us as the lost
who have been found.
Amen.

Jesus Christ came into the world
to save sinners just like us.
Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!



GATHERING HYMN *Immortal, Invisible*

ELW 834



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional




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.**



KYRIE

“Kyrie eleison,” Greek for “Lord have mercy,” is one of the most ancient prayers of the Christian Church. Lutherans use it in a prayer that our time of worship will be blessed by God’s presence.



Refrain
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



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.**



GETTING BACK TO BASICS



FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ 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!' " ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ 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? ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.'" ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 51

The refrain will be played through once as introduction, and will then be sung by the congregation; the congregation will then repeat the refrain at the end of each set of verses, as indicated by "R"



Have mer - cy on me, O God, ac - cord - ing to your stead - fast love.

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ² Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me. **R**
- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁶ Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within. **R**
- ⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. **R**



SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

- ¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ 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, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come 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.

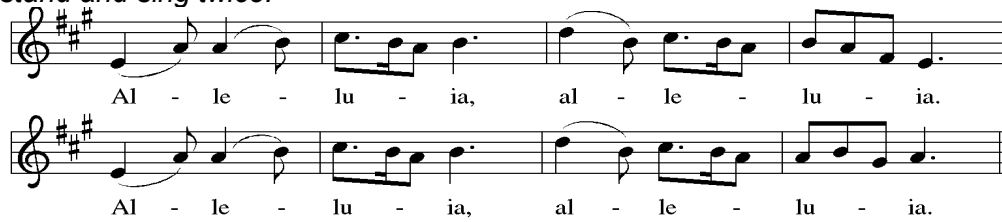
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and sing twice:



GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

The good news of God's love according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So 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? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ 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. 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? ⁹ And 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.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: COPELAND, Michael Corzine, b. 1947

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THE 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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition:

God of grace; **receive our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

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THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the next hymn, you can use the appropriate QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.



OFFERTORY HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd

ELW 789



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868



OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, **we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope on you. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

² You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to this meal of mercy.
Jesus welcomes us!



LAMB OF GOD

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, grant us peace.

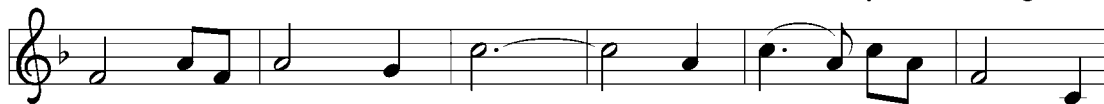


COMMUNION HYMN *Amazing Grace*

ELW 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, through this meal
 you have strengthened us to be your servants.
 Send us to do good and to share our lives with all in need.
 We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.



BLESSING

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



SENDING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807

The word "Eben-ezer" refers to a stone marker set up where God has rescued someone.



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in love.

Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE



[Recording ends]



After the service, please stay for a time of refreshments and conversation

Thank you to those serving this month:

Service	Lectors	Communion Assistants	Altar Flower Sponsors
09/07	9:30 Gary Bartelt	Gary Bartelt	(open for sponsorship)
	11:00	Combined service at Hope Lutheran this week. No 11:00am service.	
09/14	9:30 Lou Carter	Margarita Rodriguez	The people of Hope
	11:00 Marty Snapp	Alan Due	
09/21	9:30 Terri Craig	Betty Herzhauser	Donna Watson – IHO mother's bday (21 st) and John's bday (24 th)
	11:00 Lynne Tallon	Paul Frakes, Ruth Kinsey	
09/28	9:30 (not yet assigned)	Linda Gascon	(open for sponsorship)
	11:00 Stephen Hewitt	Violet Prepost, Phil Rearick	

Birthdays this week:

09/14 - Cindy Mueller 09/18 - David McNeilly
 09/14 - Nicholas Ryan Shipley 09/19 - Andrea Chambers
 09/15 - Serenity Kabotsky 09/19 - Bob Sockrider
 09/16 - Adair Hamilton 09/20 - Charlotte Nolan

Anniversaries this week:

- None -

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (09/14)

12:45pm – Constitution Conversations (Trinity 2nd Floor)

Monday (09/15)

4:00pm – Constitution Conversations (CommUNITY Rm)

5:30pm – Trinity Council Meeting (Trinity 2nd Floor)

Tuesday (09/16)

10:00am – Hope Council Meeting (Hope Library)

12:00pm – Women's Lunch Out (Olive Garden on US19)

Wednesday (09/17)

11:30am – Community Meal (Trinity 3rd Floor)

6:00pm – Faith 2 Life Series (CommUNITY Room)

Thursday (09/18)

Staff Planning Meeting – Offsite, offices closed

7:00pm – Choir Practice (Hope Sanctuary)

Friday (09/19)

9:30am – TLC Pantry (1st Floor at Trinity)

9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (CommUNITY Room)

6:00pm – Film & Faith (CommUNITY Room)

Saturday (09/20)

9:00am – Hope Chest (Thrift Store)

Further Info & Items of Interest:

- **Olive Garden:** On Tuesday, Sept 16th, the women will be having lunch at the Olive Garden on US19. **Please RSVP by Friday (09/12)** to be included in the reservation number!
- **Faith 2 Life:** our Wednesday evening series, is finishing up the exploration of "How Jesus Became God." Our next series will be "Why the Bible?"
- **Food Pantry:** Our current focus for donations/ "in-gathering" is for anything required for our food pantries! The pantry at Trinity deals mostly with bagged lunches with PB&J sandwiches and ready-to-eat snack items. (note: our clients prefer that we use *smooth* peanut butter, not crunchy). The pantry at Hope offers a wider array of grocery items for families suffering from food insecurity. They have specifically requested the following:
 - Laundry Pods • Canned Soup
 - Toilet Paper • Canned Vegetables
 - Pasta • Cereal
 - • Mac & Cheese
- **Film & Faith:** The movie this Friday is ***The Agony and the Ecstasy*** (1965) starring Charlton Heston as Michelangelo and Rex Harrison as Pope Julius II. It deals with the conflicts of Michelangelo and Pope Julius II during the 1508–1512 painting of the Sistine Chapel ceiling. Our concession stand will be open – everything is \$1.

Prayer List:

For those ministering in our congregations:

Pastor Paul Gibson
Deacon Lynne Tallon
Music Director Ross Kimura
Music Director Brenden Hall

For those needing strength & healing:

Melody Cather	Paula Smith
Petra Young	Vickie Clark
Mike Lederhouse	Luke Mendenhall
Maureen Rogers	Marjorie Smetana
Charlie Braitling	Jim & Edna Howell
Brenda Braitling	Ana Rivera
Teri Fitzpatrick	Bob Gascon
Justin Fitzpatrick	Elmer Goetz
Andrea Chambers	Myrtle Munsch
Eliza Walker	Sandra Hill & family

For those homebound:

Lorna Holder	Marion Cheslock
Shirley Taylor	Judy Milanese
Betty Aker	Scheryl Hill (hospice)

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon
Whitney & Greg Corrigan
Rick Jackson
Rev. Pam Smith
Frank Durilla
Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ron Oughton
Barbara

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

Mary Regan – ex-husband, Paul Zalatel
Family & friends of Joanne Johnston
Family & friends of Liz Karshner
Family & friends of Craig Mowrer
Family & friends of Chan Ros
Family & friends of Barbara Johnson
Family & friends of Sheila Johnson
Family & friends of David Larson
Family & friends of Gerda Fjogreen Peterson

Welcomę, visitors! Please tell us something about yourself.

Fill out the form below or scan one of the provided QR Codes to contact us digitally.



Today's Date:

09/14/25

Name and Address
Email
Phone
Home church, city, and state

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests:

- ☐ I'm visiting: ☐ First time ☐ Repeat
☐ I just moved here
☐ Please add me to your email list(s)
☐ Pastor's weekly announcements, etc.
☐ Office's Monthly Newsletter, etc.

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