

1 once was lost
but now am found...



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“LOST AND FOUND”

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FOCUS

What do you do when you arrive at church? Many people attend to the tasks associated with the beginning of the service, looking at the bulletin they have received or checking out what the opening hymn will be. There is blessing to be found also in looking around us and acknowledging those gathered with us. Each of us is singularly special to God, and, joined together, we become "the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand" (Psalm 95:7). There is no more special place to be than in the sheepfold of our God as part of His flock!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING of the BELLS and WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Eternal Lord"

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1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,
When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav - en's throne



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.
Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

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INVOCATION

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 119:57-60, 63-64

- L** The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep Your words.
C I entreat Your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to Your promise.
L When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to Your testimonies;
C I hasten and do not delay to keep Your commandments.
L I am a companion of all who fear You, of those who keep Your precepts.
C The earth, O LORD, is full of Your steadfast love; teach me Your statutes!

Confession and Absolution

- L** Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
C Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as the people of Your pasture and the sheep of Your hand. We justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love. Amen.
L God is gracious and merciful. He hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

HYMN of PRAISE

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

LSB 729



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5. I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
6. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.

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SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray. Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, grant that we with all boldness and courage bring to You our petitions with the assurance that You care for us as individuals. With Your abiding care, grant us every good thing for this life and every blessing in the life to come; for You live with and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 34:11-24

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As 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.

¹³ And 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. ¹⁴ I 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” *Townend*

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 1:5-17

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. ⁸ Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰ the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,

¹¹ in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted. 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Rejoice I Found the Lost”

Wold

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

L Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying,

C **“This man receives sinners and eats with them.”**

L So He told them this parable: “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? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them,

C **‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’**

L 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. “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? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying,

C **‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’**

L Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

HYMN of the DAY

"How Firm a Foundation"

LSB 728 (v.2—choir)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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SERMON

"Lost and Found"

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Luke 15:7

Have you ever been _____?

The lost _____ is a symbol of a _____ without _____.
(John 8:31b-32)

- I. There are three kinds of “_____.”
- II. Could it be what was and is...
- III. The lost coin parable...lost by _____.
(Matthew 28 & Ephesians 2:8-9)
- IV. Daily _____...

CATECHISM *The First Article*

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER of the CHURCH

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, that God’s people may live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel have free course in every land. And let us pray for the gift of peace in the world and in our communities.

HYMN

“Hear Us, Father, When We Pray”

LSB 773, v.1



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and
in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey
All that we through Christ in - her - it,
That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.

- L** We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Grant that we never take them for granted but rather that we encourage all to share joyfully in our work together to the glory of God.

HYMN

“Hear Us, Father, When We Pray”

LSB 773, v.2

- 2. When we know not what to say And our wounded souls are pleading,
May Your Spirit, night and day, Groan within us interceding;
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.**

- L** Let us pray for those with special concerns and needs this day including those who are hospitalized or in care facilities, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in and all those whose needs are known to us, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.

HYMN

“Hear Us, Father, When We Pray”

LSB 773, v.3

- 3. Jesus, advocate on high, Sacrificed on Calv'ry's altar,
Through Your priestly blood we cry: Hear our prayers, though they may falter;
Place them on Your Father's throne As Your own.**

L God of the ages, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to follow the leading of Jesus, our Great Shepherd, throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven. Amen.

HYMN

“Hear Us, Father, When We Pray”

LSB 773, v.4

- 4. By Your Spirit now attend To our prayers and supplications,
As like incense they ascend To Your heav’nly habitations.
May their fragrance waft above, God of love.**

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GATHERING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

MISSION STATEMENT: *To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.*

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MUSICAL OFFERING

“Only a Holy God ” *Smith/Robinson/Farren/Thompson*

The LORD’S PRAYER

- C** 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.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- L** 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.
- C** Amen.

DISMISSAL

- L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

LSB 827



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
- 2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;
- 3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
- 4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de - scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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POSTLUDE

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ACOLYTE: *Crystal Stangl*

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COFFEE HOUR: *Fellowship & PR Committee*

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

7:30am & 9am Sunday

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday

- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 10:15am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 10:15am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

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