

Relaxed Lutheran Liturgy – Pentecost 15 Sunday, September 18, 2022

Welcome to worship ~ *Leaders reading in script/Assembly response in bold.* ~

Introduction to the day *The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

KIDS TIME



⊕ GATHERING ⊕ *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands and turns toward the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

Dear friends, let us confess that we do not always love this world as Jesus does.

~ Silence is kept for reflection ~

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

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.

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.

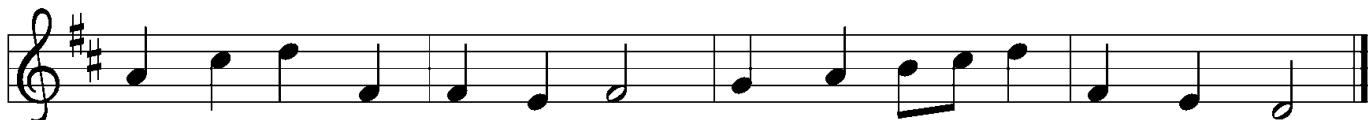
*In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As an ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare the entire forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **⊕** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Take My Life, That I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

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.



**"God of the Poor," Graham Kenrick,
Vocal Ministry**

⊕ WORD ⊕ God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Psalm 51:1-10

¹Have 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.**

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

**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.**

⁵Indeed, 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.**

⁷Remove 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.**

⁹Hide 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.**

A reading from 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.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. 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 sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*The holy gospel according to **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.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.]

²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So 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? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And 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.' 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 of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

⁹When 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 in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon A reflection on the meaning of the Word for our lives today.

"One Woolly Sheep, One Lost Coin, One Sinner Who Repents"



Look Who Gathers At Christ's Table



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.

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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

~ A brief silence ~

*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, **hear our prayer.***

*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, **hear our prayer.***

*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, **hear our prayer.***

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, for Danilo, Jim, John, Peter, Bobby, and Christopher, for Debi, Margaret, Dennis, Marky, and Fina, for Jon, Brendan, Susan, and Sylvia, for Dottie, Ming, Pat, and Dan, for Jean, Dylan, Cathy, Steve and Jody, for Jacque, Irene, Mary Brenda, and Bill, for Stan, Jenny, Marie, and Harry, for Sandi, Angela, Marianne and Georgio. For the Rofer family as they mourn the loss of Bradley. God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community, that we serve our neighbors, and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*Reminded of the grace and absolute beauty of God, the altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of the Lord and in celebration of Rod and Elaine Anderson's 64th Wedding Anniversary. God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*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, **hear our prayer.***

*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.***

Peace Reconciled by God's love, we share a sign of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. ~ The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. ~

Announcements

† MEAL † God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering ~ A basket for offerings is available on the table at the back of the patio ~

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need, through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

Thanksgiving at the table of communion

*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.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.*

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

Invitation to communion

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste, and see.

*~ Please come forward in two lines to receive the bread into your open hands. Then dip the bread into the divided cup of red wine or white grape juice.
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. ~*

Prayer after communion

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

+ **SENDING** **+** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

*Almighty God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.*

Amen.



**Lost and
Found**

Go, My Children with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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**Wed., Sept. 28 SADDLEBACK CHILDREN'S CENTER'S
Back @ School Night ONLY PARENTS 6:30 - 7:30PM**



TRUNK OR TREAT, Sunday Oct. 30, 12 Noon – 2PM

Bootifully decorate your car & hand-out candy to the little goblins that stop-by for a spirited-visit.

This was such a ghoul time last year. Come & park your broomstick in the church long-term parking plot.



2 quilting dates before the Blessing of the Quilts

♡ Monday 9/26 - 9am-12 and 6pm-8

♡ Monday 10/3 - 9am-12 and 6pm-8

✳ Sat. 10/8 - 10am Set up quilts in church & on church patio

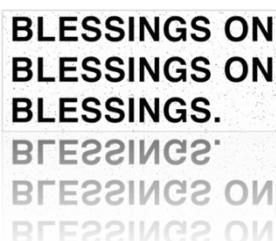
✳ SUNDAY 10/9 Blessing of the Quilts at both services



**9:00AM - Relaxed Lutheran Liturgy church patio
10:30AM - Lutheran Liturgy Traditions inside church**

SEPT. 25 - The Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Terry Tuvey Allen will lead worship and update the congregation on our Call Process for a new pastor.

OCT. 2 - SERVICE OF THE WORD led by our very own seminarian, Josiah Canto



**HOECOMING SUNDAY, October 9
COME HOME TO WORSHIP!
"BLESSINGS ON BLESSINGS ON BLESSINGS"
Blessings on SBC Teachers & Staff
Blessings on School Children of all ages**