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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
September 11, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and increase your desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, if you are worshipping with us in person or online today, we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry), OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates: please stand, either in body or in spirit.

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music

“Let’s Go Out”

Dakota Road Music

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

ELW #608

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Welcome Song:

“Earth and All Stars”

ELW #731

vv. 1,2,4

- 1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

*Refrain: God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!*

- 2. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain***

**4. Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain**

***Confession and Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the † cross, the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

God of mercy and forgiveness,

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.

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. **Amen.**

Song of Praise:

"Let there be praise"

W&P #87

**Let there be praise,
let there be joy in our hearts.
Sing to the Lord,
give God the glory. Glory.
Let there be praise,
let there be joy in our hearts.
Forevermore let His love fill the air,
and let there be praise.**

***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.

***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'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

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

¹¹But 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? ¹²Why 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. ¹³Remember 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.' " ¹⁴And 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

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.**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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 Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

“Open our eyes, Lord”

W&P #113

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

***Gospel: Luke 15:1-10**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which 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.

⁸Or 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."

Response after the gospel reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.

Kid's Sermon/Bible Presentation:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Brett

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

***Song of the Day: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”**

ELW #779

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

***Profession of Faith: 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 the Church**

ELW #178

(Sung Prayer Response)

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

“Step by Step”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts, let us pray...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.**

†HOLY COMMUNION†

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***Words of Institution**

(The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor, ending with... “now and forever. Amen.” The congregation responds by singing the refrain from “In the Singing”)

“In the Singing”

ELW #466

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.**

***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.**

Invitation to Communion

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

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord’s Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Song:

“Change My Heart, O God”

ELW #801

**Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God. May I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God. May I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God. May I be like you.**

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

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.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

*(Sunday School youth are invited to go to Sunday School
during the singing of the closing hymn.)*

***Sending Song:**

“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW #881

**1. Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**2. God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

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✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Mel & LuVerne Knoedler** (COVID), **Mary Jane Brown** (stroke—Deb Brown's mother-in-law), **Doug Leafgreen** (healing from surgery), **Kathy Johnson** (COVID), **LaDonna Schmidt** (cancer), **Jean Collins** (COVID), **Becky Michael** (stage 1 breast cancer), **Paul Bueide** (recovering), **Kevin Feil** (sepsis & cancer—Lindsey Singer & Melissa Guerrero's father), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother), **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson), **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady's son-in-law).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sydney Hinze, 9/11; Jackie Gregory, 9/11; Hunter Christeleit, 9/12;
Aaron Martin, 9/13; Angie Aguallo, 9/13; Jacob Aguallo, 9/15

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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Give Online button OR download the **Vanco Now**
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SEPTEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Soups

BACKPACKS: Small Cereal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT:

EPIC & JAM Youth Programs



EPIC is for 7th - 12th graders. They generally meet twice a month which usually includes a fun activity, devotions and a meal. JAM is for Kindergarteners - 6th graders.

They meet Wednesday evenings through the school year from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall which includes dinner and lots of fun faith-filled activities. All Calvary youth and friends are invited!

Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it"**
Proverbs 22:6

We believe that children are a precious gift from God. We invite your children to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts. every Sunday @ 11 a.m.



JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (hamburgers/chips/pickles/dessert) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.

EPIC TODAY from 11:30 - 2 p.m.

Join us for a fun picnic lunch at Frank Park and then some fun games that may or may not get you wet! We will have a devotion! Bring a friend! Questions? Call/text Angie at 631-2768



3rd & 6th Grade BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

SUNDAY, September 11th

Celebrate with us as our third and sixth graders receive their Bibles during worship.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Brett Vander Berg

This Sunday – September 11

USHERS: Dennis & Barb Gorr

LAY READER: Jack Martin

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Deb Brown & Marlene Downer

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTES: Merrick Walsh & Max Judy

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Trea Hess

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

Next Sunday – September 18

USHERS: Deb Brown & Vicki Howell

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

COMMUNION ASSTS: Marissa Wright

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTES: Alli Baer & Clare Schlothauer

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Val Rahrs

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 11

Bible Presentations

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

11:30-2 p.m. – EPIC Picnic @ Frank Park

Monday, September 12

2 p.m. – Priscilla Circle @

Calvary's Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. – Council

Tuesday, September 13

Noon – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, September 14

5:30 p.m. – JAM

Saturday, September 17

9 a.m. – Trustees

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, September 18

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



God's promises overcome God's righteous judgment.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin
Monday	Exodus 32:7-14	Moses pleads for the people
Tuesday	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Gratitude for mercy
Wednesday	James 5:13-16	The prayer of faith
Thursday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Friday	Ephesians 5:25-32	Rules for the new life
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-10	A prayer for forgiveness
Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I [the Apostle Paul] am the foremost. 1 Timothy 1:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of divine justice, we thank you for remembering your promise of mercy and forgiveness and bringing us back to you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as we need this gift of food to survive, help us always to remember that we need your love to survive as well. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who remembers you with love bless you with peace and joy.



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SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Some people feel that when something bad happens, it is God's judgment. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- Why is it important to know that God's mercy endures beyond God's judgment?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Exodus 32:7-14

There is plenty of wrath, divine repentance, even humor in this Old Testament Story. God wants to destroy the people who have turned away to worship a golden calf and won't even acknowledge them as God's people. God refers to them as Moses' people, the people whom Moses led out of Egypt. Moses refuses this and says they are God's people and God led them out of Egypt. Moses stands as a prophet speaking not to the people about God's word, but to God about God's promises that go back to Abraham, Isaac, and Israel (Jacob). Fortunately, Moses wins the debate and God repents, turning from the divine anger planned for the obstinate and unfaithful people. God saves the people by not destroying them. What is at stake? God's passion and mercy for the people does battle (through Moses) and wins the day by not letting God's judgment get the last word. Thanks be to God for promises to us that are from everlasting to everlasting.

Discuss: What do you find surprising about God's actions in this reading?

Pray: God of justice and mercy, we thank you that you know our weaknesses and failings and yet love us still through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how might you help and encourage others who feel the weight of their regrets?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Luke 15:1-10 Jesus tells parables about the lost being found. Our sin is a condition of being lost and apart from God. God rejoices when, through faith in Christ, we, as the lost, are found and restored to a relationship with God. Hide chocolate coins or other candies and have others find them. After the treats are found, talk about the joy of finding them and then about God's joy at searching for and finding us. Pray: Thank you, God, for searching for us when we stray from you. Thank you for finding us and forgiving us. Amen.



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