

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 11, 2022

As We Gather

Although there are important times for silence in worship, the hearing of God's Word is central to the worship service. The reading of the Word becomes a focus for our growing in faith. From earliest times, God has directed His people to read His Word. In Exodus, it is recorded that Moses "took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people" (Exodus 24:7). In the Collect for "Grace to receive the Word," we pray that we may hear the Holy Scriptures and, most importantly, "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them" (LSB, p. 308). We have that grace-filled opportunity once again. May we take full advantage of it to the glory of God!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Opening HYMN

LSB 686 "Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 119:57-60, 63-64*

Pastor: The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep Your words.

People: I entreat Your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to Your promise.

Pastor: When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to Your testimonies.

People: I hasten and do not delay to keep Your commandments.

Pastor: I am a companion of all who fear You, of those who keep Your precepts.

People: The earth, O LORD, is full of Your steadfast love; teach me Your statutes!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

ENTRANCE HYMN LSB 550 "Lamb of God"

KYRIE

Pastor: O Lord,

People: Have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: Have mercy,

Pastor: O Lord,

People: Have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE: LSB 946 "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise"



Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. *Nehemiah 8:2-3*

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 34:11–24* (God will personally search for His sheep.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 1:(5–11) 12–17* (Christ Jesus came to the world to save sinners.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN LSB 709 “The King of Love, My Shepherd Is”

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1–10* (Jesus tells the parables of the lost sheep and lost coin.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 609 “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

SERMON: “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”
Text: The Holy Gospel

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING *(The offerings previously gathered are brought forward)*

OFFERTORY LSB 805 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER LSB 958 “Our Father, Who Art in Heaven IIa”

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.
People: **Amen.**

HYMN LSB 711 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”.

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