

**REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**14<sup>th</sup> week after Pentecost**

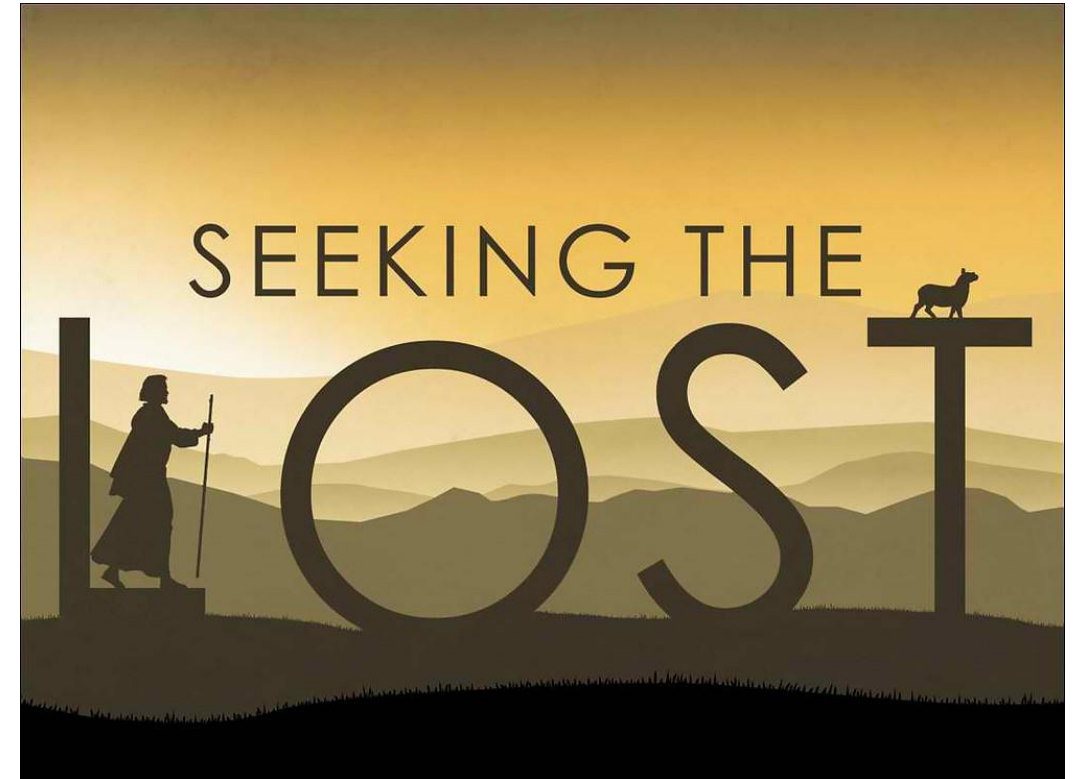
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**Dates to remember:**

Sept. 11~ The Women's group Winter Wonderland Christmas Sale  
Sept. 21~ Council meeting 7pm



*Altar flowers  
are given in celebration of  
Jennah's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

**Altar flowers are still available for October 30  
Please sign up on the chart in the Narthex.**



**Sending Hymn:**

**“Lord of all Hopefulness”**

**Red book #765**

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

*“Discovering Christ’s community through building relationships”*

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*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude:*

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.

Prelude: **“His Eye is on the Sparrow”**

Welcome

*(Please stand as able)*

*Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness:*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace:*

*“During this time of Covid, please remain in your pew, but share a sign of peace with the neighbors around you”*

**Gathering Song:****“White as Snow”**

White as snow, white as snow

Though my sins were as scarlet

Lord I know, Lord I know That I’m clean and forgiven

Through the power of your blood Through the wonder of your love

Through faith in you I know that I can be White as Snow

*Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

*Kyrie:*

Blue Book #605

A: Lord have mercy.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: Have mercy on us, Christ

**C: Have mercy on us, Christ**

A: Lord have mercy.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: Lord

**C: Have mercy, Lord**

*(Repeat)*

**Hymn of Praise:****“Within the Reign of God”**

Cantor sings verses. Congregation sings refrain.

*Refrain:* **Blessed are they who will feast in the reign of God.**

**Blessed are they who will share the bread of life.**

**Blessed are they who are least in the reign of God;**

**they shall rejoice at the feast of life.**

**The Prayer of the Day**

**C: 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

*The first reading is from the 32<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of Exodus*

*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.*

**Lord’s Prayer:** *To Be Spoken*

**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.**

*Invitation to Holy Communion*

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

*Distribution of Holy Communion***Communion Song:****“Lamb Of God”**

Blue book #621

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Blessing after Communion*

P: May the body and blood of our living, risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*Prayer after Communion*

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*Blessing*

P: 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.

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.**

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.**

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Offertory Prayer**

**C: 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.**

### *Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.                   **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.                   **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **Holy, Holy, Holy:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest. Blest is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

### *Words of Institution*

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

<sup>11</sup>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? <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.’” <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.           **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Song:**                                   **“Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am”**                   **Red book #814**

*The second reading is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of 1 Timothy*  
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.*

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>But 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. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the

ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**  
(Please stand as able)

**Gospel Acclamation**

Blue book #610

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia alleluia.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia alleluia.**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Gospel Reading: 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.*

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

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"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? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And 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.' <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>"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? <sup>9</sup>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.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**P: The Gospel of the Lord.**

C: Praise to you, O Christ.  
(Please be seated)

*Sermon*

(Please stand as able)

**Sermon Hymn:**

**"You are the Way"**

**Red book #758**

**Apostle's Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

(Please be seated)

*Prayers of Intercession*

P: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

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*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**