



*14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*  
*September 14, 2025*

*9:00 am Worship*

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### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*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, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.**  
**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✚ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” #807

### **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**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Choir

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**First Reading**

Exodus 32:7-14

**Psalm**

Psalm 51:1-10

**Second Reading**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*“Celtic Alleluia”*

#174

**GOSPEL**

Luke 15:1-10

**SERMON**

Pastor Dan Odden

**SERMON SONG**

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

#789

## **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**

God of grace, **Receive our prayer.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **OFFERTORY**

**OFFERING RESPONSE** *“Take My Life, That I May Be”*(vs.1) #685

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION **All are welcome!**

*Receive the wafer and choose the wine (light) or juice (dark) (gluten free wafer available upon request)*

### COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

#### BENEDICTION

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✚ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

#543

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

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