

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 19

September 11, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

What do you do when you arrive at church? Many people attend to the tasks associated with the beginning of the service, looking at the bulletin they have received or checking out what the opening hymn will be. There is blessing to be found also in looking around us and acknowledging those gathered with us. Each of us is singularly special to God, and, joined together, we become “the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand” (Psalm 95:7). There is no more special place to be than in the sheepfold of our God as part of His flock!

**PRELUDE** “Shepherd of My Heart” -Sandy Patti

**HYMN** “Lamb of God” *LSB* 550

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

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## 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: In the Book of Timothy, Paul says that the Law is good, and that it is laid down not for the just, but for the lawless and disobedient. However, we have broken God’s Law. We are those who have dishonored

authority, hated others in our hearts, given way to impure thoughts and deeds, borne false witness to our neighbors, and have gone astray on our own accord. Together, we plead to God,

**All: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: St. Paul also says in Timothy, “The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life.” Our Lord truly seeks and saves the lost. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 30:2–5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b*

Pastor: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

**People: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help,  
and You have healed me.**

Pastor: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;

You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

**People: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,  
and give thanks to His holy name.**

Pastor: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

**HYMN** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *LSB 802*

1     Immortal, invisible,  
      God only wise,  
In light inaccessible  
      hid from our eyes,  
Most blessèd, most glorious,  
      the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
      Thy great name we praise.

2     Unresting, unhasting,  
      and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
      Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains  
      high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
      of goodness and love.

3     To all life Thou givest—  
      to both great and small—  
In all life Thou livest,  
      the true Life of all;

We blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish—  
but naught changes Thee.

4 Great Father of glory,  
pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render:  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor  
of light that hides Thee.  
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### **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.) “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 119:169–176*

Leader: Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word!

**People: Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.**

Leader: My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.

**People: My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.**

Leader: Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

**People: I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight.**

Leader: Let my soul live and praise you, and let your just decrees help me.

**People: I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.**

**EPISTLE** *1 Timothy 1:5–17* (Christ Jesus came to the world to save sinners.) The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted. I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Luke 15:10*

Pastor: Alleluia. I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

**People: Alleluia.**

**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.**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ 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. Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And 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.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” *LSB* 611

1 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus’ love,  
Higher than the heav’ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart  
Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv’n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav’n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known,  
All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life  
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford  
By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.  
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**SERMON**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**BLESSING AND PRAYER FOR SCHOOL FAMILIES**

Pastor: At this time, I would like to welcome the school-aged children of the congregation up for a special prayer and blessing for the new school year. As we pray, families, I encourage you to gather around each other,

and I encourage the congregation to lift up special loved ones and people in their hearts as they pray with us. As another school year starts, it can bring a lot of change, stress, busyness, and work, as well as new opportunities for growth, development, and learning. Let us go to our Lord in prayer about these things and lift up other loved ones who are beginning school this fall.

Let us pray:

*(For stress and anxieties of the new year)* Good Shepherd of Your sheep, You love, care for, and protect Your little lambs. Watch over and be with these students and parents as they start this new school year. Relieve any worries they may have about classes, friends, homework, sports, new routines, a new school, or anything else that might bother them. When things get difficult and busy, grant them Your peace, and give them Your strength to do the tasks and work at hand that they may serve and work joyfully in Your name.

*(For learning and knowledge)* God of all knowledge and wisdom, You are the source of all things, and in Your Son is found all wisdom, knowledge, and insight. Bless the learning of these students; give them growth in reading, writing, history, math, and science so that the materials they learn may be used in service to You, others, and the various other callings that You will place them. Let this learning also lead to a greater appreciation of the world that You have made, and to the faith You have given them.

*(For vocation and joy)* God of all strength and joy, You are the Potter, and we are the clay. Grant that the learning, skills, and abilities You give and develop in them this year would bless them in the vocations and roles that You have planned for them. Give them joy in their learning, working, and serving. Continue to keep forming them to be the people You have intended them to be with these skills, and continue to keep forming them through Your Word, and their baptisms, to be faithful witnesses in a dark and fallen world. In Your holy name we pray,

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: And now may the merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, mercifully preserve and bless you this school year.

**All: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING** “Heal Our Land” -Michael Card

*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.*

**PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have come to redeem Your fallen creation. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, we are granted all good things by You in countless ways. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your peace and abiding joy, now and forever. Together with angels and archangels and with all who rejoice in the courts of heaven, we praise Your glorious name.

## **SANCTUS**

Holy holy holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes  
In the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send us Your Holy Spirit, and bless us, Your children, so that all who partake of Christ's holy body and of His precious blood may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy, so that we may live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly table.

**People: Amen.**

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\times$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\times$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God you take away  
All the sin of the world  
Oh Lamb of God have mercy on us  
And grant to us your peace

*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" *LSB* 711

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.

In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.

2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;

Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;

You have mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

4 Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;

Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

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"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" *LSB* 609

1 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Oh, may all this saying ponder

Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander!

Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.



2        We deserve but grief and shame,  
      Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
      Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

3        Sheep that from the fold did stray  
      No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Weary souls that lost their way  
      Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

4        I, a sinner, come to Thee  
      With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me;  
      Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

5        Oh, how blest it is to know:  
      Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
      By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6        Now my conscience is at peace;  
      From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
      And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7        Jesus sinners doth receive;  
      Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
      I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.  
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## **BLESSING**

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

**People: Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **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** “Lead Me, Guide Me” *LSB 721*

ref     Lead me, guide me, along the way;

For if You lead me, I cannot stray.

    Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

    Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1       I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow’r

To help me over my weakest hour.

    Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.

    Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

2       Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,

Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.

    I am putting all my trust in Thee.

    Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

3       I am lost if You take Your hand from me,

I am blind without Thy light to see.

    Lord, always let me Thy servant be.

    Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

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## **POSTLUDE** “You Are My Wholeness” -Paul and Betsy

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

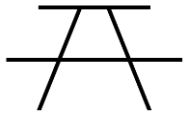
**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Luke 15:2 – “And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’ ”* Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can’t understand, we praise with all our being. We give thanks for the grace of God, and we live by that grace. The more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Knowing the Lord and trusting Him come first, and the desire to imitate Him can’t help but follow.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF:** Today we will be kicking off Sunday School for the year. We will have a display and a few projects you can do to get excited about Sunday School this year. We will then start with regular Sunday School on September 18th after service.

**22-23 BARNABAS BUDDIES:** We are back with Barnabas Buddies for this school year. Pictures of kids are now up in the narthex. This is a chance to encourage a young person in their faith during the school year. We will also have REVERSE Barnabas Buddies - where children can pick an adult to encourage during the year. Any questions see Nicole P.

**HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR"** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Fresh Start" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What does the canning of a corrupt and incompetent accountant teach us about the undeserved mercy of God? Hear Jesus' Parable of the Shrewd Manager, this week on The Lutheran Hour. (Luke 16:9)

### EMMAUS CHURCH PICNIC



Sunday, September 11 at 11:30 a.m.  
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Meal will be provided. Games for kids.

