



*"Rejoice  
with me ...  
I have found  
my sheep that  
was lost."*

Luke 15:6, NRSV

**First Lutheran Church**

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**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

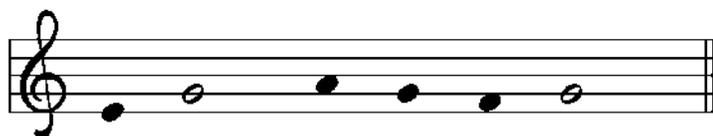
# ***PRELUDE***

*Matthew H. Corl*

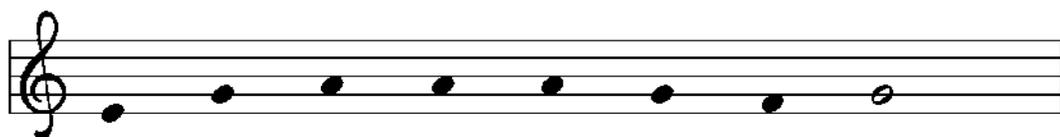
*Adagio in E*

*Please stand.*

## ***THE OPENING***



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

# ***THE CONFESSION***

P: As a community of faith, we celebrate:

**C: God is among us!**

P: Together we are called:

**C: To go out!**

P: We are called:

**C: To care for all!**

P: We are called:

**C: To proclaim the gospel!**

P: We are called:

**C: To forgive and reconcile!**

P: We are called:

**C: To trust God for all that we need!**

P: As a people of faith, we have forgotten our calling. We have forgotten to care for our neighbor. We have failed to proclaim the gospel. We seek forgiveness, and we long to fully trust God for everything. Knowing our brokenness, we turn to God with a repentant heart.

*A time of silence and reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Hear the Good News! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love, as God loves you!



## ***THE 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!**

## ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

**P:** Let us pray. 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ***SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM***

*Larry Shackley*

*Peace Is Our Prayer*

*Char Pope, piano*

## ***A READING FROM EXODUS 32:7-14***

**R:** Selected verses from Exodus the 32<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

<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.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## ***A READING FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> TIMOTHY 1:12-17***

R: A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

<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.

P: Word of God, Word of Life!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

## ***THE GOSPEL LUKE 15:1-10***

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C:   
Glo - ry to you, O Lord

P: <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: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C:   
Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

# TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

## ELW 583

### Refrain

Take my life, that I may be  
 con-se-crat - ed, Lord to thee; take my mo - ments and  
 my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.

### Verses

1 Take my hands and let them move  
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
 4 Take my will and make it thine;

at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 not a mite would I with hold;  
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
 it shall be no long - er mine;

take my feet and let them be swift and  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
 take my lips and let them be filled with  
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

beau - ti - ful for thee. *repeat Refrain*  
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
 mes - sag - es from thee.  
 be thy roy - al throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-2879, adapt.  
 Music: William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
 Music © 1999 Ausburg Fortress

# THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

Please stand.

## BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL ELW 250



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm  
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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# *NICENE CREED*

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

# ***MEDITATION & OFFERING***

*Charles Callahan*

*Spiritual*

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

*Char Pope, piano; Curtis L. King, organ*

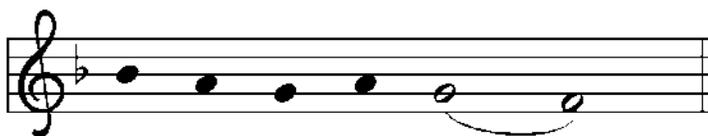
## ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

### ***LORD'S PRAYER***

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### ***THE BLESSING***



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

**P:** You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, free to serve your neighbor. May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, that you may be a blessing to others.



A - men

Please stand.

# ***PRAISE THE LORD, RISE UP REJOICING*** ***ELW 544***



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, cars at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.

Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

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# ***THE SENDING***

**P:** Go in peace! Love your neighbor!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

# ***POSTLUDE***

*Dale Wood*

*ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN  
Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*

## *Today's Worship Leaders*

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Victor Welsch</i>	<i>Facebook Camera: Wendy Bailey</i>
<i>Hosts:</i>	<i>Nominee Family</i>	<i>SlideShow Creator: Pastor Bailey</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>John Kobelt</i>	<i>SlideShow Operator: Andrew Bailey</i>
<i>Director of Music:</i>	<i>Curtis L. King</i>	<i>Today's Officiant: Pastor C.J. Bailey</i>

We could not offer multiple platforms for sharing worship  
"Apart...yet Together"  
without an entire crew of people working to make the magic happen.  
THANK YOU!

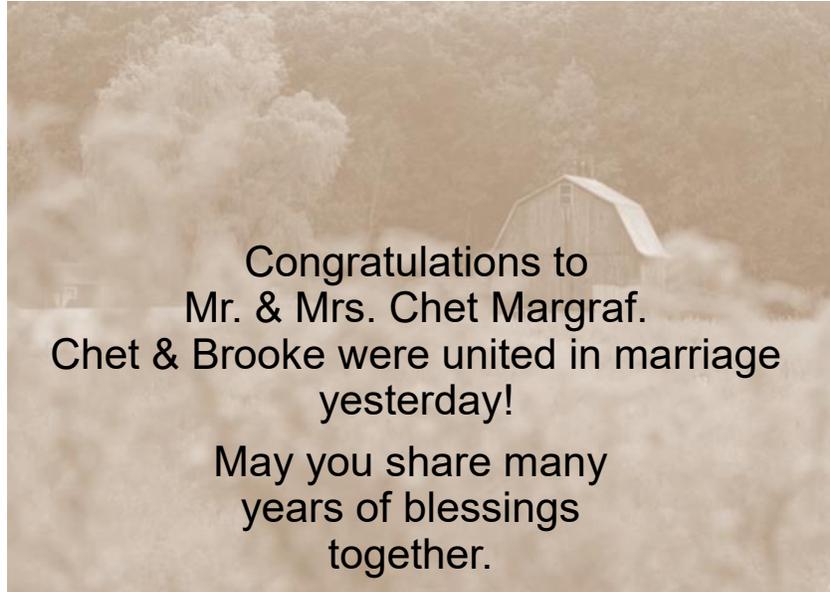
Many THANKS to **Char Pope** and the **Senior Choir** for enhancing worship this morning with their musical talent.

May your generosity in volunteering time and talents come back to you in an abundance of blessings.

### **PIECE CORP**

will meet this Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.  
All willing hands who can pin fabric or tie a knot  
are welcome to join the group.

We are accepting donations for the Transformation Life Center (TLC)  
in the lobby area.  
Donations of hygiene products, gas cards or SCAT passes  
are much appreciated.



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**CURTIS L. KING**

"God is among us!"  
"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,  
reconcile and trust God for all that we need."

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