

September 11th, 2022

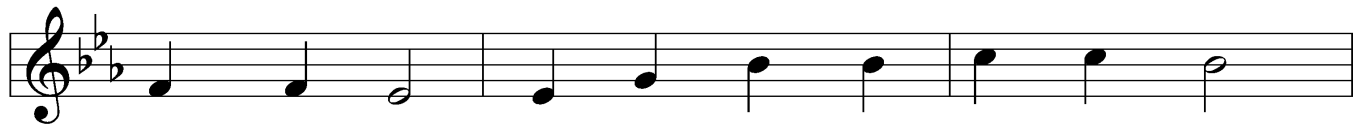
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Hymn: 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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## Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**C** Teach me Your paths.
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.  
**C** Your Word is truth.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** 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.

## Old Testament Canticle

*Isaiah 12:2b-6 LSB 261*

*Refrain*



**C** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."



*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



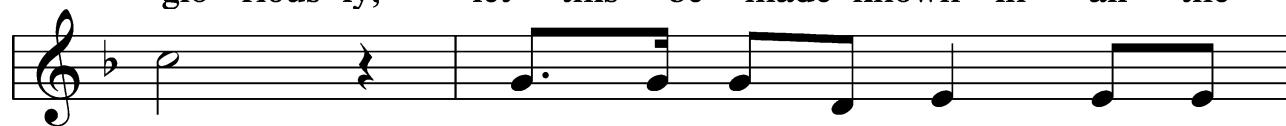
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



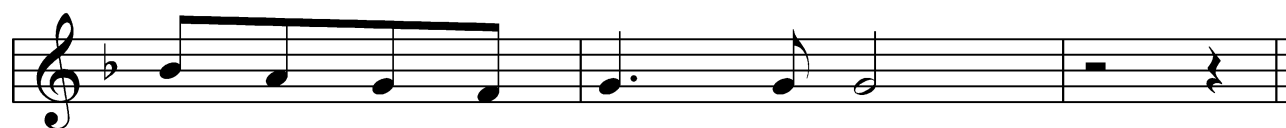
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther 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.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

*Sit*

## Psalm 119:169-176

(antiphon v. 176)

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

<sup>169</sup>Let my cry come before you, O LORD;  
**give me understanding according to your word!**

<sup>170</sup>Let my plea come before you;  
**deliver me according to your word.**

<sup>171</sup>My lips will pour forth praise,  
**for you teach me your statutes.**

<sup>172</sup>My tongue will sing of your word,  
**for all your commandments are right.**

<sup>173</sup>Let your hand be ready to help me,  
**for I have chosen your precepts.**

<sup>174</sup>I long for your salvation, O LORD,  
**and your law is my delight.**

<sup>175</sup>Let my soul live and praise you,  
**and let your just decrees help me.**

<sup>176</sup>I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,  
**for I do not forget your commandments.**

**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.**

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

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11-24*

**[L]** A reading from Ezekiel, chapter 34.

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>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? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
**for those who fear him lack nothing!**  
 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

## Epistle

*1 Timothy 1:5-17*

**L** A reading from 1 Timothy, chapter 1.

<sup>5</sup>The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup>Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup>desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

<sup>8</sup>Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup>in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. 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 trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 15:1-10*

**L** A reading from Luke, chapter 15.

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].  
<sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“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? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>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.’ <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 coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>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.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

## Catechism

### Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.  
 You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
 Honor your father and your mother.  
 You shall not murder.  
 You shall not commit adultery.  
 You shall not steal.  
 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
 You shall not covet your neighbor's house.  
 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

### Apostles' Creed

- C** 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.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

*Sit*

## Announcements

# Sermon Hymn: 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -

say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;

And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my

all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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.

## Sermon

Rev. Philip Zielinski

## Offering

*Note: Please continue to place your offerings into the plates as you enter or leave church as we will not be passing the plates through the congregation. The offering plates will be brought forward at this time to remind us that our offerings are given in thankfulness to Him for His blessings to each of us.*

## Installation of Sunday School Teachers

*Stand*

## Prayer

**P** Our Lord, Jesus Christ, came down from heaven to seek after us lost sheep and to bring us home rejoicing. Let us call upon Him in thanksgiving and petition for ourselves and all people.

O Father in heaven, we pray to You through the Son in the Holy Spirit. Grant that we may daily recognize that You provide for our every need of body and soul. We praise and bless Your holy name for these gifts from above. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You call pastors and set them to the task of shepherding Your people. Bless them in their work of providing Your gifts to those You have gathered and as they seek those who have wandered away. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious Lord, look with favor on the households of this congregation, and grant that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, our King, You appoint princes and all governing authorities. Remember those You have placed in authority over us, and grant that they might fulfill their responsibilities according to Your Word and for the good of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of life, You heal and deliver. Hear our cries for all who are in need of strength and rescue [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father in heaven, Your Son, who drew near to eat with sinners, now feeds His people with His own body and blood. Gather Your people as a shepherd gathers lost sheep. Remove from them whatever is contrary to sound doctrine and give them repentant hearts, that they might rejoice with the angels in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Most merciful God, remember Your baptized children who have wandered from the household of faith. Pursue them as a shepherd who seeks lost sheep. Strengthen their families to persist in prayer and confidence in Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, You bring up the souls of Your people from Sheol. Receive our thanks that You restore to life Your people who go down to the pit, and preserve us in faith until we sing Your praises with them in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, all things are Yours, and You have promised to well supply us with all that we need. Give us courage and faith, that we may give a confident “amen” to these prayers, certain that You will give us all that is good and beneficial to our salvation and preserve us from all things harmful, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom be all honor and glory, both now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

**L** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

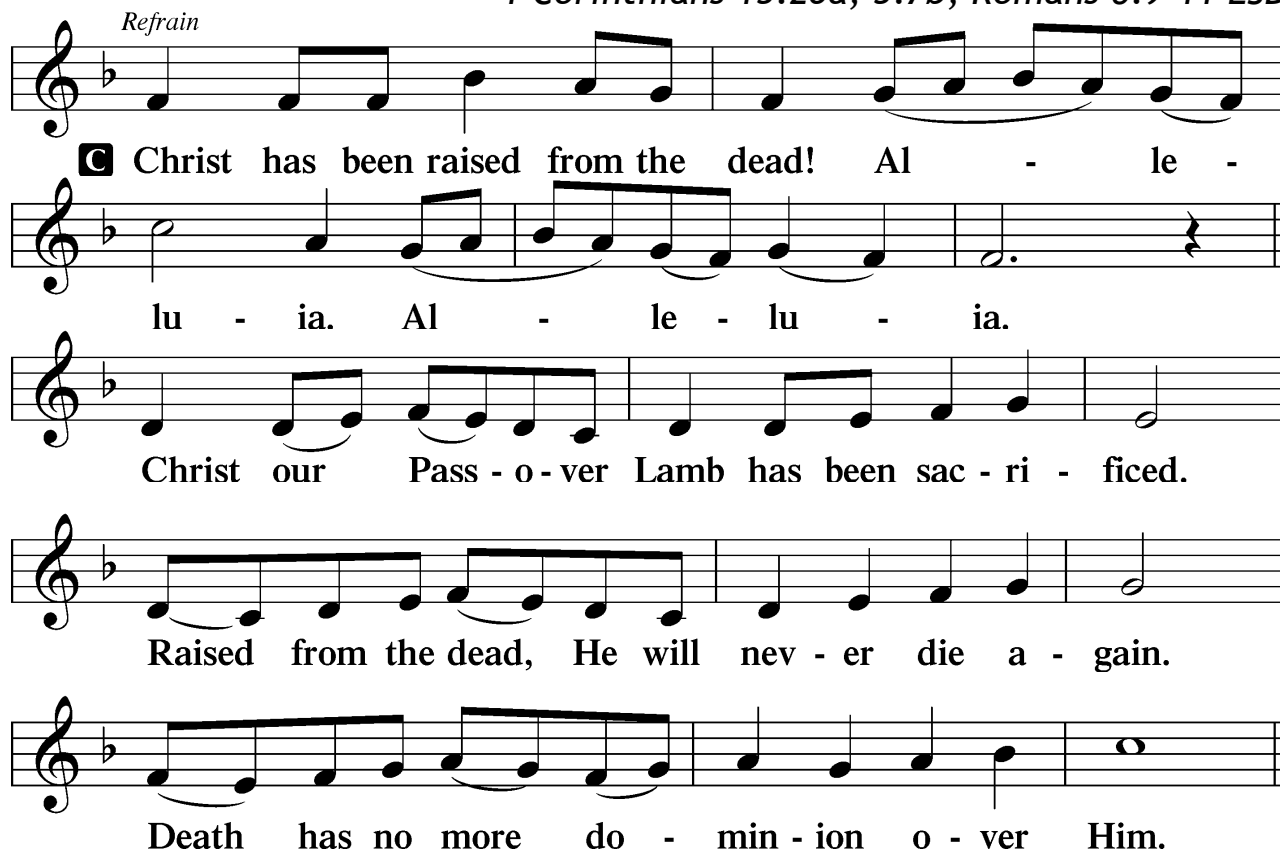
## Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## New Testament Canticale

*1 Corinthians 15:20a; 5:7b; Romans 6:9-11 LSB 266*

*Refrain*



**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.  
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.  
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

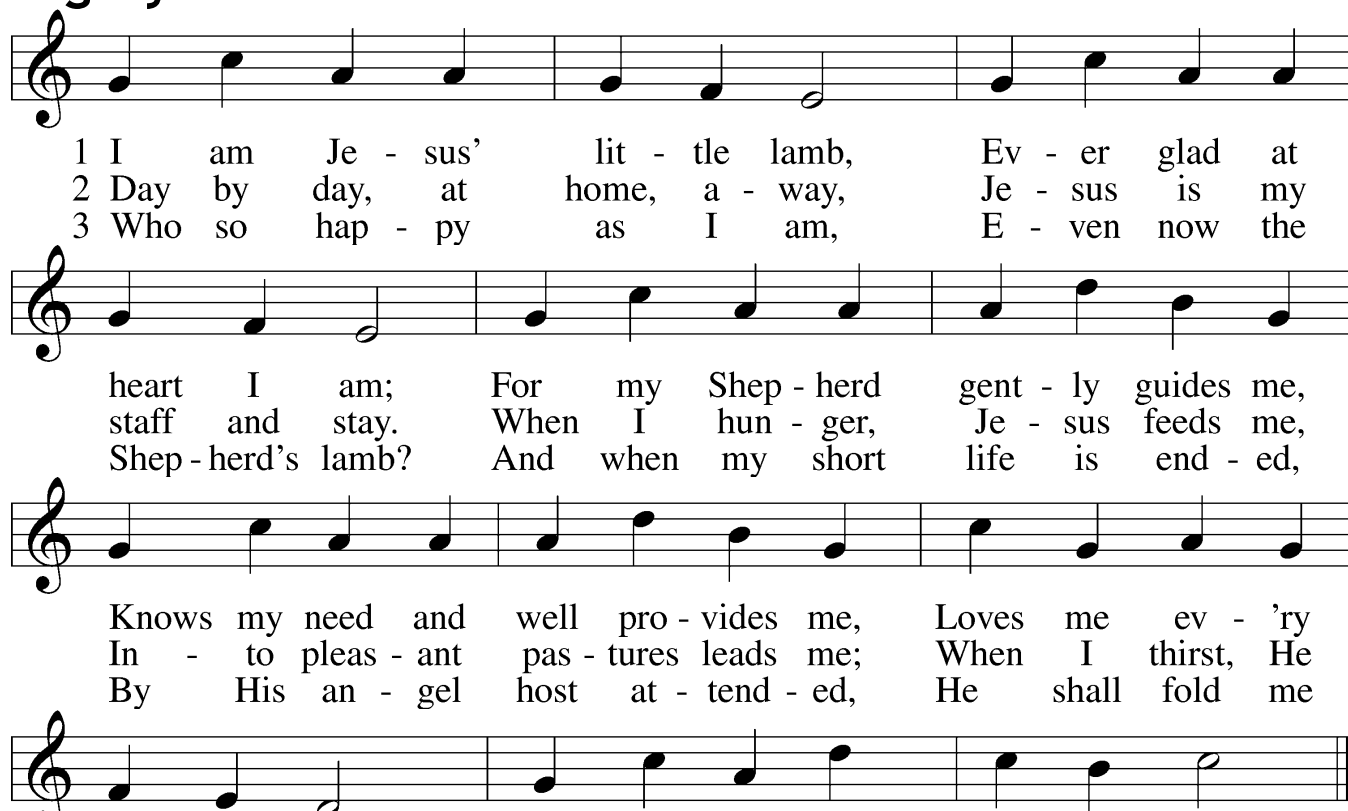
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Blessing

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** Amen.

# Closing Hymn: 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

Today	9:30 - 10:15 AM	Congregational Forum
Today	12:00 - 2:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Monday	6:00 PM	Confirmation Orientation
Tuesday	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Elder Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Bible Study
Sunday	9:30 - 10:15 AM	Congregational Forum

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are placed this morning from Penny Evans for the Holy Matrimony of her Son Brian & Jenny Evans on August 3, 2022.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** starts back up today! If you have any questions in regard to your student please contact Barb Pijor at 440-213-5963.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** the Oct-Dec devotion booklets are available in the Narthex hallway, please take one home today.

**HAPPY 175TH BIRTHDAY** to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod! Merchandise is available from the LCMS Store, such as T-Shirts, travel tumblers, magnets and more to commemorate this special event! Please visit: <https://the-lcms-store.square.site/s/shop>

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**CONGREGATIONAL FORUMS** Opportunities are coming up to brainstorm about the future possibilities here at St. Paul both with the coming year's budget and long-term planning.

Topics will include: Vicarage Program, Mission Opportunities, Communion Frequency, 175th Anniversary Celebration, and more.

As we look back over the past 175 years and look forward to 2027 when we will celebrate the anniversary of the sanctuary, we have the opportunity to make plans for how we may celebrate and contribute to the legacy of the Gospel here at St. Paul.

Make plans to attend one of the forums so that your God-given gifts are included in the planning process. Together, as the Body of Christ, we joyfully embrace the opportunities and challenges that God has for us.

**Today, Sunday, September 11th, 9:30–10:15am** (between Services)

**Today, Sunday, September 18th, 9:30–10:15am** (between Services)

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**SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE** We continue to take offerings to provide relief to those affected by the war in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

**WORSHIP BULLETINS & ATTENDANCE SLIPS** You're encouraged to take home your worship bulletins (use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions!).



Please use the blue recycle tub that is located in the hallway as you leave the sanctuary to place ONLY bulletins and the **unused attendance slips**. Thank you.

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## **COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES**

Pastor is still providing individual communion opportunities for the foreseeable future.

1. Check the posted times for “walk-in” communion below.
2. Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

### **“Walk-In” times at Church:**

- Sundays, 12 – 2pm
- Tuesdays, 5 – 7pm

### **Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:**

- To schedule a time other than the walk-in times
  - Call Pastor 440-458-0189
  - Visit [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) and click “Book with Pastor” to see available times for appointments.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
2. Mail your contributions to the church.
3. Talk to your bank about “bill-pay” options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
4. Visit [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) and click on “Give Online” - you’ll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

**WATCH LIVE OR ON-DEMAND** 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

**IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org)) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** at 10:00 AM. Attend in-person or watch the stream live and on-demand.

**PASTORAL CARE** Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** can be sent to [prayer@spvc.org](mailto:prayer@spvc.org) - also, email there to join the prayer chain and receive all the updates.

SEPTEMBER 2022					
	SERVICE	September 4 SUNDAY	September 11 SUNDAY	September 18 SUNDAY	September 25 SUNDAY
ELDER	8am	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	Tim Wadle	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	Steve Kato
	10:30am	Rob Zacharias / Sam Jakabcic	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson	Rob Zacharias
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	Jim Sherry	Chris Duran	Dave Hesketh
	10:30am	Brian Dearth	Bill Steingass	Jay Moser	Brian Dearth
GREETERS	8am	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	David & Mackenzie Duran	Dean & Beth Bremke	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes
	10:30am	Elder	Barb Pijor	Elder	Barb Pijor
ELDER INFO					
Stephen Kato 330-242-7183					
Tim Wadle 216-214-7109					
Jim Jackson 330-391-6393					
Rob Zacharias 330-416-6013					
Sam Jakabcic 216-789-1076					

# Prayers for Worship

## On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

## Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

## After worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Before communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.