

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 11, 2022

† PREPARATION †

OPENING HYMN

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

LSB 740

1 I am Jesus’ little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev’ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd’s lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as the people of Your pasture and the sheep of Your hand. We justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful. He hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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.

† WORD †

¹¹“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As 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. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I 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.” ¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is 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? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. ⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding 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, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted. ¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Jesus Loves Me”

Handbell Duet, Marie Metcalfe and Michael Katopodes

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–10

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].

²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“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? ⁵And when he has

found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And 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.’ ⁷Just 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. ⁸“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? ⁹And 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.’

¹⁰Just 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

“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.

SERMON

Luke 15:1-10

APOSTLES' CREED

ALL 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.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS

Preschool-Kindergarten: Allison Hall 1st-3rd: Ashley Vandenberghe
4th-6th: Denise Vandenberghe 7th-12th: Philip Green
Arts & Crafts: Angela Leithead and Maurya Withrow
Music: Michael Katopodes
Director: Laurel Clemons

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

All 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.

BENEDICTION

**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.

CLOSING HYMN “Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”

LSB 867

- 1 Let children hear the mighty deeds
 Which God performed of old,
 Which in our younger days we saw,
 And which our parents told.

- 2 So make to them His glories known,
 His works of pow’r and grace;
 And we’ll convey His wonders down
 Through ev’ry rising race.

- 3 Our sons and daughters we shall tell
 And they again to theirs
 That generations yet unborn
 May teach them to their heirs.

- 4 O teach them with all diligence
 The truths of God’s own Word,
 To place in Him their confidence,
 To fear and trust their Lord,

- 5 To learn that in our God alone
 Their hope securely stands,
 That they may never doubt His love
 But walk in His commands.

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MONDAY			
AA			7:00pm
TUESDAY			
Church Council			7:00pm
TOPS		8:30am & 6:00pm	
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY			
Bulletin Assembly			10:00am
UWM Meeting			1:00pm
Prayer Group			3:00pm
Bells			6:30pm
Choir			7:30pm
		FRIDAY	
		SATURDAY	
		Communion Worship	5:30pm
		SUNDAY	
		Communion Worship	8:30am
		Adult Bible Class	9:45am
		Sunday School	9:45am
		Communion Worship	11:00am

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE 15TH WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-15

ABOUT THE COVER

The Lord, our Shepherd, cherishes each and every one of His sheep, so much so that if one goes missing, that one sheep becomes of singular importance. He has come to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). Our Shepherd continues to seek out wandering and lost sheep—us and those for whom we pray—in order to bring them into the fold of His merciful forgiveness, won by His cross and eternal protection.

FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)

Thanks to everyone who helped with monetary donations for the Lunch Bag Project. If you are interested in helping with this project in any manner, or if you have other questions, please contact Roberta Hanka (586-486-5645).

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Welcome back, hope your summer was a good one. We will start our schedule up on September 19, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Bring your ideas with you. See you then. Sharon Adler, Stewardship.

2023 CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Open nominations to select the officers of the 2023 church council begins in September. Every communicant member will have an opportunity to nominate themselves or another individual to serve as an officer. All offices are open for nominations (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer). In accordance with the Bylaws, women cannot be nominated for the offices of President and Vice President. Nomination forms can be found in the church office or next to the ballot box in the narthex. Please use one Nomination Form per office. The forms will be collected, and a final decision made by the nominating committee in early October. You will have until **Sunday, September 25, 2022**, to submit your nominations.

3-6-9-12 SOCIAL MINISTRY add to announcements

Join us Friday, September 23rd for a wine tasting evening at Michigan By The Bottle in Royal Oak at 5:30pm. You will purchase your wine selections and we will provide the snacks. There is a sign-up sheet on the UWM board (near the back parking lot). Any questions, please contact Denise Oughton at 586-536-6170 or Carol Dehnke at 586-268-4121.

CLW/ OPERATION LAYETTE COLLECTION add to announcements

Operation Layette benefits pregnant women or new moms who have limited means to provide for themselves and their babies. There is a basket by the mailboxes for those who have items to donate along with a list of items needed. Knitted, crocheted and gender-neutral items are appreciated. These baby items can be new or gently used and will be taken to the CLW Fall meeting on Monday, September 26th at Trinity Lutheran, Utica.

CONFERENCE BY PASTOR BRYAN WOLFMUELLER

St. John Fraser presents a conference by Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller on the topic is The Prodigal Son: Three Slaverys, Three Freedoms. When: Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Check-in and continental breakfast beginning at 8:00 am Lunch provided. Cost \$15.00/per person. Purchase tickets at: <http://stjconference.givesmart.com>. Questions: Email outreach@stjohnfraser.org

SAVE THE DATE

Detroit Zoo is offering a free admission and parking for seniors (62 and older) and one adult guest on September 14th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.